

## JOSEPH CLEMENS ----- 1896

[This diary follows the November-December omission in the 1895 diary. The year begins with Joseph making arrangements for his marriage to Mary Strong.]

### January 1896

Wed, 1st. Started from home, with mother accompanying, to go to Mary. En route at Harrisburg met Taylor and Singer [fraternity friends from Dickinson who were going to be the best man and groomsman at his wedding]. Did shopping, lost pair of gloves. Found Mary in good health and spirits. Was so glad to be with her, my love. I am not yet strong in health. God is good. God help us use this year for Thee.

Thu, 2nd. Went to Williamsport to arrange many things for our wedding. Spent day in arranging business for Pa [Strong] at hotel and livery, and my own part of arrangements. Took out marriage license. [Ledger indicates this cost .75, and that he also bought gloves, tie, cuffs, etc.] Evening, came home to find my Mary to meet me. We are very happy together. God lead us in everything. O God, help us.

Fri, 3rd. Mary's 23rd birthday. God bless her on every day. We spent the day working and reading. Afternoon, went to Mrs. Marks'. I am recovering from my headache, and my nerves are getting better. We spend a short evening together. I desire a close walk with God. O God, help me. Bless mine.

Sat, 4th. We gathered up Mary's books and then read. Afternoon, we went for a walk and to George Taylor's and Mary made me garters. We are continually delighted by some token of remembrance from friends. I love to see my child happy in these little things. God bless us and make us good always. Amen.

Sun, 5th. Arose and went to Sabbath school. Taught and addressed the school. Heard Rev. Lepley preach. Stayed for class meeting. We had a good class. After dinner and singing went to walk in the cold. Evening, preached on "The Rich Man." After prayers, spent the evening with Mary. God keep us near Thee ever. Amen.

Mon, 6th. Spent the morning rather idly talking, etc. Read some during day, and wrote letters necessary for the wedding. Am much improved in health and my Mary is so good. We are very happy together. Mary received many presents. God help us. Amen.

Tue, 7th. We arose in good spirits, read "Captain John." Called on old Miss McClain. Brought her home. Mary's Sabbath school class and others called and we entertained people. Spent the evening in a pleasant manner with some friends. Prayed with my child. God bless us. We retired.

Wed, 8th. Splendid. Arose early and donned my wedding garments. Went to Williamsport and rehearsed and looked after affairs. Married my own Mary at 12:00. Had 2 groomsmen and 2 maids and 4 ushers -- gents from my fraternity. Many presents. Was pleased with everything, but felt very serious. Dined at the Updegraff with 33 guests. At 4:00 started to Harrisburg. At Commonwealth, Dr. and Mrs.

Evans called -- also Prof. McLaury. God bless our wedded life. [Ledger indicates he paid Preachers \$20.00; ushers, Hotel, etc. \$16.00.]

Thu, 9th. Drizzly, snow. Arose late. After breakfast went shopping with Mary and mother, also had pictures taken. [Ledger indicates hotel costs \$12.75, presumably including a room for his mother as well; gifts for groomsmen and maids \$3.00; photographer \$5.00.] Reached Waynesboro 3:00 pm. Came to Rouzerville and was roped in. Paid toll. [Ledger indicates "boys roping in" newlywed treatment cost about \$1.00.] Home to find a grand dinner prepared by the sisters. Tired a little, yet happy. Opened trunks, etc. God is good to us. O God, bless our lives to the good of men.

Fri, 10th. Spent the morning in writing and putting things in order. After dinner drove to Waynesboro to look after things. Met Rev. and Miss Reiley and Mrs. and Belle Snyder coming to call. Spent a pleasant time with them. They left after supper. Evening, the people gave a reception. Very good. Mont Alto people called in. Many came to see presents. Am proud of my wife. The people love her. God bless us to the people.

Sat, 11th. Spent the morning in putting things to right in the parlor and study and bedroom. My Mary helps to make things look comfy. Afternoon, slept and rested. Looked for sermons for the morrow. Looked over letters. After supper wrote here and spent the evening with mine. God is good to me.

Sun, 12th. Addressed Sabbath school, preached on Romans 12:2. Afterwards took Missionary Collection -- OK. Afternoon, went to Fountain Dale and preached on "Stand Fast in the Liberty." Evening, preached an expository sermon on John 15. Had a good day, and God helped me. Wore my wedding suit. O God, I yearn for the souls of the people. Help me. God bless my wife.

Mon, 13th. Spent the morning in writing and getting things in order in the study. Afternoon, drove to town to get things. Took mother and Mary. Came home and gave F. Benchoff a lesson in Latin. Found I knew more Latin than I expected. Spent the day well, I hope. My child, thank God, is well, happy and content. God bless our lives. Amen.

Tue, 14th. Morning, wrote and read. After a few duties, went in the afternoon to Charmian to see Mr. Benchoff. Talked with him and prayed with him. He earnestly prays and talks. Evening, read and opened a box of books of my wife Mary. God bless my child and help us always to serve Thee. God revive Thy work in our midst.

Wed, 15th. Morning, read and took synopsis of Archeology. Found it tiresome. Afternoon, made ready and then Mary and I went to town, shopped etc. Led prayer meeting. Had a good collection and am tired and need to rest. God be with us and help us to help some one. Amen.

Thu, 16th. 18 calls. Arose early, after morning duties went to Blue Rock and called on members to get Missionary Collection and Benevolence Collection -- \$10.50. Mary went along and we had a profitable day. Came home via Waynesboro. Received clerical order. Thank God for a wife who fears God and works

righteousness. O God, bless us to our people. Amen.

Fri, 17th. Spent the morning in cleaning up letters and working in the study. Afternoon, started a session on I Peter, v. 8. Rested part of the afternoon. Evening, Mary's piano came as we were about to go away. A fine instrument. Mary played and I studied Latin. Retired late. God, thou art good.

Sat, 18th. Arose not very early. Spent the morning in finishing sermon and writing Ma and Pa [Strong]. Afternoon, gave Mr. Benchoff a Latin Lesson. Find I still can do a little Latin. Went with my Mary to walk in woods. Cleaned barn, etc. Led Epworth League, came home, studied Sabbath school lesson. Thank God, He is good to us. God use us.

Sun, 19th. Arose early to find it raining. After breakfast we went to Mont Alto. Preached on I Peter, v. 8. Dinner at Small's. Gave same sermon at Blue Rock. Had a good meeting as the result of the United Brethren revival. Drove home and in the evening started revival meetings at Rouzerville. O God, revive us. O our God, save us and our people.

Mon, 20th. Arose rested and refreshed. Morning, wrote and read. Afternoon, went to Waynesboro for bicycle, etc. Called at Reiley's, etc. Came home to prepare sermon on "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all they heart, etc." God was with us and blessed us. O God, bless us and help and revive us.

Tue, 21st. 15 calls. Arose and after chores went to call. The spirit of the Lord helped me. Came early to dinner. Afternoon, went to call. Tried to help the troubled. O God, help my needy people. Evening, preached on "Thou shalt love Thy neighbor as thyself." I want God to help me. I am weak. O God, help us. Amen.

Wed, 22nd. Spent the morning in writing notes on sermons, etc. In the afternoon went to Waynesboro, saw steward Brown, etc. Sent for battery to Aunt Clementz. Came home to study, etc. Preached on "They that hunger and thirst, etc." Had to speak of order. God help us and revive Thy work and save my people. God is good to save me and my child.

Thu, 23rd. 7 calls. Spent the morning in reading and writing notes on sermons, etc. Wasted too much time. Late dinner. Went to call. God helps me in my going among the people and they seem to be favorable but, O God, save their souls and draw them to Thee. O help. Need rain in the evening. Talked. Dry meeting, weak.

Fri, 24th. 9 calls. Arose early, after chores spent the morning in finishing Archeology outline. Afternoon, went to call on the people. God helps me. O God, save my people. Evening, preached on "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, etc." Had a quiet session. God was with us and gave his poor servant power. O God, revive Thy work and save us. God bless my Mary.

Sat, 25th. After chores, studied Latin then read on "The Prodigal Son." Gave Mr. Benchoff a lesson in Latin. After dinner shaved and went with Mary to Waynesboro. Received barrel from Mary's home with her things. Read and studied for the evening. Preached on "Whosoever confesseth me, etc." Had members come to the altar. O God, revive us. [illegible] God help and save us.

Sun, 26th. Wrote notes for evening sermon and led class at church. Had a good class. Afternoon, drove to Fountain Dale. Preached on "Gaze also into the Vineyard." Drove home and after supper prepared sermon on "The Prodigal Son." God helped me. O God, bless my people and save them. Not so tired. O God, we need Thee. Come, save. We are Thy children. Amen.

Mon, 27th. 2 calls. After breakfast prepared sermon for William Benchoff's funeral. Drove to Charmian and preached his funeral at 12:00 assisted by 2 other preachers. Home at 3:00. Rested and in the evening preached on "The Pharisee and the Publican." Had a dry meeting. O God, help us. In Thee is our trust.

Tue, 28th. Arose unwell. Helped with getting washwater, etc. Put up Mary's wheel [bicycle]. Went on wheel with Mary. Came home to study sermon. Evening, had a goodly number of people. Talked on "Come unto me and be saved." Had a general meeting. O God, come to our help. O send the spirit.

Wed, 29th. After chores read in History of Methodism. After dinner entertained Miss Benchoff and Buhrman. Went with Mary on wheels. Shaved, etc. Studied. Evening, preached at meeting on I Peter 3:12: "The eyes and ears of the Lord are toward the righteous. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil." O God, help us. Amen.

Thu, 30th. After breakfast made ready to go to Waynesboro. Went with mother and wife to take dinner -- and Rev. Reiley & family, Dr. Pearce and Bro. Lloyd. Had a pleasant time and a good dinner. Came home tired, prepared for the evening. Preached on "The Judgment Scene" from Matthew 25:31+. Had a dry meeting. O God, help me. I feel weak. God, save my people. Bless Mary.

Fri, 31st. After the chores, read in History of Methodism and took up synopsis of Archeology. Afternoon, read the same and studied for the evening discourse on "Conversion" from Matthew 18:3. Had a good meeting. Few there on account of rain. O God, help my people and give us Thy spirit. We are weak. God save us, God bless my child.

## **February 1896**

Sat, 1st. After chores began to look up sermon on "What will you do then, with Jesus?" Read and wrote till noon. Afternoon, read and gave Benchoff a lesson in Latin. Studied and prepared for the evening on same topic as last night. Had an interesting meeting. O God, come with power and save my people. Am worried about my cold. O help me, Lord Jesus. Save. Bless mine.

Sun, 2nd. After breakfast my wife and I started through the mud to Mont Alto. Preached on "What shall I do then, with Jesus?" Dinner at Elden's. Preached at Blue Rock on "Be Converted." More interest. At home; am tired, yet the Lord helps me. Evening, same as the morning. Had a good meeting. O God, Thou dost bless us. Come with more power. Amen.

Mon, 3rd. Arose feeling rested. After chores, wrote and was tired. Then after dinner I lay down to rest and felt better after. Evening, preached on "Almost Thou Persuadest Me" and had a glorious meeting. 4 penitents. God is in our midst.

O come, Lord Jesus, our hope and our defense. Help or we die. Come, save the unsaved. Amen. Bless Mary.

Tue, 4th. After chores, read in History of Methodism and took notes. My soul rejoices as I read of these men of God. Did the same after dinner and then made ready sermon on "Why halt ye between two opinions?" Evening, had a good time with the Lord. One more penitent young man. O God, come and help us. One professed conversion.

Wed, 5th. 7 calls. After chores, went to call. God seemed to make the word powerful. O use it, Lord. Had a headache and lay down. My headache cured. Arose and read in Peck on Revivals. Evening, preached on "Repentance" from Matthew 3:2. God gave us a good meeting. 2 confessed conversion. O God, help us.

Thu, 6th. After chores, read in History of Methodism. A hard rainy day. Afternoon, read again and took outline. Mary read to relieve my voice. Evening, preached a sermon from Romans 6:23 on "Sin." The meeting had less life. One professed conversion. O God, help.

Fri, 7th. Started early to Blue Rock to bury Charlie Miller's child. Started from house at 10:00, preached in the chapel to a large crowd on James 4:17, "To him that knoweth to do good, etc." Went to Waynesboro, paid \$28 for parsonage church. Rev. Davison called. Evening, preached on "The Gift of God is Eternal Life." Good meeting. One more penitent. O God, give us power. He gives me strength and help.

Sat, 8th. Morning, after chores I wrote a sermon on Luke 6:46 -- Sabbath school lesson for Fountain Dale. After dinner, gave lesson in Latin to Benchoff. Head not too clear. Then after reading papers, began sermon for the evening. John Smith came. After supper, wrote notes. Felt much unprepared. Had dull meeting, yet a willingness and want of faith. God help.

Sun, 9th. Drove to Fountain Dale, preached to Sabbath school on Luke 6:46. Had interesting missionary meeting. Took dinner with a Japanese man -- was pleased with his talk, a fine man. Dinner at B. Buhrman's. Drove home. Bro. Lloyd came. He preached in the evening; we had a good meeting. God bless us. O lend thy spirit in might. Help or we die. Amen.

Mon, 10th. 6 calls. After chores, wrote as pastoral duties to officials. Went to Bro. Buhrman's for dinner, then wife and I went to call. God bless our efforts. Evening, preached on John 3:16. Tale of [illegible]. My heart aches for the result. O help my poor weak soul. O help my people. One confessed peace. God help.

Tue, 11th. After chores, read in History of Methodism and went to store. After dinner, read in History of Methodism and finished at supper time. Evening, Bro. Lloyd preached. 2 new penitents. Maud Lukabaugh professed faith. O God, come. O God, save. Help our unbelief. Amen.

Wed, 12th. 1 call. After chores read and corrected my manuscript on History of Methodism. After dinner, read in Neely's Conferences and took outline. Called to inquire for Mrs. Monighan. Evening, preached on Revelation 22:17. Had a good meeting. 3 confessed conversion. O God, come and help us and save. O save.

Thu, 13th. After chores, spent the morning in finishing the syllabus of our

Conferences. Corrected my manuscript. Afternoon, began study of Logic. Rested, then prepared for the evening on Ecclesiastes 12:1 to the children. One more penitent. O God, come with power and bless. Amen. Mr. C. Lowrey failed to leave check for \$10.00.

Fri, 14th. 7 calls. After chores, chopped wood and read Logic and enjoyed it much. Afternoon, made calls and enjoyed it much. Evening, talked from Malachi 3:7 on "Return, etc." O God, help us. Abe professes to feel changed. O God, save the man. O God, prevent me from closing the meeting if it so pleases Thee. God bless Mary.

Sat, 15th. After chores, wrote and studied sermon on "The Broken Heart" from Psalm 34:18. Afternoon, finished on the typewriter and then looked after the stables and horse. Evening, preached on Psalm 34:18. Had much attention. O that God would come and save. Meeting at a stand. God lead us to Thy work and save souls. Amen.

Sun, 16th. Drove to Mont Alto and preached on Psalm 34:18. Dinner at Stamey's, then went to Bittinger's. Drove to Tomstown, took supper at Lohman's. Preached at Blue Rock on Psalm 34:18. Had good attention and great promise of victory. God hasten it. Home, very cold. O God, bless Blue Rock.

Mon, 17th. 1 call. After chores, read and rested and talked to Bro. Lloyd. Afternoon, went to town, took home Bro. Lloyd -- who had boy on a week's visit. Mary and I went to Sam Brown's for supper. Preached at Blue Rock on confessing Christ. Had a small house and good order. There is interest and earnestness. O God, help and bless us. Come and work.

Tue, 18th. 1 call. After chores, spent the morning in Logic -- after trying to get rid of headache. Afternoon, took Mary to dentist, had my hair cut, etc. [Ledger shows the dentist cost 50 cents, the barber cost 25 cents.] Took supper at Weisner's. Preached on "Loving God with Heart, Soul, Mind, etc." Had a good meeting. O God, come. We bless Thee. Come.

Wed, 19th. After chores, studied Logic. Made good speed, and did the same in the afternoon -- 100 pages. After supper, drove to Blue Rock -- very cold. Preached on "The Prodigal Son." Few people. Cold ride home. O God, come and bless us and save. O revive us. God has given me a good, earnest, God-fearing wife. I thank Him.

Thu, 20th. Very cold. After chores, spent the morning in Logic. Made some speed. Spent the afternoon mostly the same. Prepared sermon for the evening on "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature." Few people on account of the cold. O our hearts burn for souls. My wife works faithfully by my side. God bless her. Amen.

Fri, 21st. Spent the morning in Logic. Afternoon, finished the book. Much interested. Prepared sermon for the evening on "How shall we escape if we neglect." Had a little more power. Was out of power and cross at God, forgive me. Save my people. God revive Thy work.

Sat, 22nd. Spent the morning on Latin and then on a sermon on "The Straight

and Narrow Way." Benchoff came and took his lesson -- 2 hours. Finished sermon. Prepared for the evening, and we went to Blue Rock. I preached with more than usual power. O God, come. We wait. Come and save us, we pray Thee. Amen.

Sun, 23rd. Morning, prepared sermon on "The Straight and Narrow Gate." Preached it at Rouzerville. Took in 6 Probationers. Preached on Matthew 7:13,14. Afternoon, preached on "The Rich Fool" up at Fountain Dale. At home for supper. To Blue Rock, same as the morning. An interesting meeting, 2 came for prayer. God, come and save. O spirit, come. O bless my wife. God save Blue Rock.

Mon, 24th. 1 call. Spent the morning in chopping wood, then at my desk, and afterward had dinner. Wrote and rested. Called on Whitmore. Prepared for evening, preached on Isaiah 55:6, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found." God brought 2 penitents to the altar. O God, bless us and save us. Amen.

Tue, 25th. 1 call. After chores, read in Watson's Sacraments. Afternoon, went to Waynesboro, took Mother and wife to dentist's. Called on Rev. Reiley. Went to Blue Rock. Supper at McKean's. Preached on John 3:14-15. Had but one at the altar. O God, have mercy and help us. One arose for prayers. My Mary works so hard. O God, keep us.

Wed, 26th. 2 calls. Arose very tired and after chores read in Watson's Sacraments. Afternoon, did the same and rested. Went to Burns' at Blue Rock for supper. O, my bowels. God come help us or we die. O thou canst save. No penitents. A good house, and had good order. God help us. O save the people. Amen. Preached on John 3:16.

Thu, 27th. 8 calls. After chores we went to Blue Rock and started to make calls. Took dinner at Mother Miller's, then called and talked to souls of God. Took supper at Ressler's. Preached on Galatians 2, "Whatsoever a man soweth, etc." God came and helped us. O God, Thou art good. 3 penitents -- 2 new ones and another. Had much noise and distress. O God, have mercy. Amen.

Fri, 28th. 2 calls. Up early. After chores, finished Watson's Sacraments and read in the papers. Afternoon, lay down tired and arose and prepared for Blue Rock. Took supper at Null's, went to see Auntie Harbaugh. Very rainy, had but few at meeting. O God, save. O in Thee we trust. Save, Lord.

Sat, 29th. Spent the morning reading Latin, etc. Afternoon, gave Benchoff his Latin lesson and studied my sermon. Evening, preached on Galatians 6, "Be not deceived, etc." Had but few and not much human encouragement. We stayed at Lohman's all night. O God, bless Blue Rock.

### **March 1896**

Sun, 1st. Preached at Mont Alto on hungering and thirsting. Received missionary money. Afternoon, prayed with Small's family -- and I believe God helped me comfort them. Went to Pond Bank to baptize old Mrs. Lidet. Supper and dinner at Reynolds'. Drove to Blue Rock, preached on "How Long Shalt Ye?" O God, help us and save.

Mon, 2nd. 2 calls. Started to Mont Alto. Arrived late, buried Ottie Small.

Preached on "Can I bring him back?, etc." Went in rough weather to Fetterhoff Chapel. Evening, took supper at Blue Rock at Harbaugh's. Preached on I Peter 3:12. Rough weather -- few, and dull meeting. O God, help us and save. God bless my wife. God save lambs.

Tue, 3rd. Arose late and Bro. Buhrman came to call. Had chat. Started to get report ready for Conference. Worked and finished it after dinner. Very tired, rested a few minutes. Evening, preached at Blue Rock on "The Wages of Sin is Death." More spirit. O God, come or the meeting wilt die. Come Holy Ghost.

Wed, 4th. Morning, wrote funeral notice for Record and Pennsylvania Methodist. Afternoon, rested and went to town. Looked after business and called on Brown, then on the Reileys. Took supper. Drove to Blue Rock, talked with effect on "Five Given Away." Had interesting meeting. Our hearts are heavy. O God, Thou must come and help us or we die. God save us. Amen.

Thu, 5th. 2 calls. After many chores, spent the morning in writing. Afternoon, read and rested to cure a headache. Better. Called at Mrs. Lohman's -- sick. Then drove to Blue Rock, took supper at Ressler's. Preached at church on Matthew 18:3. One conversion. O God, come or we perish. We need the Lord. O God, save souls.

Fri, 6th. After chores, read in Introduction to Holy Scriptures. Afternoon, did the same and after supper went to Blue Rock. Preached on "What Shall a Man Exchange for His Soul?" Had a dry meeting. Will be compelled to close by all appearance. O God, save -- for my heart aches. God save.

Sat, 7th. 1 call. Morning, studied Latin and read with Mary. Afterwards, wrote letters to converts. Afternoon, gave Benchoff his lesson in Latin then went to Baumgardner's to supper. Went to Blue Rock, read from Romans chapter 8. God gave me power. O God, save the penitent and care and help us. Amen.

Sun, 8th. Elected officers at Rouzerville, then helped Davison in the sacrament. Baptized and took in 1 member. Drove to Fountain Dale. Took in Charles Wills. Preached on "The Broad Road, etc." Arranged finances, etc. Drove home early for supper, had to hasten to Blue Rock. Preached on Math 23:22. Closed meetings. So dark. O God, help us. God have mercy. Amen.

Mon, 9th. Spent the morning in putting things straight and writing S. I. Barton. Split wood. Afternoon, read, etc. Was tired and rested. Went with wife to the woods, to read in Introduction to Holy Scriptures and rest. O God, bless us in our work and save our people, and we will praise Thee. Amen. Bless Mary.

Tue, 10th. After chores, read in Introduction to Holy Scriptures. Went to Mont Alto and took dinner with Small's, then drove to bury old Mrs. Suchet. Drove to Waynesboro, saw Reiley, etc. Came home, read in Introduction to the Holy Scriptures. O God, keep us to do Thy will and serve Thee and love Thee. Bless mine. Amen.

Wed, 11th. Snowing. After chores, read in Introduction to the Holy Scriptures and wrote, etc. Spent the afternoon in reading Introduction to the Holy Scriptures and Bird Lore with my child. Evening, went to Buhrman's and then to

prayer meeting and sang with Babby. Home and, after prayers, to our room to read in Introduction to the Holy Scriptures. O God, help us and save our people.

Thu, 12th. Morning, shoveled snow and wrote, etc. Afternoon, read in Introduction to the Holy Scriptures and finished my review. After supper, went to Bro. Buhrman's for sleigh. Mary and I went to Monterey, chatted with Rev. Davison and family. Then called and baptized Bro. Smith's child. Home, and glad to be here. O God, care for my people and bless us. Save, Lord.

Fri, 13th. After breakfast, started to Blue Rock for missionary collection. Did pretty well. Took dinner at Brown's and talked to Harry [Brown]. Went in sleigh. Came home. Went to Buhrman's, took supper and went over accounts. After prayers at home, came to study and looked over accounts. Read in bird book, etc. O God, bless our people. Amen.

Sat, 14th. Morning, studied Latin and read papers. Afternoon, made out reports and cut wood. Gave Benchoff his lesson. Billy [Benchoff] is sick. Went to Epworth League and elected officers. Worked on Conference reports. Tired, but I thank God for good health. God revive Thy work. Lead me, Lord, my God.

Sun, 15th. Up to find a snow storm. Hastened to Mont Alto. Preached on Matthew 7:13-14. Drove to Blue Rock. At Lohman's, received balance on quarterly collection. Storm hindered service. Baptized widowers' children. Home, had prayer meeting, finished accounts, am tired in mind. God is good.

Mon, 16th. Started early for Conference, parted with my beloved wife at Waynesboro. Met preachers en route, and Charlie Taylor. Studied some. Arrived at Williamsport at 3:00 and found my stopping place, Mrs. Huff, very pleasant. Rested and, in the evening, studied. God bless those at home.

Tue, 17th. Took exam in English Bible at 9:00. Was pleased. Afternoon, after taking dinner with Roy [Strong], studied logic with Roy. At 2:00 took exam in Logic, and at 6:00 in Sacraments. Was pleased with my exam work. Evening, came home early. Cousin Jus Trimbath stopped with me. God, I am Thine.

Wed, 18th. Went to hear Bishop Vincent's talk on I Timothy -- pleasing. Conference and business go forward -- O.K. Afternoon, went to see Rev. Carter, came home and rested. Evening, went down and got Roy [Strong] to go to town meeting -- too crowded. Home, sang, and talked. Retired very nervous. O God, in Thee do I trust.

Thu, 19th. Received letter from my wife. Bishop Vincent's talk, Conference business, J. Z. Lloyd's sermon. Afternoon, had headache and stayed home, then to see business. Evening, went to Dr. Gray's reception -- great crowd. Feet tired, and I came home early. Am tired but in good spirits -- except a little nervous. God keep mine. Guide all our affairs. Amen.

Fri, 20th. At the morning session was taken into Conference. Sat through the voting for General Conference delegates. Afternoon, went to session and met my sister-in-law Grace [Strong]. After supper, went to hear Dr. Hamlin -- so middling. Am lonely as a child without my dear wife. God lead them in my appointment. Bless my dear wife, and all mine is Thine.

Sat, 21st. Went to Conference after Bishop Vincent's talk to preachers. Had regular session. Was disappointed because Charlie Taylor was turned down from getting deacon's orders. Afternoon, met Pa [Strong] and was worried that he is so sick. Evening, took Grace [Strong] to a concert by the Indians. Am tired and must rest. A letter from my wife. God bless my child Mary and the people.

Sun, 22nd. After studying, went to preach at Tucker Street Lutheran Church on "Ex Nil." Roy and Grace [Strong] came, and we went in the afternoon to Mrs. Huff's. Evening, went to church together and then walked home with Grace. Was glad to find my new brother and sister are very friendly. Am mighty lonely for Mary. O God, watch over her. Bless my people.

Mon, 23rd. Went to Conference session after Bishop Vincent's talk. Was dull, and around me was noise. Late letting out. Afternoon, wrote my stewards to try and encourage them. Wrote Mary, went to shop, did not attend session. Sent books to Liz Clementz. Evening, stayed home and read and chatted. O God, I am Thine and mine is Thine. Bless.

Tue, 24th. Morning, bade adieu to the Huffs -- my entertainers. Went to Conference, the presiding elder said I return to Rouzerville. I did my shopping and started for Muncy Valley. Home to dinner. Found Pa [Strong] better than I expected. All the others well. O God, help. Read in A Hardy Norseman. Spent the evening with the family. It is too lonely without Mary here. We talk of various things. O God, bless my wife and make me worthy. Help.

Wed, 25th. Arose and took train for Rouzerville. At Montgomery met Rev. Graham and wife. Took oyster stew. Read A Hardy Norseman. Reached Waynesboro after meeting preachers en route and Mr. Lander, etc. Missed my wife and the carriage and walked home. Mrs. C. [Mary] overtook me at home. Found mother and wife well, am glad to get home. God lead.

Thu, 26th. Spent the morning in writing a sermon, "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Was weary and rested and worked around home. There is no place like home, God bless Mary.

Fri, 27th. Spent the morning on the sermon and went in the afternoon to Waynesboro. Bade the Rev. Reiley family adieu. Was glad to spend the evening at home. God is good to me.

Sat, 28th. 1 call. Spent the morning in copying part of my sermon. Afternoon, went to Henderson's to say Adieu. Had hard work to get our wheels through the mud. Spent the evening in preparing for the Sabbath. God gives me help. Gave Benchoff his Latin lesson.

Sun, 29th. 2 calls. Arose early and with Gonder's horse went to Mont Alto. Preached on I Corinthians 15, the last clause. Took dinner at Huskin's. Drove to Blue Rock and preached the same. Had good meetings. Went to Mont Alto and exposted on 1 Corinthians 15, beginning at verse 33. Drove home in a slight shower. God is good.

Mon, 30th. Spent the morning in writing. Afternoon, wrote and went to the woods to read with Mary. Came home and retired early. O, I am so thankful to God

for His goodness. God, I thank Thee for my good wife.

Tue, 31st. Morning, drove to Waynesboro and with Miss Snyder arranged for Mrs. C. [Mary] to take lessons. Put money in bank and did other chores. Home to dinner. Evening, read and wrote, etc. Later, sang and talked with callers. God bless our people.

### **April 1896**

Wed, 1st. 3 calls. Spent the morning in writing sermon on "Jesus and the Resurrection." Was glad to accomplish so much. Afternoon went to look for beaver and for grossbeak. Evening, led prayer meeting -- was dry. O God, help and give me power. Save my people, Lord. I am Thy servant. Use me much.

Thu, 2nd. 3 calls. After breakfast wrote to Powers brothers, etc. Afternoon, looked after feed and washed buggy and wrote and called. Evening, spent at home writing to Father and Mary Jane [Clemens]. O, I thank God for a good home and for my good wife. God is good.

Fri, 3rd. Good Friday. Spent the morning in finishing sermon on typewriter. Gave the afternoon to Babby for a holiday, made bird boxes, etc. Evening, read in papers and Advocate, etc. Read to mother and wife from Lay of the Last Minstrel. Thankful for homes in this cold stormy night. God make us clean and holy.

Sat, 4th. 3 calls. Spent the morning in reading and looking up Easter talk. Afternoon, went to Roadside to try to get Meisner interested in Sabbath school. Went on wheel, very windy. Home, only to be hindered by company. After supper helped my Babby color eggs for Easter. Tired -- yet, God, thou art good to us and I bless Thee.

Sun, 5th. Morning, prepared sermon. Preached on Acts 17:18, "He preached unto them Jesus and the Resurrection." Gave out missionary envelopes. Afternoon, preached the same at Fountain Dale. Evening, talked on Easter eggs and Easter. Had interesting time. Am determined to speak for God. O God, we are Thine. Bless mine and my people.

Mon, 6th. 5 calls. Started to Fountain Dale to visit. Took dinner at Thomas Anderson's and supper at Bro. Buhrman's. Had a very encouraging day calling. Evening, had a talk to Wills and Buhrman. They seemed well pleased and all seems well until the Devil makes more feud. Stopped at Blue Rock. O God bless Fountain Dale.

Tue, 7th. 12 calls. Started out to call and had a very pleasant morning. My child and I walked. Took dinner at Tracey's. Hitched up and spent the afternoon in calling. Finished and felt well pleased with our efforts. Home to a late supper to find the Blue Rock people had been there with a donation. God bless.

Wed, 8th. Up early to take my wife to her first music lesson with Miss Snyder. Called on Brown and offended him in part. Did shopping and called to see Bro. McGarrah. Home. After pork and beans, put up bird boxes and rested. Prepared for prayer meeting. Had a good meeting. Home, read, etc. O God, Thou art good. Help us.

Thu, 9th. After finishing the morning work and writing letters, started over mountain on wheels to Bro. Webb's. Had awful times. Left wheels at Sabillasville and walked. Found them well and full of trouble and hope. Talked of many things with much agreement. We stayed all night. I am led to thank God for my own home.

Fri, 10th. Arose to find the weather bad. Started home with Bro. Webb's horse. A cold ride. Home at 11:00. Afternoon, rested and read. Started From Dan to Beersheba. Evening, read and enjoyed my home. O, thank God for such a home. God make me worthy. God bless my Mary.

Sat, 11th. 2 calls. Spent the morning on sermons, etc. At noon gave Latin lesson to Benchoff. Went to Mont Alto and took supper at Mrs. Reed's. Drove to Pond Bank and preached then to the colored. Found several who confess Christ. God bless my effort. Came back to Milton Slaybaugh's, stayed there. In God we trust.

Sun, 12th. 2 calls. Arose and went to call on Edna Bittinger, sick. Then drove to the church. Preached Easter sermon on "He preached Jesus and the Resurrection." Good attention. Went to Stamey's for dinner. Drove to Blue Rock, preached the same. Organized Sabbath school. at Blue Rock. Evening, preached on last of Mark chapter 3 at Rouzerville. God bless us.

Mon, 13th. Spent the morning in writing to stewards to make peace, etc. Spent the afternoon in reading etc. Made a bed for onions and planted part of it. Was tired after my work. O God, help a frail man and bless us. O God, save my people. We are Thy servants. Bless mine.

Tue, 14th. Spent the morning and much of the afternoon in working at bird cage for my child -- and both of us feeling cross. We disagreed. God forgive us. Read some and felt badly a good deal. Was at peace before we slept. Thank God.

Wed, 15th. Up early to take music. Went on our wheels and after our errands drove home on our wheels. Read in From Dan to Beersheba. Spent the evening in working up my quarterly report -- and we do not feel as good as might be. O God, lead Thy weak children.

Thu, 16th. Up early to go to quarterly conference. Drove to Waynesboro and took the presiding elder to Blue Rock. Quarterly conference began at 9:30. A good representation, some peace and a good deal of war on laying the salary. Small and Webb at crossroads. Came to Waynesboro with presiding elder and Barton, spent the afternoon. Am tired and weary. God lead me. Amen. Amen.

Fri, 17th. Arose early and made preparations and went fishing with Babby. We had a good day, in the woods and caught 10 fish -- trout. Home at 6:00, took supper and read papers. We are settled in peace and prosperity and happiness. O God, lead our way straight. God bless my people and my work. O God, come and save. Amen.

Sat, 18th. Spent the morning on chores, sermon, and Latin and reading. Afternoon, read and gave Latin lesson to Benchoff. Went to Buhrman's. Evening, went to Sam Browns, the steward, to help him in the assessment. Home with encouragements. God bless my people.

Sun, 19th. 2 calls. Went to Sabbath school to talk to children. Preached on I Corinthians 15, the last part. Was not at my best. God bless the result. Took dinner at Buhrman's and went to Fountain Dale. Took mother and wife. Preached the same. Took supper at Mrs. Martin's. Went to Christian Endeavor, was pleased. Fearful of Fountain Dale trouble, but God will lead. Talked on the subject, drove home. God is good to us.

Mon, 20th. Arose to find a man plowing the lot. Looked after chores and afterward read a little. Afternoon, planted the lot in 3 kinds of potatoes and corn and sunflower seeds. Went for butter on wheel with Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Burns called. Looked after the chickens. Rain came. I retire with thanks to Him. God is good.

Tue, 21st. 5 calls. After looking after home things, I started to Mont Alto on bike. Took dinner at McFerren's. Spent the afternoon with Bros. Elden and Small, making them harmonious. Learned that there had been many complaints by a few because of my harsh preaching. God make me more tender. Stayed at Stamey's.

Wed, 22nd. 25 calls. Started to call and went from house to house of members, reading the word and praying and talking mostly to members. Took dinner at Elden's and supper at [blank space]. Called on Edna Bittinger and stayed at Reed's. O God, Thy work is my real joy and help.

Thu, 23rd. 6 calls. Made some calls and then started home on my wheel -- was tired, of course. Home to dinner. Afternoon, rested and read. Spent the evening at home. O thank God for a good home and a kind wife and good mother. Make me thankful.

Fri, 24th. 5 calls. Morning, worked hard on the sermon I had started the night previous. At noon, Bro. Webb came and told me Rich [Webb] was into trouble at Carlisle. After much talk we decided that I should go to see about it. I went to Carlisle, found him in jail for getting money on false pretenses. Consulted lawyers, detectives, etc. Went to fraternity meeting, slept.

Sat, 25th. 3 calls. Up early, went to see Rich [Webb], talked to him and lawyers. Took 8:36 for home. Home at noon to advise the father to get him out and home. Gave Benchoff his lesson. Drove to Pond Bank, organized a society of 5 members and 4 probationers. Back to Mont Alto. Stayed at Reynolds".

Sun, 26th. Up to study sermon. Went to Sabbath school and taught class of boys. Preached on "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Dinner at Reynolds". Preached the same at Blue Rock -- after teaching class and organizing young people's meeting, etc. Evening, preached at Mont Alto on "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Drove home well and strong.

Mon, 27th. 1 call. Slept late because I was tired. Did chores and wrote and talked to Bro. Webb. Tried to rest. Bro. Webb called. Went for butter. Fixed chicken coop. After supper went to Bro. Webb's. Spent time in study and reading up. Wrote much and made notes. Am thankful to God for His goodness. God bless mine. Amen.

Tue, 28th. 10 calls. Spent the morning on sermon on Proverbs 23:7. Afternoon, went to call -- Mrs. Clemens with me. Had a pleasant afternoon and returned

tired and ready for rest. Wrote to several. Am thankful for the blessings of life. God is good to me and to mine. God bless us. We are Thine; use us.

Wed, 29th. 1 call. Morning, wrote Bro. John [Clemens] and then took Mary for her lesson and mother for her teeth. Did shopping and called on Bro. Weidler. Afternoon, finished sermon an Proverbs 23:17 and went to the woods to read with Mary. Coming home, found my horse Billy to be sick. Led Prayer meeting and found but few present. God bless my people. God lead me. Amen.

Thu, 30th. 12 calls. Spent the morning in writing Powers brothers, etc. Afternoon, went out calling. Had a pleasant call on my people. O God, bless our people and save. Evening, called at Bro. Buhrman's and read. Put mother in bad humor -- and that was pretty bad. God, Thou art good.

### **May 1896**

Fri, 1st. 5 calls. Spent the morning after chores in writing letters, mostly for money for Blue Rock organ. Afternoon, went to call up on mountain. O God, bless the people. Evening, went to town for Bro. Lloyd. Am tired and thankful to God for His help and blessing. God, care for my people.

Sat, 2nd. 7 calls. Arose tired and spent the morning in chores and Latin. Gave Benchoff lesson. Afternoon, made things ready for calling. Went to call and found it not all ease and comfort. O God, help our weak ones. Led Love Feast and God helped us. Had a good time. O God, lead us and bless and help us. Amen.

Sun, 3rd. 2 calls. Studied sermon awhile. Went to part of Sabbath school. Bro. Lloyd preached a good sermon. Had a good Sacramental service. Afternoon, rested a little. Drove to Fountain Dale and took supper at Bro. Will's. Found things much out of sorts, my heart was heavy when I went to the pulpit. God helped me. God blessed us in our Sacrament. God save us.

Mon, 4th. Arose late and after chores wrote to Fountain Dale to make peace and harmony. God bless my effort. Afternoon, rested and read in From Dan to Beersheba and took outline. Evening, went to the woods to eat supper. O God help me, for the work is heavy -- and yet Thou art all worthy. In Thee I trust. Lead God. Save mine.

Tue, 5th. Arose early and after chores went for mushrooms. Home to write and study on sermon. Afternoon, studied sermon and then Mrs. C. and I went to Sister Speilman's. Evening, formed a Mite Society, and it seems to be promising. The Lord bless it. Am busy -- and thankful that it is so. I can do more. God help me. Bless Mary.

Wed, 6th. Arose early and took the ladies to town -- wife to take lesson, and Mother about teeth. Home at noon after shopping. Spent the afternoon in reading of Bible characters for sermon. Evening, went to prayer meeting and had a good meeting. O God, bless my people and help them. God direct us in all things. Amen.

Thu, 7th. 15 calls. After chores, etc. went to Blue Rock to call and had a busy time. Hope it was good for the people. Dinner at Burns' and supper at Harbaugh's. Had a pleasant day. Feel encouraged with the work there. Home late --

and thankful to God for His goodness. God bless my people.

Fri, 8th. 2 calls. Spent the morning in house work and then went in the afternoon to Pond Bank. Immersed 4 people and found a division among the colored brethren on the subject of feet washing. These are a strange lot. God lead them. Preached on baptism. Home at night.

Sat, 9th. Spent the morning in study and Latin. Afternoon, rested and went to Waynesboro on wheels. Took train to Shippensburg. Arrived there to find no arrangements and felt huffy. Walked the street, called at Drum's. Was a little under the weather. Retired early after drinking.

Sun, 10th. 1 call. Arose early, studied sermon and after breakfast went to class and had a good time. Preached at 10:30 on "As a man thinketh so is he." At dinner, met people. Afternoon, went to Sabbath school and then home with Bro. Biggs. Was much worn. Evening, addressed the Epworth League and preached on Sarah. Did not do well. God bless my work.

Mon, 11th. 1 call. Up early and, after a trip around town, took train home. Met several and talked. Did chores in Waynesboro and came home. O, truly there is no place like home. Evening, went to town on wheels. Mrs. C. punctured her tire and we walked home. Met with officials. Had supper, talked to Rich [Webb], retired to rest.

Tue, 12th. Up early and after breakfast wrote many letters; then mended Mary's wheel. Afternoon, read From Dan to Beersheba. Went to brook for rest, started Psychology. Evening, finished the book From Dan to Beersheba; while it was entertaining at times, it was labor. O God, give me power. Amen.

Wed, 13th. Morning, took my child to town for her music lesson. Did shopping and called on Rev. McGarrh. Rode our wheels. The afternoon was extremely warm, yet God gives me strength. Read in Psychology. Evening, led prayer meeting. Had a good meeting, am thankful that God settles my troubles. I thank Thee, O God. God restore Harry.

Thu, 14th. After chores spent the morning on sermon of Paul before Agrippa. Made good progress. Afternoon, read Psychology and went over to brook with my wife and Miss Burns. Read, and felt very indifferent. Evening, the Ladies Aid met at the parsonage and we had a good meeting. Had prayers and retired with thankfulness.

Fri, 15th. Spent the morning in study on sermon and writing verse for Roy [Strong]. Afternoon, read and arranged sermon. Talked to Sister Webb and put up vines. O God, thou art good and Thy mercy endureth forever. Thank God for an interested happy wife. God lead us aright.

Sat, 16th. Spent the morning in finishing sermon. Was better pleased with it. Afternoon, went to Old Tunker meeting and then drove to Brown's. Walked about and took supper and talked to Mr. Brown.

Sunday, 17th. After looking up sermon, preached on Proverbs 23:7 -- with power. Afternoon, preached at Fountain Dale on Acts 26:25. Things look better there. God help us. Home. After supper talked to prayer meeting on Daniel chapter

6. Had a good meeting; all prayers were with thankful hearts. Took in 3 members at Fountain Dale, and baptized 1. God save.

Mon, 18th. 2 calls. Spent the morning in writing letters and doing chores. Afternoon, rested from my tiredness and then worked around the house. Put lime on the potatoes. Spent the evening in reading A Hardy Norseman. Went to bed very late. O God, Thou art good to us.

Tue, 19th. Morning, after chores, began sermon on I John 3:14. Spent some time on filing. Afternoon, read and worked on sermon and then made garden. Planted celery and hoed. Evening, went for walk and then called to reprove Stottlemeyer for getting drunk. God have mercy. God bless my people. God bless my wife. Amen.

Wed, 20th. After breakfast took wife to town to take music lesson. Rainy and cold. Plowed my potatoes and corn with my horse Billy. Afternoon, replanted corn, etc. Rested and read to Mary. Finished A Hardy Norseman. Evening, studied and led prayer meeting. Held meeting of trustees and had a profitable time. God save our people.

Thu, 21st. After chores, spent the morning on sermon. Had but partial energy. Worked on it in the afternoon and finished the 1st writing. Mrs. C. had the blues so we went bird nesting. Home for the Ladies Aid Society, sang, etc. After prayers, I am ready to retire with gratitude to God.

Fri, 22nd. Spent the morning, after chores, thinking on speech for the 30th. Was weary. Afternoon, went to the woods and read Psychology. Took supper out and then in the evening read in papers of General Conference news, etc. Sang, etc. O God, we desire Thy presence always. Help us. We are weak. God bless mine.

Sat, 23rd. Spent the morning on sermon for the morrow, and rested after dinner as I did not feel strong. Evening, took early supper and then drove to Mont Alto. Stayed at Stamey's. Went to Fountain Dale, but returned and retired in good time. O God, bless Mont Alto and save the people. Amen.

Sun, 24th. 3 calls. Morning, arose early and went to call on Miss Bittinger -- who is sick. Taught class at Sabbath school, led Sabbath school. Preached on Acts 26:24. Went to McFerren's for dinner. Preached the same at Blue Rock. Drove back to Stamey's for supper. Preached on Daniel chapter 6. Evening, was discouraged, etc. Nerves gave out. God help me.

Mon, 25th. Arose very much warm. Spent the morning in chores, etc. Afternoon, rested and read reports of General Conference. Evening, walked out with Mrs. Clemens to our park, found the birds' nest. Home to read, etc. O God, Thou art good to me. Save my people.

Tue, 26th. Arose with more strength. After chores began to read General Conference Advocate. Spent much of the day reading them. Morning wrote to people about business. Evening, went to store, sat on porch to sit and think, and rested. Had prayers and retired early. God bless my people.

Wed, 27th. Morning, made ready and took Mother and Babby to town. Did shopping and buying. Felt very badly and came home to lie down. Afternoon, rested

and then arose to go to our park. Evening, led prayer meeting -- had a good attendance. O God, bless the people and bless me. Amen. God bless and save our loved ones. I desire strength of body.

Thu, 28th. Arose feeling better, but under the work of the morning was very fatigued. Unable to prepare my speech for the 30th. Afternoon, lay down and was weak. Read book on Sabbath schools. Evening, felt better and went to Waynesboro on wheels with Mary. Called on Rev. McGarrah. Home to read Advocate of General Conference.

Fri, 29th. Finished my speech and in the afternoon went to woods with my little bird watcher. Came home and went to ball field where I acted as chaplain and made a speech on "Our Nation's Dead." Came home before things were over. Am weak. God help me. Bless my child.

Sat, 30th. 1 call. Arose to arrange to go to Fountain Dale, looked after sermon, and prepared notes on sermon for Edna Bittinger's' funeral. Went to Fountain Dale and after G.A.R. Services made an oration on "Our Nation and Its Relations to Its Dead." Went up to Thomas Anderson's and looked after birds nests. Retired early.

Sun, 31st. Up betimes and went to Sabbath school. Taught a class and addressed the school. Preached and took dinner at Brown's on mountain. Took wheels to Mont Alto. Got there in 1 hr 40 minutes, buried Edna Bittinger, came home. Evening, preached with power on Acts 2:24. God has helped me through. Thank His name,. I am so thankful.

## **June 1896**

Mon, 1st. Arose with heavy head. Read Advocate, etc. Morning, compelled to lay down. Found sleep and had dinner at 2:30. Better, walked out in to woods, etc. Returned for supper. Read a little and wrote, then retired early. God, Thou art good to me.

Tue, 2nd. Arose much stronger. Spent the morning in reading and wrote sermon on typewriter, after going through with corrections. Was pleased with it. Afternoon, rested and wrote. Went to Speilman's on wheels. Had a pleasant time. Home to write and read. Am so much better, thank God. God, help.

Wed, 3rd. 2 calls. Morning, rose and went with wife to music lesson. Then to Mont Alto. Took dinner at E. J. Small's. Drove to Elijah McFerren's. Found him hurt. Drove via Chambersburg to Waynesboro and home. Evening, led prayer meeting and reviewed Sabbath school lesson. Had a pleasant day, and a good meeting. Rest is sweet to the weary.

Thu, 4th. 2 calls. Arose and plowed the lot. While hoeing, received word of E. J. Small's' death. Spent the morning in the lot and in the afternoon took the wheels and went to see the Small family. Prayed with them and tried to comfort them. Home at 3:00, was extremely tired and could do little work. Found a text. God helps me. Amen.

Fri, 5th. 1 call. Spent the morning in writing sermon, and at noon was tired.

Rested awhile and then went to Mont Alto to John Smith. Went through the woods. Evening, read papers and was home. Had prayers and felt better and thankful that God is so good to us. O God, I trust in Thee. God bless mine.

Sat, 6th. Spent the morning on sermon and studying. Afternoon, lay down and rested and read, etc. Spent the evening on sermon and rested early. Am thankful to God for strength and yet fearful of the work ahead tomorrow. O God, bless our people. Amen.

Sun, 7th. 1 call. Arose early, was ready to start to Mont Alto. Was there at 10:00 and found a vast multitude. Met Revs. Motter and Dahl. Preached on II Corinthians 4:3 -- did better than I expected. God helped me. I laid away a man of influence. Preached at Pond Bank. Supper at Small's. Preached at Blue Rock. Home. God is good to me.

Mon, 8th. Up early and prepared to go to Waynesboro. Took train to Carlisle and Commencement. Stayed at Mrs. Epley's. Afternoon, went to Law School exercises. Heard a fine address. Evening, attended a concert and then went home. Tired and afraid to do more. Met many old friends and glad to return to College. God bless the College. Thank God for sundry blessings. Amen.

Tue, 9th. Morning, up to attend exercises. Went to U.P. Society and had the honor of proposing Bro. Lloyd to honorary membership. Had a good session. Afternoon, went to Class Day exercises. Then home and supper. Evening, went to hear the address before the Literary Societies -- very good and practical. Dr. Holland spoke. Did not attend Fraternity Convention.

Wed, 10th. Commencement Day. Had fairly good exercises. Went to reception dinner and enjoyed it much. Horatio C. King was toastmaster. Then went on our wheels to the Indian School with Mrs. Clemens and Grace [Strong]. Evening, attended Mrs. Reed's reception. Had a very pleasant evening. Met many friends. Home at 10:00 -- tired, yet pleased with Commencement Exercises.

Thu, 11th. Started from Carlisle on the 9:00 train. At Waynesboro at 10:30. Took wheels home -- Miss Grace [Strong] in buggy. Home to find Mother complaining. After dinner, lay down to rest. When I awoke, found mother very sick. Sent for the doctor [Ledger indicates the doctor's visit cost .25.] and then attended her. My Babe stayed up. Thou great Physician, heal.

Fri, 12th. Arose at 2:00 and went to mother. Slept off and on. During the morning mother had much fever. Afternoon, read a little and then looked after mother. The fever is abating. Evening, several came -- Mrs. Thomas and others. O God, restore our mother, we pray Thee. Am well but am tired. Read the papers of the week. God was with us.

Sat, 13th. Spent the day in a common way. Morning, wrote Powers brothers, etc. Afternoon, it rained and I rested and felt better. Evening, looked over sermon. Am thankful to God for all his blessings. O make me more like Thee. Bless our sick mother and our people. Amen.

Sun, 14th. Arose late and made ready for children's sermon. Had few present, but all were interested in the text. Afternoon, went to Fountain Dale and

preached on I John 3:14. 14. Attended Children's Day service. Collection \$4.25. Had prayers and retired early. God is our refuge and strength. O God, help us.

Mon, 15th. 2 calls. After chores went to write for papers, notices, letters, etc. Afternoon, went to Browns to pray with Grandma. God help her. To Waynesboro and saw the doctor for mother [The ledger says \$2.00.]. Came home, used wheels. Spent the evening in talking to the brethren, etc. O God, help my people. Amen.

Tue, 16th. After chores spent the morning in writing. Afternoon, read in Sabbath school book, etc. Evening, cut weeds, etc. Was glad in the morning that mother is better. News today of the death of uncle Joe [Clemens]. Read, and after prayers retired. God is good.

Wed, 17th. After chores spent the morning in writing, etc. Started to complete notes on funeral sermon I preached on E. J. Small. Finished in the afternoon. Then prepared Sabbath school lesson for the evening for the teachers. Had a good meeting, and then came home to prayers. God is good to us and blesses us. Thank God.

Thu, 18th. 2 calls. After chores started over mountain to call on Webb's tenant. Took dinner there and then returned home to read. Started Biblical Hermeneutics. Very fine. Evening, drove to Waynesboro with Mrs. Clemens and Grace [Strong]. After shopping called at Miss Snyder's. Had a pleasant call and then came home. God is our God.

Fri, 19th. After chores read in Biblical Hermeneutics and enjoyed it. Then at noon I continued the same, but felt very badly. Went to town to meet Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh. Brought them home and we spent the evening in chat and a little music. Had prayers and retired. God, we thank Thee for friends.

Sat, 20th. After breakfast went with the Cavanaugh's over to the resorts; took lunch along and ate on mountain. Had rather a pleasant day. Came back at evening and after supper went to woods to find that our birds had flown. Our visitors retired early and we didn't like it. After reading sermons, I retired tired. God is good. O bless us.

Sun, 21st. Drove to Fountain Dale to take part in Children's Day, and sang duet. Had not time to take dinner. Drove home and left Babby [Mary] and took Grace [Strong]. Went to Blue Rock and preached on the parable of "The Good Samaritan." Went to Mont Alto, took dinner at Ed Small's. Having forgotten sermon notes, I preached on "The Wicked Husbandmen." Drove home.

Mon, 22nd. Arose and spent the morning on chores. Read in Biblical Hermeneutics. Afternoon, went to the grove and read. Evening, went bathing. Evening, took bicycle ride. Retired early and was glad of the goodness of God. God, Thou art good to me and hast blessed me greatly. God bless my people. Amen.

Tue, 23rd. 1 call. Morning, went for sawdust for horse bedding. Home to dinner. Afternoon, was attacked by a headache and lay down to rest. Suffered much. Sleep helped and in the evening went to Sam Brown's. Had supper and then had prayer meeting with Grandmother. God lead the old woman.

Wed, 24th. Rested late. Raining. Spent the morning in reading and writing

Afternoon, read and entertained Rev. Davisson. Evening, led prayer meeting. Only a few. God bless my people and help us to do Thy work and will. Amen.

Thu, 25th. After rising late and doing chores, read in Biblical Hermeneutics. Afternoon, pulled weeds in the corn. Mrs. Brown came and took mother home with her. We three went to town and received conference course material: Smith's Bible Dictionary and C&H's Life of St. Paul. Home. God is good. [The ledger indicates he spent .57 on postage, \$3.75 on bandage for mother and medication, .35 for Drugs, and \$5 for books.]

Fri, 26th. Spent much of time in reading conference course, etc. Spent the afternoon at home and in the evening went to Monterey to call on Rev. Davison's. Met some fine people and had pleasant conversation. Home at 11:00.

Sat, 27th. Spent the morning in books and papers and in the afternoon rested and looked up sermons. Spent the evening at home in study and meditation. Retired early.

Sun, 28th. Up to study a little. Preached at Rouzerville on I John 3:14. Took dinner at Buhrman's. Went to Fountain Dale with wife. Preached on "The Sabbath." Came home and rested. Evening, preached the same. Was glad I had so good help of God. Thou art good, O God, to us Thy children.

Mon, 29th. Arose to help the ladies start the wash. Then planted corn between the potatoes. Afternoon, had strangers. Bro. Lloyd came and we talked much. Spent the evening in garden. Planted celery. Had singing and prayers. O God, Thou art good to us children. God help.

Tue, 30th. [no entry]

## **July 1896**

Wed - Fri, 1st - 4th. [no entries]

Sat, 4th. Spent the morning in feeling sick and making reports. Started to Mont Alto to Quarterly Conference. Met presiding elder Evans and went through the business. Talked to the elder and went in the evening to Pond Bank. Did not find the church open. Returned and stayed with the elder. Was tired and sick. God help me. Good camp.

Sun, 5th. Arose early and went to Waynesboro for the presiding elder and he preached well. I was greatly helped in soul by the Sacrament. Went to Blue Rock. The elder preached. Drove him to Waynesboro and took supper at Rev. McGarrah's. Back to Mont Alto to preach. Had a good time. Drove home. Thankful for a good day.

Mon, 6th. Spent the morning in reading and then was taken sick; in misery I laid abed. The awfulness of overworked nerves. The evening was better; went to store, got caught in rain. Charlie Wills stayed all night. Talked much and after usual prayers retired. God bless us all.

Tue, 7th. Spent the morning after chores in taking outline of Modern Sunday School and writing. Afternoon, finished the book and corrected my work. Started the Supernatural Book. Found it grand. O, for power and knowledge. After prayers,

retired. O God, bless our home and help us to live with patience.

Wed, 8th. After breakfast went with Babby to take her lesson. Did marketing, etc. Came home after getting medicine. Afternoon, rested and read the Supernatural Book. Evening, looked in Sabbath school lesson and went to prayer meeting. Home to write, etc. O God, Thou art good. Let us love Thee. Lord bless us. Amen.

Thu, 9th. After chores began in the Supernatural Book. Enjoy it much. Wrote to Graham to exchange. Afternoon, wrote on Supernatural Book. Evening, sharpened the scythe and cut grass. Went to the creamery, looked after child, read, etc. O God, Thou art good.

[There are no more entries for July.]

### **August 1896**

Sat, 1st. 2 calls. Spent the morning in preparing sermon on "The Creation" and chores. Afternoon, was tired. Went to Mont Alto after supper and went to John Small's to stay all night. Found them pleasant and well. Was tired and after prayers went to rest. Mary was with me.

Sun, 2nd. Arose at 7:00 and after breakfast, though feeling bad, studied sermon and preached -- after teaching class in Sabbath school. Went pretty well. Dinner at Kuhn's. Drove to Pond Bank. To Slaybaugh's for supper. Preached on Genesis, chapter 1. Evening, drove home. God is good.

Mon, 3rd. Arose early, worked in garden and did chores. Wrote last of syllabus on Seven Lamps of Architecture. Read. Afternoon, lay down and then went to the pool to bathe. Had pleasant time. Evening, got money to go away and spent the evening at home. God is good to me. Prepared to go to Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology.

Tue, 4th. Up early and made ready to go to Ocean Grove. Babby went as far as the creamery and bade adieu. Met many I knew on way -- Hartsock and Glenn and Sanders. At Ocean Grove at 5:40. Searched and found pleasant lodging at \$6.00 per week -- Mont Rose Cottage, 91 Asbury Avenue. On way, finished Price's Epworth League book. Felt well on my arrival. Retired early and the rest seemed good. God is good.

Wed, 5th. Up early and went to Asbury Park to see Maurice [Strong]. The lad was glad to see me. Heard Price Lecture on *Physical Science Reinforcing Biblical Teaching* at 10:00 and Gunsaulus on *Savanarola* at 11:00 -- both Excellent. Heard S.P. Cadman on *The History of Interpretation* -- good. Heard Major J.B. Pond on *Reminiscences of Henry Ward Beecher* -- good. Robert Nourse lectured on *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* -- not well heard. Spent a wonderful 1st day. After dinner went in bathing, got cramp in leg. Evening, Maurice went with me. God bless my Babby.

Thu, 6th. Morning, went to hear J. Agar Beet on *Religion and Theology* -- very good. At 10:00, heard Dr. B.P. Bowne on *The Christian Revelation*. After dinner, went bathing. Had a good swim. At 3:00, heard F.W. Gunsaulus on *Oliver*

*Cromwell* -- excellent. At 4:00, Cadman lectured on *The History of Interpretation* -- good. Evening, went to see Maurice [Strong] then heard General Gordon on *The First Days of the Southern Confederacy* -- not as good. Retired in good time.

Fri, 7th. Went to beach to read, etc. At 10:00, heard Beet on *The Universal Revelation in Nature* -- all good. At 11:00, Bowne lectured on *Religious Experience*. Went bathing. From 3:00 to 4:00, attended the conference on *Prophecy*. At 4:00, heard Dr. Elliott on *The Best Books of the Year*. At 8:00 pm, Dr. Robert McIntyre lectured on *Buttoned-up People* -- excellent; he gave a thrilling picture of the Chicago Fire. Had a good day. O God, Thou art good. Help me and bless Mary.

Sat, 8th. After a trip to the beach, heard Dr. Agar Beet on *The Historical Revelation in Christ*. At 11:00, Dr. J.C. Van Benschoten lectured on *Word Studies in the New Testament*. Afternoon, took a holiday -- went bathing and swam from [illegible] to Bradley Beach. At 4:20 went on wheel to Long Branch. Hastened back to supper and heard Cadman on *Lincoln* -- good. God bless my wife and people, and mother.

Sun, 9th. Went to young people's meeting, then to hear Bishop Foss show Christ's hesitancy to die was the atonement. He compared Paul and Christ as to death -- excellent. After dinner, attended Harman's Bible Class. Then to beach, met Rev. Wood. Evening, went to beach meeting then to hear Upham. He did not get well started. Met Maurice [Strong] and went to beach. Wrote Mary, my love. God bless her and mother and all mine.

Mon, 10th. Morning, Beet was very good. Dr. Harman was overcome with heat and did not finish. Afternoon, went bathing and then to hear Morris on *A Minister as an Administrator*. After supper, on the beach studying and swimming and then to hear Conwell on *The Silver Crown* -- excellent. Dr. Grammer followed, did well. Card from my love. God help. Amen.

Tue, 11th. Morning, went to bath and then to hear Dr. Beet; Bishop Fowler was not here. Afternoon, bathed and then heard Dr. Morris -- medium; Mrs. Bottome -- interesting; Bishop Fowler -- good. Evening, went to hear J.M. Buckley on *Self-unmade Men* -- very good, and yet not up to my expectation. Went to the beach and then to bed with a thankful heart and a desire to be a better man. God bless mine. O, revive me.

Wed, 12th. Heard Beet's *The Supernatural Outward Attestation*, Hurst's *How England became Protestant*, Morris' *The Nature of Imagination*, and Sprague's *The Religion of Shakespeare* -- all were good and helpful. Evening, oratorio of *The Creation* -- very excellent and good. O God, help me and lead me. Amen.

Thu, 13th. Heard Dr. Beet's *The Inward Attestation*, Bishop Hurst's *The Story of Christian Unity since the Reformation*, Upham's *Ministerial Character*, Sprague's *Milton's Paradise Lost*. Evening, symphony orchestra concert with 1000 children's voices in chorus -- very interesting. Maurice [Strong] had a good bath. No letter from my wife. God bless me to work.

Fri, 14th. Attended lectures in the morning and the afternoon. Evening, went to hear the great oratorio of "The Messiah." It moved my soul and did me good.

Went over with Maurice [Strong], bade him good bye.

Sat, 15th. Started for home 6:27. Spent some time in Philadelphia, bought books, etc. Reached Mont Alto, stopped at Reynolds'. Went to Pond Bank to preach. Then back to Mont Alto. My good wife met me at Mont Alto. God bless us.

Sun, 16th. 3 calls. Preached on Romans 12:21, same at Blue Rock. At noon, went to baptize John Slaybaugh's boy. Rained very hard at Blue Rock. Evening, preached the same at Rouzerville. Was glad to get home. There is no place like home. God bless my home. Amen.

Mon, 17th. Began the routine of home work.

Tue, 18th. 2 calls. Worked on sermon. Sam Barton wrote me that he leaves Fountain Dale; I mourn his loss. Evening, went across mountain to Fountain Dale. Stayed at B. Buhrman's. Found him distant and strange. God help my people.

Wed, 19th. Started Babe and I on wheels for Troxell's below Emmitsburg. Reached there 10:00, found them very fine people. Spent a very pleasant day with them. Evening, heard some fine music by a Miss Troxell of Washington.

Thu, 20th. 3 calls. After bidding adieu, started for Fountain Dale. Took dinner at Tracey's, then talked much with the men on church matters. Was much worried not knowing what to do. Came home to supper and retired early after going to Bro. Webb's. O God, help me.

Fri, 21st. Finished the sermon on Rom. 12:21. Entertained Sigma's H.E. Smith and Fred Diehl. Worked in study and read. Spent the evening at home. A friend called and we chatted. God lead me. Bless mine.

Sat, 22nd. The morning was damp and drizzly. At 9:00 made ready for S. S. Picnic. Spent forenoon in various ways. Spoke in the afternoon, also Rev. Davison spoke. Umpired baseball game, was tired. Had supper. Came home, retired early. God bless the day.

Sun, 23rd. 1 call. Preached after preparing on Genesis 1:1. God helped me. Afternoon, went to Fountain Dale. Preached from Romans 12:21. God helped me. Then we had an official meeting. At the request of the people, I was appointed as Superintendent -- and all seemed pleased and some deeply affected. God bless Fountain Dale. Evening, preached the same at Rouzerville. God, thou art good. Amen.

[This is the last entry of 1896, however the ledger of expenses continues through mid-September.]