

JOSEPH CLEMENS -----1898-1899

[This diary begins Tue, March 22, 1898 as Joseph is leaving the 1898 Conference at Danville and covers the Central PA Conference's March 1898 to March 1899 business year. Pa and Ma Strong have moved to Nebraska to farm, leaving Muncy Valley because of his health. Joseph and Mary, as the main Pennsylvania family, are in charge of selling what property remains.]

March 1898

Tue, 22nd. Was reappointed to Airville charge, to 3 churches instead of 4. Went to my conference home and took leave of my kind entertainers [Dr. and Mrs. John Sweisfort, 112 E. Market St.]. Took Train to Muncy Valley with Bro. J.J. Resh to look after Pa's [Strong] sale. Found a note saying Pa was conscious. Stayed at Bro. Resh's.

Wed, 23rd. Arose to look after affairs of sale. Went to the house where I spent so many happy hours to find it deserted. Read in In His Steps, was much influenced by it. Resh and his wife entertained me well.

Thu, 24th. Had a weary day looking after Pa's sale. Things went as well as could be expected, and I was sick and tired. Many were drunk and fighting. An awful place. Went to the store to see to the sale accounts. Went to bed tired.

Fri, 25th. Made ready to leave. Took train to Montgomery. Had beard shaved off and took dinner. Took train to Waynesboro. Charley Buhrman met me, and I took supper with him. Went to John Benchoff's and other places. Arranged to take Stewart Benchoff to adopt. Went to rest after prayers.

Sat, 26th. Up early. My boy and his relations are very willing for his coming. Took train at Pen Mar for York. Boy alive and full of questions. At York left O.H. Hines and took train at 4 for Muddy Creek. Came home to find a donation party. Went to rest. God is good to my dear wife.

Sun, 27th. Wet, cool. My horse sick, so I borrowed another. Preached at Salem, many people. God blessed us. Home to dinner. Evening, to Prospect with my wife. Preached on James 2. Had hard work. 3 penitents. Home and tired. O, God is good to us.

Mon, 28th. Our boy came into our bed and no more sleep. A great boy. Wrote letters. Rev. Dyer came, was here all day, and talked of his work. I gave him 140 members. Went to Prospect. One convert. Very tired. Home to my dear wife.

Tue, 29th. Spent the morning writing letters. Afternoon, had to rest. Evening, to Prospect through the rain. Found the church locked and came home through heavy rain. The Lord is good.

Wed, 30th. Did writing and read. Afternoon, tried to rest. Evening, to Prospect. Had a good meeting, one conversion. Took the boy along and went to Mrs. Tate's to stay all night.

Thu, 31st. Read and finished In His Steps. It did me much good. The boy

fell in the race and wet his clothes. Read to the others. Evening, to meeting. Went to Gray's to stay all night. God helps us.

April 1898

Fri, 1st. Clear, etc. 3 calls. Went to Fawn Grove to see Mrs. Ella Gunison. Found her very low. Went to Widow Clemens. She was weak and rested. Very kindly people. Had a good meeting, yet we wait. O God, come. Drove home.

Sat, 2nd. Rose late, was irritable to mother. God help me. Went to church to assist at Sheetz' funeral. Talked with the brethren on arrangements. Afternoon, read and had nervousness. Evening, read to boy, etc. Have sermon to write notes for.

Sun, 3rd. Clear, cold. 1 call. Preached at Salem on I Timothy 1:12 -- sermon just reasonable. Dinner at Redifer's. Time for Sunday School at McKendree. I offended Skelton, much feeling. Preached by God's help and, though I was in fear, God used it to heal many wounds. Evening, preached at Prospect on Psalm 51:10 -- large house, want of faith. O God, come. We are very poor and needy.

Mon, 4th. Cloudy, cold. Arose late and nervous. Read Advocate after writing for envelopes. Afternoon, read and talked. Am fatigued and need rest. O, God is good and gracious. Our boy is a question box, and a full one at that. God bless him.

Tue, 5th. Snowy, cold. Found the snow falling. Wrote letters. Afternoon, read Advocate. Evening, to Prospect -- few present. Had very cold drive home. Ate, entrusted myself to God, and slept. God is good.

Wed, 6th. Cloudy, cold. Spent the morning in rest and writing. Read and went to Stiffler at Bridgeton. A snow storm kept the people from meeting -- they lack faith. I closed the meeting. We drove over to Crowl's. Had prayer and retired. O God, carry on the work for us.

Thu, 7th. Clear, windy and cool. 6 calls. After breakfast drove to see William Manifold and found him better. Afternoon, to see Bro. Allen. Then Bro. Gladfelter, sister Keady, and Mr. Hess. Then drove home. Was tired and in need of rest, but anxious about the work. God is very good.

Fri, 8th. 1 call. Rested and wrote. Talked to Bro. Orr and others. Read on "Faith," etc. Began an Easter sermon. Evening, wrote. Am thankful for the blessings of God. Worked in the garden. God is good to us. Received a letter from Dyer.

Sat, 9th. Spent the morning in reading and writing the sermon for Easter. Took a walk. Read Advocate all evening. Prepared for the Sabbath. Took a bath and retired, timid and weighted with the Sunday work.

Sun, 10th. Mother and I went to Prospect; boy has a cold. Preached on I Thessalonians 5:20. Small Congregation. Took a census on salary. Dinner at Anderson's. Went to Salem and preached the same. Good Congregation. Took John Taylor into the church and then preached at McKendree. Many young people; had alter service. God is good.

Mon, 11th. Morning, was tired but wrote to stewards to give probationers names, etc. Afternoon, Mrs. Clemens read in Bishop Taylor's book. Evening, read, etc. Retired after reading. O, our God is good and great and full of mercy. Blessed be the Lord.

Tue, 12th. Spent the day in reading and writing. Started sermon. Made little headway. Felt worried because of the hard work of the morrow. God lead me right.

Wed, 13th. Clear, warm. 10 calls. Morning, started on wheel [bicycle] to Delta to settle the affairs of Joshua Stephens. Dinner at Eby's. Met Stephens on street. He tried to rage, but God's grace helped me and we parted friends. Made calls and came home late and very tired. O, God is very good to me.

Thu, 14th. Clouds and rain. Morning, wrote, etc. Afternoon, read in life of Lincoln. Mrs. Clemens read in life of Bishop Taylor. Enjoyed the bath very much. Evening, read again until after 10:00. In splendid health and enjoying God's blessings. O, God is good to me. Rain.

Fri, 15th. Spent the day in reading, and especially on Lincoln. Evening, to Prospect and at Gillespie's made out little brotherhoods. Tired and went to bed. God leads me.

Sat, 16th. 2 calls. Went to Fawn Grove to accompany remains of Ella Jamison. Buried her in Prospect graveyard. Funeral text from Job 14:14. Took dinner at Anderson's. Came home tired, and I rested. Evening, retired early. O, our God is truly good to us. O, how we need Thee.

Sun, 17th. Pleasant. Preached at McKendree on Matthew 5:7. Had a singular trying experience in arranging the service, but God is good to us and gives us words. Afternoon, preached at Prospect on I Timothy 6:12. Continued collection by voluntary assessments. Supper at Dr. McDonald's. Evening, preached at Salem on Matthew 5:7. Had altar service, drove home, and reviewed In His Steps.

Mon, 18th. Wrote and went for feed. Raked leaves. Read in stories in Lincoln. Red up the yard and then wrote, read and retired. God bless my wife and Stewart [Benchoff] and mother and all.

Tue, 19th. Spent the morning in the garden and lot. Read on Lincoln. Afternoon, had the lot plowed. Rain. Spent the time in the house reading Lincoln, etc. Evening, read and studied. God is very good to us.

Wed, 20th. Spent the morning in reading. Afternoon, began a sermon on Peter from Luke 22:16. Evening, went to prayer meeting and read from In His Steps -- few present. O God, revive us at McKendree and send the blessing and save the people. Amen.

Thu, 21st. Spent the day in reading, writing and finishing the sermon. Evening, read and studied Socialism. God leads us.

Fri, 22nd. Went fishing and caught a rest. Afternoon, read and worked in house. Evening, read Crucifixion of Philip Strong. God is very good.

Sat, 23rd. Spent much of the day in planting the lot. 1 row of watermelons, 4 rows of cantaloupe, 1 row of mushmellon, 2 rows of sweet corn. Also potatoes, and

then corn and pumpkins. I over worked and my nerves broke down. Studied sermon and took a bath. O, God is very good and kind.

Sun, 24th. 1 call. Morning, to Salem and preached on Luke 22:31-33. Cloudy day, yet a good attendance. Dinner at Shenk's. At McKendree for Sunday School and then preached there the same with power. Evening, to Prospect. Baptized 23 adults. Formed class of "We Three." Had some prayers and then did not preach. God bless my people. Drove home. God is good.

Mon, 25th. After breakfast made ready and went to Manifold's to fish -- caught but little, but got a rest and felt better for it. Evening, home and continued to read Crucifixion of Philip Strong. Read until late. God is good and gives us songs in the night.

Tue, 26th. Arose to find it rainy and cold. Spent the morning in reading, etc. Afternoon, read and finished Crucifixion of Philip Strong -- very good. Read in Socialism and went for mail. Evening, introduced Mr. Irwin of Williamsport and heard a good temperance talk. God bless and keep him.

Wed, 27th. Morning, Mr. Irwin of Williamsport came to dinner. Had a pleasant chat with him and found him to be a promising man. Afternoon, read and had a call to preach in 2 weeks. Evening, to prayer meeting and we had a good meeting. O God, revive Thy work. Read awhile, was sleepy. God is good.

Thu, 28th. Spent the morning in writing and reading. Had snow storm. Was in at my books all day. God is good.

Fri, 29th. 4 calls. Up early and away to Prospect. At 9:00 held funeral services of Alex Thomson. I preached at his house, and he was buried at the Centre Presbyterian Church cemetery. Called on the Presbyterian preacher. Took dinner and supper at Pyle's, then called on Abe Pyle. Stayed all night at Jamison's. Evening, sang. God bless them.

Sat, 30th. 4 calls. Called and took dinner at Jane Harvey's. Afternoon, drove to William Manifold's. Spent a pleasant evening. Was very tired and very sad about Babe and the boy. God help us to do our duty by the boy. Thou art good.

May 1898

Sun, 1st. 2 calls. Went to Prospect. Talked to the Sunday School, preached on "Man Sinned". Dinner at Brooks'. Drove to Salem and preached to a good congregation on "Daniel in the Den." Supper at Hess's. Preached at McKendree on "Daniel in the Den" -- just medium. O God, help us in Thy work.

Mon, 2nd. Up at 5:00 to go shad fishing in the river. Had a pleasant day. Wept a great heartache at the thought of the sins about me. Was with Wilson. Home with 2 shad at a little after 7. Tired, yet refreshed. God is good to me and mine. O uphold us, God.

Tue, 3rd. 1 call. Arose very tired and spent the time with a headache, trying to rest. Evening, read war news of the Battle of Manila between U.S. and Spain. Evening, read and retired early. God is good in all things. Called on Wright.

Wed, 4th. 4 calls. Spent the morning in reading and reflecting. Afternoon,

went to do some calling. Came home very tired and did not go to prayer meeting. Read and felt very heavy. O God, give me strength. God is good to us all. Amen. Amen.

Thu, 5th. Rainy weather. Spent the morning in the house. Wrote and sent in insurance policy on goods of \$500 to National Church Mutual Fire Insurance Association. Afternoon, read and tried to gather strength. Evening, read and retired early. O my God, lead us in Thy work and help us. Amen.

Fri, 6th. Rain. Looked up sermons for Sunday. Made bird box, put it up. Wrote on A. Lincoln. Read papers and then read other things. Evening, was very tired. I am run down and weary. Lord, lead Thy work. God, revive thy people and save, in Jesus' name.

Sat, 7th. Wet, cool. Spent the day in reading and studying sermon, at woodpile, etc. God is good to us. Evening, retired early.

Sun, 8th. Storm, cool. Very wet and stormy. Went to McKendree, two persons present -- had service. Went to Prospect, 4 persons present -- had service. Have felt weak and exhausted, did not go to Salem. O God, give me strength and power. O God, revive.

Mon, 9th. 4 calls. Up, only to feel weary. Went to United Presbyterian Church in Airville, heard Reed preach. Afternoon, went to Salem to look after the stewards. Had a pleasant trip around. Found all in good shape and well ordered. Home with a pain in back. God is very good.

Tue, 10th. 1 call. Afternoon, to Salem to look after the stewards' business. Found things in good order and the work well done. Looked around home. After supper went to Salem to Stephens to go fishing in the morning

Wed, 11th. Up very early and went to the river, wife and boy along. Fished with a hook from a big rock. Caught a string, also got 2 shad. Evening, on the way home, we found 2 hummingbird's nests. Had a good prayer meeting and God was with us.

Thu, 12th. 5 calls. Started to Prospect to see after the stewards' affairs. Found them in good shape and excellent. Visited Sister Anderson who is sick. Drove home tired but in good spirits, for God is with us. O God, bless our work and save the people.

Fri, 13th. 6 calls. This day was for the business at McKendree. Went to the stewards and found things in good shape and everything very encouraging. Evening, stayed home and read papers and rested. Found the brethren all in better order and had a good time.

Sat, 14th. Second quarter. 3 calls. Made ready for the Quarterly Conference. Went to Castle Fin and met presiding elder Yocum. Dined at Barnett's. Quarterly Conference at 2:30 -- very friendly. Salary fixed at \$900: Prospect \$340, Salem \$300, McKendree \$260. Brethren in good spirits. All went well and no friction. Evening, the presiding elder preached -- made a good impression. God is good to us. God bless us.

Sun, 15th. 1 call. Very rainy. Few at Salem; the presiding elder preached

and postponed the sacrament. At McKendree there were 30; the presiding elder preached and we held sacrament. The presiding elder dined with us. I went to Prospect and he to Bethel. Preached on I John 2:15 to a medium house. God is good to us and with us.

Mon, 16th. Slept late and read papers and wrote to Roy [Strong]. Afternoon, read while it rained hard. Evening, read papers and looked at our Baltimore oriole building -- a wonderful bird land. God is good to us. O, how good.

Tue, 17th. The morning wrote on A. Lincoln for 30th. Afternoon, rested and worked around the house. Wife not well. Evening, read papers of Spanish and American war. God is good to us at all times.

Wed, 18th. Spent the morning on Lincoln and other reading. Afternoon, went to the grove and looked at birds; saw about 30 species. Evening, went to prayer meeting. Had few present. Late comers are hard on a prayer meeting. God lead us.

Thu, 19th. Wrote in the morning and read in the afternoon. Am tired and run down. Evening, went after vines for Babe. Then I read and retired early. God look on us and lead us.

Fri, 20th. 2 calls. Wrote on Lincoln and after dinner went to the woods and reviewed and corrected speech. Evening, called and retired early. Did not rest, for my poor nervous child felt bad. God of love, lead us in Thy ways.

Sat, 21st. 3 calls. Spent the morning on my sermon and rested in the afternoon. Then I worked about the barn. Drove after supper to Anderson's then to Haley's, where we stayed all night. God help me in my gloom.

Sun, 22nd. Up early, looked over sermon and went to Sunday School. Spoke and then preached; baptized and held Sacrament. Very many communed. Drove to McLane's and ate dinner. Drove to Salem, preached and held communion. Interesting to see so many come. God keep them. Evening, preached at McKendree. Had a good service; feel better.

Mon, 23rd. Felt very well. Read a good deal and worked around the house. Walked out in woods and had a day of ease and quiet. Evening, read and slept early. God is very good.

Tue, 24th. Did work on my speech on Lincoln and finished the first writing. Was tired and walked out to rest, but feel well and strong. Evening, read in Bishop Taylor. O God, Thou art very good.

Wed, 25th. Determined to finish the speech on Lincoln. Spent most of the day at the typewriter. Worked hard and finished it with some betterment. Walked out to look at birds and nests. Went to church. It was raining and there was no meeting.

Thu, 26th. Spent time on my sermon for the 29th. Wrote hard and did much. Wrote it once and had time in the evening to see the birds. God is with me and helps me.

Fri, 27th. Read and studied my sermon and speech. Went to the woods, found nests, etc. Had a good time. O God, Thou art good to us.

Sat, 28th. Morning, worked at a feast. Afternoon, plowed the lot and was

tired. Evening, tried to study and retired much worried. O God, help us.

Sun, 29th. 1 call. Up to study sermon. Preached at McKendree on "The World's Neighborhood." A good Audience. Preached the same at Prospect, and also at Salem. Got home late and was tired, but God is good and helps us.

Mon, 30th. Studied my speech and went to Salem. Delivered the speech on Abe Lincoln. Then drove to Fawn Grove where I delivered the same with a much superior affect. Morning, had head ache. Took supper with Prof. Slack. Came home feeling better. God is with us.

Tue, 31st. Up to help make fence. Finished and cut grass. Was very tired and fatigued. Lay down and rested and then went to the woods to look at nests. Home to read and rest. Retired early to talk in the moon light of a delightful home.

June 1898

Wed, 1st. At home. Prepared to leave for the Epworth League Convention. Looked after the nests. Started on wheel to Bridgeton. Came to Waynesboro via Gettysburg. Had a pleasant trip. Nicely housed. Am weak and tired. O, our God is good and kind to us. God bless my love.

Thu, 2nd. Morning, walked around and visited; then went to the session of the Convention. Not much done. Afternoon, quite an interesting session. Evening, Mr. and Mrs. Law gave a concert which was well taken. Am tired. Was put on the Committee on Resolutions.

Fri, 3rd. Morning, went to the church at 8:00 and prepared the resolutions. Attended the session -- very good. Afternoon, a good session. Evening, Dr. Dimmick spoke and did well. Read the resolutions and they were received. Came to Rouzerville with C. H. Buhrman.

Sat, 4th. 1 call. At Rouzerville, went on the mountain with John Benchoff to see Wetzel's, as John was drowned. Dinner at Benchoff's. Went to Waynesboro. Took train to Carlisle. Met Mary's brother Roy [Strong] and the boys. After supper went to Junior Contest. Then slept in Roy's bed. God is good to us.

Sun, 5th. Went to Sunday School and then to hear Dr. Reed preach the Baccalaureate on Gladstone -- very Masterly. After dinner lay down then went to the evening eating at trainer's table. Evening, Dr. Kelley preached on "I, the Personality" -- very good. Went to rest, and thankful for the opportunity.

Mon, 6th. Went to Chapel and led the service. Read Romans 12. Went down town to buy things. Went to a basketball game between the faculty and the college team. Banquet at 12:00; out at 4:00. Spent the evening on campus -- a very good time, but no sleep. God bless my influence.

Tue, 7th. Morning, slept late and then went to U.P. Society reunion, etc. Afternoon, attended Class Day -- very good in general, but much ego. At 5:00, went to Law School address by the Hon. Hornblower on love -- very good. After taking a soda, went to rest and was thankful for the opportunity.

Wed, 8th. Helped Roy [Strong] pack. Went to get things and then to the common dinner. Afterwards took the 2:05 for home. At Harrisburg, bought a book

for the boy. Home at 5:00. Found Babe at the train. Had a pleasant evening. Went to prayer meeting and a meeting of the trustees. All were in good spirits. God lead.

Thu, 9th. Arose at 7:00, read and wrote. Went to the woods. Afternoon, slept and then went to look at the nests. Looked into the dove's nest and lifted Babe up to see the weeny birds. After supper, read and wrote here. O God, lead me in Thy work. Amen.

Fri, 10th. Wrote sermon on "Beware of Dogs" and rested and had a good rest. We are all tired and have not much done. God help and strengthen.

Sat, 11th. 1 call. Spent the day in reading and writing, etc. Evening, went to Prospect to Jamison's. Took supper and had a good evening. Had prayers and retired with thanks to Almighty God.

Sun, 12th. 2 calls. Morning, preached on "Beware of Dogs" -- a medium crowd. Took dinner at Miss Freeston's. Then went to Salem and preached the same -- medium crowd, good interest. Evening, spoke at McKendree on Jeremiah 18:1-6 -- a good meeting and much encouragement. God revive us, we pray Thee. Amen.

Mon, 13th. 1 call. Spent the morning in reading, etc. Afternoon, went to see Bro. Wright. Had a long visit and got caught in the rain. Spent the evening in reading and in house. Went to rest early. God is good.

Tue, 14th. 7 calls. Went after breakfast to Peach Bottom on wheel. Visited Tom Burkentine. Baptized children and received them on probation. Then visited along the canal to Slab. Came home early and was badly done up. God is good for His blessings.

Wed, 15th. Morning, plowed the lot using a bad, kicking filly. Mr. Low helped. Afternoon, read and rested. Evening, went to Prayer Meeting. Had a good meeting and all seems to promise a very successful year. Brethren more in harmony with me. God lead on to victory, Amen.

Thu, the 16th. 4 calls. The morning started to Prospect to visit sick, called on Old Dunlap, a living death. Joe Gray is better. Old Bro. Allen wants more light. God give it. O, the weakness of men's frames. God be with Thy poor weak ones. Amen. Went home to hoe potatoes.

Fri, 17th. 1 call. Morning, started to Delta. Dinner at Eby's. At Delta, did shopping with mother and boy. [Ledger says he spent the sum of \$8.40 for clothes.] Started home at 4:00; home after 6:00. Read and spent the evening in doing little things. God look upon us and help us for Thy name's sake. Amen. Thou art good.

Sat, 18th. Spent the day in reading and resting. Looked at the bird's nests and the birds, etc. Was restful and tired, but God gives me good health and strength.

Sun, 19th. 1 call. Up late and looked after sermons. Preached at McKendree on "Beware of Dogs." Afternoon went to the children's service at Prospect -- had pretty good service. Took supper at Dunlap's. A big rain. Drove to Salem. Found few, gave them part of the Convention notes. Drove home. God is very good.

Mon, 20th. 3 calls. Spent the morning in reading and writing. Afternoon, went to Jacob Posey's. After supper went to see Bro. Krouse who is sick. Then to Tomb's and drove home. God is very good to us. Lord lead us into Thy ways.

Tue, 21st. Up late; read. Spaded celery bed. Went to store and sent Harry's papers to representative. Afternoon, finished gardening and went to the woods. Weeded in garden and read war news. Had a pleasant day, and God is good to us. God lead.

Wed, 22nd. Spent the day in reading, writing baptism certificates, and talking to a horse dealer. Evening, after rain, went to prayer meeting. Few present, but we had a good meeting and God was there. Read and slept the sleep of a child of God. God bless my people.

Thu, 23rd. Roy [Strong] came and we went to Salem to see Bro. Taylor, sick. Took dinner and then went on. Met and talked with Jasper Hess. He was better in mind, and we had a satisfactory talk -- God restore him. Home to read war news and plant beans. Retired with a thankful heart to God, my all. God lead a weak man.

Fri, 24th. Went to the woods and wrote notes for a sermon on contentment. Read and rested and read. Evening, planted beans, read and talked. Had a pleasant and good day, except Babe was away and I feel lonely. The Lord is good to all of us.

Sat, 25th. Morning, we all went to the woods and read Mill on the Floss. Afternoon, heard of Bro. Allen's death. Read in the church, the woods, etc. Wrote certificates of baptism. My child feels badly and nervous. O God, lead us in all our doing and bless my Babe. Amen.

Sun, 26th. Morning, preached at Salem on "Godliness with Contentment." Dinner at Hess's. Afternoon, preached the same at McKendree -- good service, judging by their attention. Evening, Roy [Strong] and I went to Prospect and read notes on the Convention -- good attention of young people. Went to Crowl's to stay all night.

Mon, 27th. Arose early and went to look after the funeral of Bro. Allen. At 9:00 preached on "Many Mansions." Went to Fawn Grove with the corpse, back to the house for dinner, to Muddy Creek Forks and home. God is very good.

Tue, 28th. 2 calls. Started to Prospect to bury Thomas Dunlop at Fawn Grove. Preached at the house on "He that Knoweth to Do Good." Dinner at Anderson's. Home to shave. Read the papers. Am tired. Lord bless.

Wed, 29th. Up at 4:30 to go fishing with Roy [Strong] at the river. Had a great day fishing -- caught cat fish and eels. Went on wheels. Home at 7:00, tired after the day's sport. Too much exercise. Lord, Thou art good.

Thu, 30th. Found myself tired and over fatigued. Roy [Strong] decided to go home and Babe [Mary] is in a worry and fret. Afternoon, went to the station with Roy and saw him off. On the way home my child wife met me as usual. Sad and gloomy. Lord lead.

July 1898

Fri, 1st. Was sick and stayed in bed till noon. Afternoon, went out in the woods and read Mill on the Floss with Babe. Read papers, etc. Worried about my health. Went to rest early. O God, I am Thine.

Sat, 2nd. Morning, was very heavy and fearful lest I should not be ready for

my work. Ate no dinner and felt wretched for punishing the boy. After supper drove to Prospect and stayed with Bro. Gillespie. Felt better and thanked the Lord.

Sun, 3rd. 2 calls. Spoke to Sunday School and preached on "Godliness with Contentment." Dinner at Torbert's. Drove to Salem and preached on "To him that Knoweth the Good and Doeth it not." Came home and then spoke on Convention notes at McKendree. Feel much better. God is with us.

Mon, 4th. Spent the day in reading and indifference in general. Read war news and noted our naval victory. Feel strong and well and am thankful for the blessings of God, for God is good.

Tue, 5th. 2 calls. Spent the morning in reading, writing, etc. Afternoon, slept and then took wheel to Peach Bottom to see McKinley. Talked for a while and then came home. God is good in helping his servant.

Wed, 6th. 1 call. Morning, wrote part of speech for Saturday's J.O.U.M. It made me tired. Evening, went to Bro. Wright's, sang, talked and prayed with the old saints. Had good prayer meeting and trustee meeting. God is good.

Thu, 7th. Spent the morning on the speech and reading. Afternoon, went to woods to enjoy nature's beauties with my wife. Felt weak after the long walk; feel better now. O for strength to do the ambition of my soul. O God, help me. Amen.

Fri, 8th. Spent some time in reading and writing and looking at my speech. Read and rested. Heard of Bro. Taylor's death. O I am not doing the amount of work I would, but the body is weak. God help me.

Sat, 9th. Spent the morning in studying the speech and reading. Afternoon went to Prospect to speak for the J.O.U.M. on "Virtue and Liberty." Came home. Then Bro. Baker came and we talked away the evening. Retired late. The Lord is good to me. Bless His name.

Sun, 10th. Started early to funeral to bury Bro. Taylor. Preached at church at 11:00 on "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels." A large crowd, and it was hard for me to preach. Went home and took Bro. Baker to Prospect. A good sermon from Bro. Baker. Gave quarterly envelopes out. Evening, at home and went to rest early. The Lord is very good.

Mon, 11th. 1 call. Spent the morning in writing and reading. Afternoon, went to see the Wrights when I heard Bro. Wright was dead. Went to the woods, saw ground hogs and a bird's hole. Spent the evening in reading. O Lord, Thou art good.

Tue, 12th. Spent the morning in reading and writing. Afternoon, went to shoot ground hog -- shot one, had to dig it out. Had a great dig after the animals. Was tired. Skinned the beast and then retired. The Lord lead us.

Wed, 13th. 1 call. Went to repair the breach in field where I dug out the ground hog. Read. Went to see old Bro. Irwin. We read on the way. The old man is quite sick. Had prayer meeting -- had a good meeting. Great God, lead us for Thy name's sake.

Thu, 14th. 2 calls. Spent the morning in looking up sermon, etc. Afternoon, went at 2:00 to Wright's to bury Bro. Robert, a saint of God. Preached on II Corinthians 4:7 -- a large funeral. Went back to the supper. Went home to call at

Orr's. Read in Kenilworth and rested in the care of a loving God.

Fri, 15th. Spent the morning in reading and at home. Afternoon, we read Kenilworth. Shot another ground hog. Marlins sent a load of hay. Helped unload it. Read and retired. The Lord is good to us and loves us.

Sat, 16th. Spent much of the day in reading Kenilworth -- even though it's hardly my policy to get so interested in it on Saturday. Evening, went to Mrs. Marlin's to stay all night. Spent the evening pleasantly. God bless our people.

Sun, 17th. 2 calls. Very warm. Up early and looked over sermon. Preached at Salem on the creation. Took dinner at Shenk's. Preached the same at McKendree. Supper at home. Went to Prospect and baptized the Hess children. Talked on the Epworth League Convention notes. Drove home. God is good. Give me power.

Mon, 18th. Spent the morning and part of the afternoon finishing Kenilworth -- a great plot. Read in the papers and weeded in the lot. Had prayers and retired. O Lord, make me more like Thee. Be Thou near me and help.

Tue, 19th. Spent the morning in reading and writing. Afternoon, we had a good rain after a long drought. Evening, planted corn between the potatoes. Heard of Gray's death. God lead Thy little children. Am lazy and indifferent. God help me and lead me.

[No entry for 2 days]

Fri, 22nd. Spent the day getting ready for quarterly conference and reading.

Sat, 23rd. 1 call. Arose and went to Prospect to quarterly meeting. Presiding elder Yocum, preached well on "The Beatitudes." Had dinner at Gillespie's. Took presiding elder Yocum to Zion. Came back to Gatchelville to Clemens'. Had a pleasant evening. O God, Thou art good. Lead me, lead me.

Sun, 24th. 2 calls. Morning, held Love Feast at Prospect. Then had preaching and the communion service. Had a large communion. Drove to Salem. Had a good communion -- Rev. Foss of the United Evangelical Church spoke. Evening, came home and preached at McKendree on the notes of the Epworth League Convention. A good, large house. God is with us.

Mon, 25th. 2 calls. Spent the morning in reading and writing. Afternoon, went on wheel to Salem to visit the sick. Returned home to read and rest. O, the goodness of the Lord.

Tue, 26th. Spent the day in reading and writing. Afternoon, trimmed the tree overhanging the house. Marick came, and I stopped the clearing. Evening, read in Bishop Taylor. God is wonderful.

Wed, 27th. 2 calls. Started to Delta camp. Called on the sick. Did shopping and got caught in a great shower. At camp, found that Dr. Swallow was not to come till evening. Afternoon, heard a sermon. Evening, I opened with prayer and heard Swallow preach. Drove home. God is good.

Thu, 28th. 5 calls. Arose feeling bad after an uneasy night. Went with Dyer to look after an appointment at Muddy Creek Forks. After much calling, returned tired and weary. Bro. Dyer stayed. I went to bed early. God is good.

Fri, 29th. Spent the morning with Dyer in study. Went for corn. Afternoon,

rested -- not very well. Went to the woods. Evening I was poor tempered. Went to bed restless. God help me to be a better man for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Sat, 30th. Spent the day in writing and reading, etc. I have a desire to do the work of the Lord with more zeal, but the body is so weak that we cannot seem to do it. God lead us. My trust is in Thee.

Sun, 31st. 2 calls. Led Love Feast. We had a good Love Feast and a good communion service. Drove to Prospect where we had a good service. Took supper at J. Atkins'. Went to Salem and had no meeting because of the threatened shower. Stayed at Dr. Finley's. God lead.

August 1898

Mon, 1st. 2 calls. Made ready a sermon and went to the river. Buried Tom Burkentine -- poor man. Baptized Adamire's children. Drove to Delta Camp, led in prayer and spoke. Heard Sam Jones. Much impressed me. God bless him and help me to more zeal. Drove home, the Lord is good.

Tue, 2nd. 1 call. Received word of my brother Charlie's [Clemens] death. Mother in great distress. Read the news and bore a headache. Afternoon, slept for headache was better. Put stringers on fence. Went to bed to talk of the cases of our relations. But God is good to us and blesses us. O God, lead.

Wed, 3rd. 5 calls. Morning, read and wrote. Sent the presiding elder \$15.00. Afternoon, called on people and was caught in a big shower. Harry Urey drove me home. O Lord, give me strength to go among the people and work and pray. Amen.

Thu, 4th. 11 calls. Spent the morning in entertaining Hybeches. Afternoon, went to call on McKendree people. Evening, worried about mother. At 8:00 a couple came to be married, and the rain kept them till 12:00. O God, we are thankful for Thy goodness to us.

Fri, 5th. Spent the day in reading and resting and writing my sermon. Afternoon, went to woods a little. Evening, read at home with Babe and am thankful for God's blessings.

Sat, 6th. Spent much of the time on the sermon; also read and wrote. Afternoon, went to read and rest. Evening, went to Salem to Bro. Kilgore. Talked and then went to bed. God is with us to bless.

Sun, 7th. 2 calls. Went to Salem and preached a Jekyll and Hyde sermon. Dinner at Barnett's. Preached the same at McKendree. Had a foolish dispute about changing a celebration -- they refused. Took supper at home. Evening, preached the same at Prospect and had an altar service. God was with us.

Mon, 8th. 3 calls. Spent the morning at home and wrote and read. Afternoon, went with Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Clemens to Bethel. Wound up at Albert Wood's, where we stayed all night. Had a pleasant reception. Bro. Dyer came and we all stayed. God bless Thy servants.

Tue, 9th. Spent the morning at Bethel with Dyer. Went across the Susquehanna river to meet McVeigh, but he did not come. Drove home and then read and studied. Spent the evening with my family.

Wed, 10th. A rainy day, and we spent the time about home. We read the Methodist Review and papers and books. I am studying a little botany with Babe, and I like it. [This is the first reference to their future endeavors as plant collectors.] Evening, we read. God is good to us.

Thu, 11th. Picnic. Morning, made ready for a speech on shrubs. Went to Salem for the celebration. Spoke and had a good time with the young men. Came to McKendree in time to say "How are you" to the friends before they all left. Felt nervous, but God has been with us.

Fri, 12th. Spent the day on a sermon on "Fight the Good Fight of Faith." Had a day of good hard work. God is good to me and mine. God is with us and is good.

Sat, 13th. 3 calls. Spent the morning on sermons and reading. Finished on the typewriter the sermon on "Fight the Good Fight of Faith." Afternoon, started to Prospect. Went to Strawbridge's and made some calls.

Sun, 14th. 2 calls. Started from Strawbridge's. Preached at on "Fight the Good Fight of Faith." Preached at McKendree on Paul -- there was rain, and few were out. Was glad for a good day and the presence of the Lord. God is good.

Mon, 15th. 8 calls. Started after an early dinner to make calls and had a good afternoon. The Lord was with me to bless and strengthen. Stopped all night at Stiffler's. O God, bless my people.

Tue, 16th. 9 calls. Started from Stiffler's to call, but my wheel was out of order. Had a rough day of it. Mr. Anderson brought me home. Had a good day with the Lord's people. O it is grand work to talk for the Lord and work.

Wed, 17th. Spent the morning reading papers, etc. Was weak in body, but was better toward evening. The Lord is good.

Thu, 18th. 10 calls. Started from home to make calls. Began at Sunnyburn, took dinner at Redifer's. Called after the rain. Supper and bed at Redifer's. Had a good day with the Lord. God is good.

Fri, 19th. 13 calls. Started out from Bro. Redifer's. At Plett's I required skill and grace. Dinner at Sinclair's. Baptized 7 children. Supper at Kilgore's, went as far as Flaherty's. Then home -- tired, yet happy as a Christian.

Sat, 20th. Spent the day in resting and getting ready for my Sabbath work. Felt stronger and better than for some time. God is with me and blesses me. Lord, we are Thine.

Sun, 21st. 1 call. Preached at McKendree on "Fight the Good Fight of Faith." Said the same stubborn fact in a precise manner. At Prospect, preached the same. Supper at John McDonald's. Drove to Salem and exhorted and had an altar service. Very encouraging. God save my young lambs. Amen.

Mon, 22nd. Up early and started for Rawlinsville camp. Arrived in time for the morning service. Arranged for lodging, etc. Had a good day, but my child Mary was weary and very nervous. God bless this camp -- they are playing. Great God, help. Lodged in the boarding house.

Tue, 23rd. Up to late breakfast. Went to prayer meeting and preaching. Afternoon, lay down. Went to sacramental service. Evening, went to preaching and

talked to souls. God have mercy -- 25 preachers not talking to souls. God have mercy.

Wed, 24th. Had a restless night -- worried over those preachers' indifference. Feel I want to speak. Morning, felt badly. Went in time to close the prayer meeting with an open fire on the indifference of preachers and sanctification. Heard another good sermon. Afternoon, felt badly. Stayed to hear Ford, then started home. Had a good trip home. God have mercy on those people. Rain.

Thu, 25th. Arose late with the affect of a cold and quinine. Read my papers and other things. Afternoon, read and walked to Keller's shop. Evening, lounged around. God is good to a poor weak man. Read Botany.

Fri, 26th. Spent the day in taking quinine and fighting a cold. Wrote a sermon on Gideon. Went to the woods. Evening, read. God is good to a weak man.

Sat, 27th. Went to Jacob Posey's. Then to Squire Kyle to get affidavit on Charlie's [Clemens] child Joe [Clemens]. Afternoon, rested. Evening, went to Bro. Amos Stephen's where we are to stay all night. Am pretty well able for the morrow.

Sun, 28th. 5 calls. Went to see Bro. Eby who is hurt mortally. Preached on Gideon. Went to Hess' for dinner then to preach the same at McKendree. Went and baptized children. Drove to Prospect where Rev. Oliver, a Presbyterian, preached for me. God is good. Drove home.

Mon, 29th. 2 calls. Spent the morning in writing and resting. Afternoon, had harness mended and then went to the Island to Camp. Led the meeting and had a good time with promise. Stayed at old man Wise's and talked to them. God bless my old friends. God is good.

Thu, 30th. Arose after sleeping within the Island hearing the roar of the river. Ate catfish and drove to McSherry's to bury Fred McSherry. Preached at 10:00 and rested in the afternoon and felt good. God gave me great power to preach the truth. O God, save the people. Amen. God is good.

Wed, 31st. Started to Prospect the celebration. Spoke on the scribes. Afternoon, went to Pomraning's at Salem. Baptized 2 children. Led the meeting. Felt very weak. God is very good.

September 1898

Thu, 1st. 2 calls. Folder and pictures for Illustrated Sermons came. Dyer came and I was very weakly all day. Sent Bro. Miller to Salem. Evening, was stronger. Ate no dinner. God have mercy on me, a sinner. O, more holiness.

Fri, 2nd. 2 calls. Arose very weak. Went to Skelton to get frame made for Illustrated Sermons. Tried to rest and was weak. Afternoon, rested and read and went to Oberlander's and baptized children. Missed Salem. God bless. I feel better. God is good.

Sat, 3rd. 1 call. Was very sick in the morning and at noon. Afternoon, lay down to rest. Had help to hitch horse, etc. Drove to Howett's for supper. Then to Townsen's, where we stayed all night. O, God is good. I feel stronger.

Sun, 4th. 2 calls. Arose feeling better and after awhile went to Church.

Began my series of Pilgrim's Progress Illustrated Sermons. Good crowd and good attention. Dinner at Dr. McDonald's. Drove to Salem. Preached the same and took in 32 full members. At McKendree, preached the same and felt stronger.

Mon, 5th. Was better than I expected, but somewhat dilapidated. Spent day in trying to rest and catch up strength. Evening, Dyer was here and stayed all night. The Lord is good.

Tue, 6th. Sent Dyer off to Muddy Creek Forks. Tried to rest and went to sleep. Am not as well in spirits as I should choose.

Wed, 7th. Rain. I read and put in time. Evening, went out and led prayer meeting. Had a good meeting. God is good to me.

Thu, 8th. Wrote and read Botany. Went to the woods and read and rested. Am improving. Dug 2 bushels of potatoes. Seemed to feel better from exercise. God give me strength.

Fri, 9th. Began to read and study. Rev. Myers and Miss Hershimer came, and then we went to Mr. Dyer's. Spent the day with them. Had a pleasant time. Am really fond of having my friends come. God is good.

Sat, 10th. The morning was happier and better. Worrying about getting a preacher, as I have to bury a soldier from Wales. Babe went away. I studied a little and rested and dug potatoes. Evening, went to Manifold's and read, etc. God lead tomorrow.

Sun, 11th. 2 calls. Rev. Manifold preached the funeral. I preached on "Satan Hinders Us." Had power -- there was a good house. Took dinner at home. Went to Prospect and preached the same. Supper at Joe Pyle's. Drove to Salem and was late by 5 minutes. Was tired -- there was a small house. Was thankful for the close of the day as I was fatigued. God is good to give me strength for his work. O bless the Lord.

Mon, 12th. Was exceedingly fatigued with a head ache after the sermons and riding. Tried to rest and recuperate. Evening, was very sick in stomach -- but God is good and I love Him with my whole heart.

Tue, 13th. Rose early after a night of hot irons and pains. Felt better, but did little during the day. Towards evening I felt better, read, etc. O God, help. We wrote to Australia [?]. I wrote the presiding elder of my weakness.

Wed, 14th. Spent part of day in potato digging and reading. Went with my wife and made friends. Am not very strong. Painted the parsonage fence. Was tired when night came and did not go to prayer meeting. O Lord, give me strength.

Thu, 15th. Up late as usual. Spent the morning helping on the fence. Put up wire and talked to the agent. Sent Babe to the station to bring Stewart's [Benchoff] sister. Some potato digging. Evening, read to Babe and was tired and slept. The Lord be with us and bless. Amen.

Fri, 16th. 1 call. Wrote on my sermon, dug potatoes and finished the job -- have 12 bushels. Went to see Abe Brown. Dyer came, etc. God is good to us.

Sat, 17th. Spent the day in study sermons and recruiting strength. Afternoon, after supper, went to Johnnie Taylor's where we stayed all night. He is a cripple who

professed conversion in the spring.

Sun, 18th. 2 calls. Took Johnnie Taylor into the church. Preached at Salem on "The Gate of Repentance". Dinner at Gamble's. Baptized a boy. Preached the same at McKendree, also at Prospect. Encouraged.

Mon, 19th. Much worn in nerves and feel somewhat dilapidated. My wife called Dr. Frank Posey, who gave medicine. He is a promising man. Retired early, as I felt all nervous. O God, lead me -- for I am troubled to do my share. O, help me.

Tue, 20th. Up late and took the medicine. Felt weak and nervous. Was Inside most all day, and was quiet. God is good to so bless a weak man as to allow him rest

Wed, 21st. 1 call. Went to the woods and took dinner at Mrs. Doll's. Then went in the woods to study the squirrels, birds and trees. Read Forestry. Evening, my wife read to me. We are very happy and the Lord is good to us.

Thu, 22nd. Morning, felt stronger and rested. Then received telegram of the death of my father-in-law. He died yesterday at 6:00. A good man has gone. My brave wife can't go because we are poor. God bless her. She reads with me in J. Agar Beet's book. Feel improved in health. God is good. Amen.

[No entry for 8 days]

October 1898

Sat, 1st. Arose after a nervous night. Made reports for Quarterly Conference. Held Quarterly Conference at 3:00. Had pleasant Conference. Felt weary and tired, retired early. God is good to a poor nervous man. God revive us again.

Sun, 2nd. Afternoon, to Prospect.

[No entry for 3 days]

Thu, 6th. Started to Brogue to see Dr. F. Posey. Had a long talk with him. Went to see Brown, then to Mrs. Saxton's. Headed home and met Babe on the way. Read, etc.

Fri, 7th. 2 calls. Read and wrote then went with my wife to call on Hynson to see his hay. Called at Wise's, had a pleasant ride on wheel.

Sat, 8th. 2 calls. Bro. Dyer was with us and we went to Dr. Posey's for dinner. Baptized their child. Home afterwards. The ride did not help me. Evening, read sermon and made ready for Sunday. O God, bless my people.

Sun, 9th. 1 call. Went to Salem and preached on the text "Climbeth up Some Other Way." A good communion. Had a good crowd at McKendree, and I used the same text. Was tired and nervous. Went home and rested. Retired early and slept deeply. O God, I pray for strength and health. Revive Thy work, O Lord.

Mon, 10th. Wife and I went to McCall's Ferry for Baltimore. Went to Charlie Taylor's and found him well settled. We called on McNeil, then spent the evening with the Shepherd family. Had a pleasant evening,.

Tue, 11th. Wrote that I would not be home next Sunday. Went to the park with McNeil and had a long ride on wheel. Afternoon, went with Charlie [Taylor]. Evening, took passage on the Atlanta. The boat carried sailors who sang.

Wed, 12th. Slept on the steamer and arose after 6:00 at Norfolk, Virginia. Went to Coaline Station after breakfast and, after dinner, to the Navy Yard. Saw the *Puritan* and *Furor* and *San Francisco* and went aboard them. At 5:00 we took the *Atlanta* back to Baltimore. O God, deliver us from drinkers. My health is improving. Thank God.

Thu, 13th. Arrived in Baltimore 6:00. Had breakfast and went shopping. Dinner at Charlie's [Taylor]. Went to get a book bound, etc. Spent the evening with Charlie and had a talk over things. I find he works and tries to serve the Lord. Retired early and had a good rest. The Lord bless me. I am much better.

Fri, 14th. After breakfast, set out for the station. At 12:00, took the train for Washington. Was at Washington by 1:00 and took a room for a week. At the Post Office was a letter from my dearest wife. Evening, read and had a pleasant room -- but O my poor weakness. God help me and have mercy on me. Retired at 10:00 after reading. God have mercy.

Sat, 15th. Arose at 9:00, and was some rested after daylight. Ate a light breakfast. Went to Washington Monument and up. A great view. Went to the Bureau of Engraving and saw them making bills. Was followed by a darkie who wanted to charge 50 cents for cleaning my wheel. Went to the Post Office -- no letter. Home to read. Visited our great Library.

Sun, 16th. Arose sick. Ate a little. Went to Sunday School at Metropolitan Church, then to hear the Talmage-Good Lecture. Afternoon, went to Metropolitan Church to the Central Mission worker's meeting. Evening, went to J. Fred Heisse's Epworth League and preaching service. Read during the day. O God, I pray for strength. Hear me and strengthen me for Thy work. Amen.

Mon, 17th. Arose late, nervous and weak. Read and finished Quo Vadis. Afternoon, went to the Smithsonian to study birds. Saw many -- 20 orioles and wrens. Came home tired and went to the bookstore. Had a ride to see White House, etc. -- fine streets. O God, when wilt Thou give me my strength? God is good.

Tue, 18th. After breakfast, went to the Capital and through. Then to the Supreme Court and heard the great lawyers. Then to the Library to read and examine Audubon's book on birds that has the painted plates. Evening, read and my bowels gave out so I concluded. My eyes hurt, and I was nervous. God is good to me.

Wed, 19th. Arose feeling sick and discouraged. Called on Rev. Heisse. Went to Dr. King, oculist. Had my eyes examined and bought glasses. Went to the White House, War and Navy Building, etc. Then I rested. Evening, read a little and retired early. I feel better and am in better hopes of recovery. The Lord is good and gracious altogether. O Lord, lead.

Thu, 20th. Up at 9:00. Went to Dr. King to have the glasses examined -- they were all right. Made ready and at noon took the train for home via Perryville. Reached home at 8:00 after a hard ride on wheel. Evening, had inward nervousness again and was not strong. O God, lead me.

Fri, 21st. Up at 8:00 to take millet tea. Spent the day indoors, as it was raining out. I read some, and my wife read to me. Began to feel stronger and am

encouraged. O, the Lord is helping me greatly and I thank Him. The Lord bless us and help.

Sat, 22nd. Up feeling better. Looked after the sermon for tomorrow. Afternoon, went to the woods and studied my sermon and gathered chestnuts. Evening, took a bath and went to sleep early. O Lord, Thou art good. I am thankful for my home.

Sun, 23rd. 1 call. Morning, preached at McKendree -- a good house and interest. The text was Proverbs 26:13. Afternoon, I lay down and rested and slept. Drove to Keady's and took tea. At Prospect, began revival meetings by preaching on "Climbing Up Some Other Way" -- there was much interest. God is good. I drove home.

Mon, 24th. At home. I wrote and read and rested. Evening, drove over to Prospect for meetings. Had few out, and it seemed dull. God revive. Stayed at Torbert's all night.

Tue, 25th. 10 calls. Morning I began to call in town. Had a good day with some encouragement. O God, Thou help and revive and save. At the meeting had a few out. O God, give life. I drove home.

Wed, 26th. Had a rainy day and stayed in house most of time. Afternoon, shot squirrels for supper. Drove to Prospect in the rain and found 2 there. O God, give us the victory. Went to Sam Lloyd's and stayed all night.

Thu, 27th. 5 calls. Up late and rested till noon. Afternoon, went out to call. Supper at Dr. McDonald's. Had more people to meeting. O God, give the victory. Stayed at Sister Freeston's all night.

Fri, 28th. 4 calls. Morning, rested and read Scott. Afternoon, started and called on the hotel people, etc. Then to Reynold's and took supper. Evening, had the best meeting and most encouragement. O for victory, our God. Drove home. The hand of victory is in the camp.

Sat, 29th. Spent the day in resting and reading. We read late at night and finished Scott's Heart of Midlothian. Was feeling very well and thankful. God is good. Am anxious for a great revival at Prospect.

Sun, 30th. Went to Salem and found 2 brethren. It rained. At McKendree, a middling house and good success. Evening, at Prospect, rain frightened the people. Was so disappointed I could not do justice. O God, revive. Went to Strawbridge's. Great God, revive.

Mon, 31st. 1 call. Spent the morning in the bed and house. Afternoon, walked out and shot squirrel. Was worried at the weakness of my nerves. I trust in God and will do the best I can. O God, direct me. Few in number, but a blessed good meeting. Went to Jenkins.

November 1898

Tue, 1st. 5 calls. Up late. Went to hunt rabbits; bought one. Afternoon, made calls and took supper at Hugh Clemens'. Evening, had a good meeting and good attendance. Gave the congregation a harsh good night. O God, we do believe.

Come in great power. The work is Thine.

Wed, 2nd. Spent the day at home reading and resting. Drove to Prospect at night and had a good large crowd and a good meeting. After meeting, went to Lloyd's and stayed all night. God save.

Thu, 3rd. 3 calls. Spent the morning at Lloyd's. Afternoon, went to Hershey's and then baptized 3 children for Malson. At meeting, had a good meeting and a good promise. O God come. We trust in Thee. At Tolenger's all night. God revive.

Fri, 4th. 3 calls. Rested in the morning and then went in the afternoon to see Mr. Stiffler. God save him. Evening, had an awful headache and preached heavily. God help and save the people. My heart is very sad because of the trouble in Zion.

Sat, 5th. Spent day at home. Read and in the afternoon went out and shot rabbit. Spent the evening in reading and thinking on sermons for the Sabbath. The Lord is so good to me. O God, use me. Had a good bath.

Sun, 6th. 1 call. Morning, drove to Eby's and found him better. Afternoon, preached at Salem -- not a very large audience. God help. Evening, supper at home. At Prospect there was a larger house -- much promise of good continuing after the meeting. O God, save and help me to do as Jesus would do. Went to Crowl's.

Mon, 7th. 3 calls. Up late. Went out with a gun during day and shot a rabbit. Made calls and preached in the evening with much promise and to better house. O God, Thou wilt revive us. Come now, we pray Thee. We believe we are ready. Came home and was thankful for a good home.

Tue, 8th. 3 calls. Did various chores. Voted the Prohibition ticket. Afternoon, called and took supper at [unstated]. Evening, preached to a large house and the Lord was there. I was encouraged. Went to Jones' to stay all night. God is gracious and will save.

Wed, 9th. 5 calls. Went to hunt rabbits. Had a good walk and a couple of rabbits. Afternoon, called and took supper at Weldon Pyle's. Had a good meeting and one came to the altar, a young man. God is going to save. Stayed at Abe Haley's. Rejoicing is at hand.

Thu, 10th. 5 calls. Rained all day. Afternoon, called and took supper at Howe's. People did not come because of the rain. Drove home. Feel that victory is sure. O God, help. Thou art good.

Fri, 11th. Up early and started to the funeral of John Irwin. Cold and windy. Preached on Job 14:14 -- a good sermon. Home after 2:00. Slant drove me to the meeting at Prospect -- had a glorious time, another came to the altar. Was home early. God is good.

Sat, 12th. Up late. Went out and shot a rabbit for Sunday dinner. Read and loafed. Evening, read. O God, prepare my heart for Thy hard work. Amen. My faith is in God. Amen.

Sun, 13th. Preached at McKendree. Dined at home and then rested. Evening, went to Prospect and preached. Stopped at Clemens' house. O how our hearts ache for a revival. God send it.

Mon, 14th. 5 calls. Slept late. Talked to them on their souls. Went to call and baptized children. Received Mrs. Howett on probation. Went to the church and preached. God help. Went to widow Jamison's to stay all night. God is good to us.

Tue, 15th. 8 calls. Up late. Made certificates and baptized children. Afternoon, made calls. Took tea at Aunt Adaline's [Howett]. Had a good meeting. O God, Thou alone must save. Drove home, the best place of all. And God is good.

Wed, 16th. Spent the day in reading, writing, repairing the barn, etc. Evening, went to meeting -- had a good meeting. Am trusting in God. Went to Wm. Manifold's all night.

Thu, 17th. 1 call. Spent the day in resting and recruiting. I had a good home to stay in and rest -- God bless these people. After meeting, went to Howett's to stay. God is good.

Fri, 18th. 6 calls. Up late. Dinner at Strawbridge's. Went to call, then to Wm. Hamilton's to baptize children. Then to meeting and home. Was tired and weary in nerves. God is very good.

Sat, 19th. Spent the day in rest and fear for my weak body. Yet God is good to me and helps me. Read a little and wrote. God is good to us.

Sun, 20th. 2 calls. Up betimes and went to Salem. No fire, preached Illustrated Sermons. Dined at Hess'. Came home to preach at McKendree to a good house. God revive us here. Drove to Prospect and received 4 full members and 7 on probation. God is good to us. O save, Lord, save. Stayed at Jane Brooks'.

Mon, 21st. 2 calls. Spent most of the day at Brooks' resting. Supper at Wm. Brooks'. Had meeting -- a little dull. Our trust is in God alone. Went to Tate's to stay all night. God is good.

Tue, 22nd. 2 calls. Up late and went out with my gun. After dinner, lay down to rest. Evening, it rained. Went to Church, but the people did not come and I closed the meetings. Came home through an awful rain storm.

Wed, 23rd. Spent the day indoors. We read through Margaret O'Hay and began one of A. Barr's. Had a pleasant day in our study. God is good to us to gives us much blessings. Talked lots of our early life. God lead us.

Thu, 24th. Spent time in the house reading. My health is varying. Home is a blessing. God is good. Am anxious for a revival at McKendree. God give it.

Fri, 25th. A reading day. Went in the woods to hunt, but the snow was too much -- the rabbits did not run. A day of reading, etc. O, God is good. Bro. Dyer came at night.

Sat, 26th. Bro. Dyer and I went hunting in a snow storm and caught 3 rabbits. Caught cold -- but not bad, I hope. Was tired. Talked with Dyer, etc. Went to rest early. O God, lead.

Sun, 27th. Drifted during night so as to close the roads. Went for Billy, a horse which I rented from the stable. Spent afternoon with Babe. Was very nervous. Bro. Dowlin stayed with us. I lectured a sermon to Mrs. Shaub. God use it. Said prayers and to bed. Blessed be the Lord.

Mon, 28th. Spent the morning in writing and then read. Then went to the

woods with Babe and caught a rabbit. Babe frightened at it. After prayers, we went to our room to read In Ole Virginia. Then we said our prayers and went to sleep. God lead.

Tue, 29th. Went to the woods and found a rabbit in same place as day before. Afternoon, read and spent time in the house. Was a little nervous. God is good and greatly to be praised.

Wed, 30th. Made ready to go to bury Jack McSherry. Spoke plain and pointed. O God, use it. I made some people better and gave some offense. Afternoon, read. Evening, went to prayer meeting and then finished In Ole Virginia. Had prayer and went to sleep. O God, revive they work. Amen.

December 1898

Thu, 1st. Was a little nervous and went to woods and shot a rabbit. Spent the afternoon in rest and study -- a day at home. God is good to me.

Fri, 2nd. A day at home resting and recruiting my health. O, God is good to me to so bless me and favor me. Why did he give me so nice a home, wife, mother and the care of a boy, Stewart [Benchhoff].

Sat, 3rd. Spent the morning in the woods -- 2 rabbits. Spent the afternoon at home studying -- a day of thankfulness for the goodness of our great God. God is very good.

Sun, 4th. 1 call. Had to catch the horse. Drove to Prospect in a heavy, cold rain. Baptized Pyle's children -- 4 of them. Drove to church -- only one boy present. Had prayers, and then drove home in a freezing rain. Evening, stayed in the house. O God, save my people.

Mon, 5th. Arose after a good rest. Spent the morning writing letters. Afternoon, read a book on Faith -- very good. Evening, went to meeting -- same few members and a lot of young men with some real earnestness. O God, save. Amen.

Tue, 6th. 4 calls. Spent the morning in the house after visiting late last night. Afternoon, went to call. Supper at Fry's. Talked to them on the Saturday question -- seemed to be successful. Preached on believers having no shame. A good meeting of young men. O God, save them.

Wed, 7th. 2 calls. When I rose, I found I had a funeral at Prospect. Drove to Anderson's and took dinner, then to Howett's and back to church. Preached on "These Light Afflictions." Took supper at Anderson's and came home. Preached on "Power by the Holy Ghost." A very serious meeting. O God, help us.

Thu, 8th. 12 calls. After breakfast, went to call towards York Furnace. Dinner at Mrs. Wilhelm's, supper at Jacob Posey's. At church, preached on David -- was displeased in some way because of a want of unity. I am much worried over it. I asked that names of those for prayers be dropped in the basket. One came to the altar. O God, revive.

Fri, 9th. 1 call. My 36th birthday. My hair is fast getting gray. Was invited to next door for dinner. I am on this day a little nervous, but strong -- unless over-worked. I have a happy home and a good people. Evening, at meeting, had good

time. Am looking for a revival. God send it.

Sat, 10th. Spent the day at home reading and writing. Have need of taking much rest. I wear out soon. O God, I pray for strength -- but more for power. God give me powers. Amen and amen.

Sun, 11th. 2 calls. Went to Salem and preached on "The Valley of the Shadow of Death." Afternoon, visited with Sister McCall, etc. Drove home. Evening, at McKendree, preached the same -- strong message and a good house. O God, use it to Thy people. God save, we pray Thee, save. Amen.

Mon, 12th. Went to the woods and shot a skunk in a trap. Brought it home, skinned it, and gave the proceeds to the owner. Spent day in reading, etc. Evening, went to meeting and had a good meeting with few present. O, God is good and four claimed the promise. O God, come. Amen.

Tue, 13th. 1 call. Morning, went for rabbits -- got one and bought one. Afternoon, rested, etc. Evening, preached on "The Leper Throng." O God, bless it. Was greatly wronged upon because of the want of unity in our meeting. O God, use me to put it right. Amen. No, Thou put it right. Amen and amen.

Wed, 14th. 7 calls. Spent the morning at home at different reading and writing. Afternoon, went to call. Evening, preached at McKendree. Had a good meeting and it looks encouraging. O God, send a great revival.

Thu, 15th. 9 calls. Went to Bro. Bair's for dinner and called at various places during the day. Had a good day. Evening, baptized some (2) children for Mrs. Wise. Evening, had a good meeting. Dyer was there and preached. God is with us, all is well.

Fri, 16th. 1 call. Spent day at home reading and writing. Evening, went to Urey's to supper. Had a pleasant call. Had a good evening meeting -- preached to members. O, God is good to us. Let the Holy Ghost come, O Lord. Amen.

Sat, 17th. Spent the morning at home reading. In afternoon, rested and felt better. Evening, drove to Prospect to Gray's where we stay all night. Am tired and a little nervous by the end of the week. God is good.

Sun, 18th. 2 calls. Morning, preached at Prospect on "The Valley of Humiliation" -- a good congregation. Dinner at Dr. McDonald's. Drove to Salem and gave communion. Drove home. At McKendree, Evening, there were 5 brethren. God bless it. A good meeting. God is with us and the revival has begun in us. O, for a great work.

Mon, 19th. Made ready reports for Quarterly Conference. Afternoon, went for presiding elder Yocum. Found him tired, etc. Had a pleasant time with him. He preached in the evening, and we had a good time and a good meeting. O God, Thou must save and Thou alone. Do come, Lord.

Tue, 20th. Fourth Quarterly Conference. Rose up to get around for Quarterly Conference. Had a pleasant Conference and all went well. After dinner, the presiding elder left with Bro. Dyer. Says we will likely be moved on account of my health. Rested my tired nerves. Had a good meeting. A wet night. O God, send the spirit.

Wed, 21st. Got up late, wrote, and took hides off 10 rabbits. Wrote more and went to the store. Afternoon, rested my nerves. Evening, read and led meetings. Had more brethren, less boys. O God, lead us, we pray Thee. O save, do save. Holy Ghost, convict. Amen

Thu, 22nd. Spent the morning in writing, etc. Afternoon, rested and read and talked of Christmas. The evening was very rough and rainy. Found no one at church, had service in the buggy, and went home to read and sleep. O God, revive us and save.

Fri, 23rd. Morning, up and went to Lancaster -- crossed river on ice, etc. Had a great day in Lancaster buying Christmas things. Crossed the river after night in a boat. Came to the meeting, and most were out. Arrived home, and the trip seemed to help me much. O God, give us a great revival and many souls.

Sat, 24th. 1 call. Spent the morning in reading, etc. Afternoon, went to Salem and visited at Marlin's. Practiced at church, and had a good entertainment. The best of all is God has restored Jasper Hess to himself and he helped and is all right. Thank God. He answers prayer. O God, we are thankful Thou art good.

Sun, 25th. Up late to think and rest and pray. Started for Prospect after dinner. Received 1 member. Held Communion. Had a good meeting. Drove home in time for preaching at McKendree. Had a large crowd and a good meeting. O God, send the blessing. Save many souls.

Mon, 26th. 1 call. Spent the day in writing and resting. It is good to rest -- yet my health is far better and I am thankful because I yearn for a great revival. O God, send it. At the meeting, the brethren have more faith and God is with us. Thank God.

Tue, 27th. 6 calls. Spent the morning at home. Afternoon, called and had a good afternoon -- but felt weak and came home to supper. Then to meeting and had a good meeting. Evening, an old man came forward. O God, give us a mighty outpouring and bless and save us.

Wed, 28th. 3 calls. Spent the morning at home. Went to Nunnelly's for dinner and then to Joe Wise's. Evening, married Katie Posey and Trout. Had a pleasant home wedding. Drove home to rest and was in happiness and comfort. O God, revive us. Amen.

Thu, 29th. Spent day at home. Jasper Hess, whose mind had been weak, spent the day with us -- a man whom God has restored and given back to his family and church. I was tired, and yet God is good. Evening, preached on "Conversion." Thank God.

Fri, 30th. Was at home, resting and writing and reading. The hypophosphate I take seems to help me. O, I am weary and am heartsick for a great revival. Evening, the meeting proceeded with partial interest. O God, revive us and save. Come, O Lord.

Sat, 31st. Was at home -- a very rainy day. Evening it got colder. I am in a worry because of God's work, and I know not what to do. O God, help me for Thy dear name's sake. Evening, read and went to bed after a bath. O God, revive.

Amen.

It has been a year of fear because of nervousness -- and yet of victory. We successfully divided the charge and have been revived. We had some revivals -- and heart aches because God could not use me more. Home is comfortable and happy and God has blessed us with all good. Not much sermon work, but practical work. I thank God for birds and forests and people.

January 1899

Sun, 1st. 2 calls. Arose to find it a blizzard. Went to Salem and found a number of people and Jasper Hess, whom God had restored to health. Dinner at Bro. Eby's. Felt sick. Called to see Sister Poteet. Evening, small crowd and cold. O God, do receive Thy work and save my people. O, remove our reproach.

Mon, 2nd. Spent the day in resting and reading. The hypophosphate keeps me from suffering and relieves me much. Evening, preached to an interesting few on "The Watch Tower." O God, bless it and use it. God remove our reproach and save. O, save.

Tue, 3rd. 4 calls. Babe's 26th birthday. Spent the morning in study reading and praying. Afternoon, went to visit in the sleigh. Had an indifferent afternoon. O God, help us -- we are willing to be anything. Evening, preached the law hard and harsh, I fear, on Laodicea in Revelation chapter 3. O, God, remove our reproach and save. Amen.

Wed, 4th. A day indoors -- one of rest and reading and of great anxiety. Evening, called for a sentiment of those who would stand together for a revival. All seemed willing, but the test showed stubbornness. I preached strong. O Lord, is there help in it?

Thu, 5th. 6 calls. After breakfast, went to Turner Manifold's to dinner. Baptized Alloways children. Afternoon, visited and discussed. Supper at Dr. Burns'. Evening there was bad weather and a small crowd -- yet I was hopeful. A good meeting. God, O God, come.

Fri, 6th. Spent at home -- an icy rain, and trees frozen. Read and rested. Evening, went to meeting -- just my wife, the sexton, and myself. Prayed for the outpouring. O God, show love. O, come. Went home weary to read and retire. God is good to us.

Sat, 7th. Spent the morning in reading and resting. Evening, drove to Channell's. Spent the evening pleasantly with the family. God has been good to us this week, but I am sick at heart. O God, save.

Sun, 8th. 3 calls. Morning, went to Prospect and preached "Vanity Fair" from the Illustrated Sermons. Dinner at Anderson's. Went to Salem and was some late. Went home. Preached the same to a good crowd at McKendree. Was flat. O God, revive Thy work. Came home in doubt as to prolonging the revival. God lead.

Mon, 9th. Spent the day in the house and read and wrote. Felt over-well and full of vigor. Evening, had a good meeting and the brethren were well represented. Had a good meeting and have better hope. My heart is heavy. O God, help.

Tue, 10th. Read. Dyer came, and we had a pleasant time. Bro. Jasper Hess came. I talked of book agency, etc. Got a bad head ache. Went to meeting without supper. Felt better. Closed meetings. O God, lead us and we will praise Thee.

Wed, 11th. 9 calls. Spent the morning in reading, etc. Afternoon, called on old Sister Michener -- dying in the Lord in peace. Another old timer wants to live to work. Visited others and felt a little tired but well, considering. God is good to us and blesses us. O, praise His name.

Thu, 12th. Spent the day indoors and had a good day reading and writing. I am healthy at times, but my nerves threaten. O, how I want the Lord to use me. A little home time is sweet and good. God lead me in all things. God is good.

Fri, 13th. Spent the time at home. Read and rest and spent time with my wife. Am thankful for a congenial wife and a good home and a promising boy. God bless us and help us to do all things as Thou wilt.

Sat, 14th. Spent the day in my study. Read and prepared sermon for next day -- the Illustrated Sermons on "Beacon Lights." Spent the evening at home reading Advocate and bathing and entertaining Jasper Hess. God is good -- O, how good.

Sun, 15th. 2 calls. Up in time to go and peach at McKendree on "Beacon Lights." Dinner at home, then drove to Prospect. Took supper at Brooks'. Drove home. Our God is very good to us and we are thankful. God be praised.

Mon, 16th. At home resting. O how much rest I must take. O God, strengthen a weak man for Thy name's sake. Made ready for funeral and went to Salem to hold meeting. Roads bad. Few there but we had a grand meeting. Came home.

Tue, 17. Went to preach funeral of Mrs. Sam Urey -- quite a large crowd. Preached on "What is Man?" Came home and rested and went to Salem -- had a good meeting. O God, revive Thy work. A good promising.

Wed, 18th. Spent the morning at home. Afternoon, went to bury Sister Michener -- aged 89 plus. Bro. Baker was present and preached. Came home and made ready for Salem. Drove down and held meeting, and then home. O God, revive us. Amen. God is good. O, come.

Thu, 19th. At home. Read and rested and wrote. Took a walk. My nerves need so much rest. O God, help us and give strength for the labours. Our God is good and blesses. At meeting, one came to the altar.

Fri, 20th. 2 calls. Spent the day at Dr. Finley's, where we had stayed all night. Was exceedingly warm and rested all day. Was refreshed. Our God is good to us. Evening, held meeting and still have a good promise -- but the people are tired, and there is much sickness.

Sat, 21st. At home. Looked up sermon for tomorrow. Read and wrote and spent the day at home. Am glad for a comfortable home. God has lifted me up so much. Evening, at home. O, praise the Lord for His care.

Sun, 22nd. Spent the morning at home. Worried over things too much and was nervous. Afternoon, held sacrament at McKendree. Took in two probationers, baptized one. Preached on "Doubting Castle" from the Illustrated Sermons. Was

very nervous. God help. Took missionary collection. Went to Salem, preached on "He that is not with me is against me, etc." God bless. O Lord, revive.

Mon, 23rd. 1 call. Spent the day at home and wrote letters, etc. Read and rested. O how rest helps my nerves. Nerves would surely break had I not Fellowbaum's Hypophosphates. Evening, preached at Salem on Romans 8:16 -- a good meeting and more faith. Great Spirit, come, we pray Thee.

Tue, 24th. Spent the day reading and resting. It is awful to have to rest so much. O Lord, give me strength and power. O Lord, save. Went to meeting at Salem. O Lord, help.

Wed, 25th. Spent the day at home. Evening, went to meeting. O Lord, revive. Am anxious for a great revival. O Lord, revive and save souls. My faithful wife stands by me.

Thu, 26th. 2 calls. Spent the morning at home. Read and rested. Afternoon, went to see Alvey Hess and then to Dr. Finley's to try Squire Kyle. He appeared and pleaded to have the proceedings squashed because he had supplied a request to withdraw. I had not received it, but accepted the request. Had a good meeting. Went to John Zealor's.

Fri, 27th. 3 calls. Arose to breakfast at 7:31, nervous and tired. Lay down again. Afternoon, went to baptize children. Drove 9 miles. Baptized 4 children. Drove to church and held meeting, then to Zealor's to stay all night. O God, revive Thy work.

Sat, 28th. Sat at home in a sick state. Arose at noon. Spent most of the day in a weak condition from the drive of the day before. Evening, took bath and went to rest better but weak. O, I pray for strength and power. God, hear me.

Sun, 29th. 2 calls. Started to Prospect. Preached and took missionary collection. Dinner at Torbert's. Drove to Johnny Taylor's, then to Salem. Preached on "The Leper" -- a strong sermon. O our God, use it, we pray Thee. O how cold we are -- surely the infirmity of the flesh.

Mon, 30th. Up late. Felt better than I expected. Spent the day in reading, writing and resting. Evening, went to Salem and held meeting. Preached and had a more encouraging meeting. Drove home, ate raisin bread and milk, and retired. God crown our work.

Tue, 31st. Was at home all day. Read and rested all day. Evening, thought best not to go to the Salem meeting as I was not strong enough. Weak in nerves -- yet otherwise well. A strong body to build on, thank God. O Lord, revive.

February 1899

Wed, 1st. Didn't get up very early. Felt better than the day before. O Lord, Thou art good. Evening, preached at Salem. Have fears for the meeting. Drove home. O God, lead us. Amen.

Thu, 2nd. Felt that the grippe had caught me. Many have it. Rested a good deal. Evening, went to Salem and preached and exhorted. Then I closed the meetings. I felt it hard to do, but the right thing. Church not full; people sick with

the grippe.

Fri, 3rd. Badly under the weather with head and throat grippe. Lay down and rested most of time. O God, Thou art good to me. Lead me, I pray Thee. In bed most of day. Took breakfast. The Lord be with us and lead and save.

Sat, 4th. Spent the day at home nursing the grippe. Read and rested and lay around as a man with the grippe ought. Prepared the sermon and felt my health improving. O God, our trust and hope is in Thee.

Sun, 5th. A stormy, snowy Sabbath. Made ready to go to McKendree and learned there was no fire made ready. Read and in the afternoon went to Prospect -- a congregation of 7. Preached the Illustrated Sermons. Drove home. Spent the evening at home. God, lead my people for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Mon, 6th. Spent the day at home. Stormy -- did not go out much. Health improving. O God, I am thankful. Help me and lead me in a straight path for Thy name's sake. I trust in Thee for ever and ever.

Tue, 7th. Spent the day at home. Snow and storm. Shoveled paths. Health improving much. Wrote to the stewards at Prospect and sent a list of names. Evening, read. O God, I have more than my share of Thy blessings.

Wed, 8th. 2 calls. Snow and blow. Took sleigh and went to Sunnyburn to Poteet's. Miss Poteet died. Called at Hynson's. Home for dinner, rested, and read. My health is very good and I am better. O God, lead me and direct my every path -- for I am Thy child. Amen.

Thu, 9th. 2 calls. Prepared and went to bury Miss Poteet. Awfully cold. Lots of snow. After dinner went to Jasper Hess'. Came back and had a day at home. Very cold. Made sermon for funeral, read, etc. O Lord, lead us. Amen.

Fri, 10th. 2 calls. Wife and I went to bury and visit Poteet who died suddenly. After dinner went to Jasper Hess', then home. Evening, went to debate William Jones -- had interesting evening. I want to work and influence for the Lord. O Lord, lead us.

Sat, 11th. Stayed at home and wrote and read. Afternoon, McLanes came and stayed -- but I was very sick. After they went, I vomited and went to bed with hot irons. Evening, felt better and read and began Aleph, the Chaldean -- a good book. Lord, lead us tomorrow.

Sun, 12th. Stormy. Up betimes and borrowed Keller's sleigh and went to Salem, Found 4 therein and had prayer and talked. Drove home -- awful cold snow. A great storm and drifting -- no service at McKendree. Stayed home and read Aleph, the Chaldean. O Lord, help me. Amen.

Mon, 13th. One of the greatest storms and drifts -- shut in. Stayed in study and read and wrote. O, I am so thankful to God for His care and goodness in the storm. O God, direct Thy work at our hands.

Tue, 14th. Stayed in the house. Storm and snow abated, leaving high drifts. Shoveled snow and read and wrote. Men are trying to open the roads. God help the poor and needy. O, the Lord is good to us.

Wed, 15th. Stayed in the house reading and writing, etc. Roads are being

opened and some are skiing. At home all day. Bro. Keller and Blacklock called. Have pleasant days and health is much improving. Thank God.

[No entries for 3 days.]

Sun, 19th. Awful roads after the storm of the previous week, but I took the sleigh. Had a hard ride, but the weather was not cold. Preached at Prospect, then went to Salem. Preached there, then went to McKendree and preached. O how tired -- the roads were so bad. Had to preach without supper, but God is good.

[No entries for 6 days -- except the marginal comment that they were days of reading, writing letters and preparing sermons]

Sun, 26th. Morning, preached at McKendree to a few in a cold house, but had a good meeting -- no prayer. At Prospect, no meeting -- only prayer. Two present besides wife and I. We two and the Lord are present in all weathers. Stayed all night at Gillespie's. Took dinner at Hattie Walker's and came home tired. O, God is good.

[No entries for 3 days -- except the marginal comment that they were spent enjoying books and getting the missionary collection.]

March 1899

Thu, 2nd. 6 calls. Morning, went out to look after the missionary money. Spent the afternoon in study. Am worried lest the bad weather interferes with my conference reports, but I trust God.

Fri, 3rd. [No entry.]

Sat, 4th. Spent the morning in nervous worry. Afternoon, prepared adjourned Quarterly Conference report. The brethren are more in earnest -- some because they expect me to leave. Felt blue because of the outlook. God lead me.

Sun, 5th. Very wet and stormy. Preached at Salem on "I am Persuaded." Preached the same at McKendree. Financial outlook a little better. Not many out. Spent the evening at home and very tired.

Mon, 6th. 2 calls. Wrote many letters and encouraged the brethren. Have had to call individually on many for missions. God bless the givers.

Tue, 7th. Nervous and restless and worried.

Wed, 8th. About the same.

Thu, 9th. [No entry.]

Fri, 10th. Went to Stokes and got \$1.00 for missions, then to Turner Manifold's and left an envelope. Felt better because I have done what I could. O, for a knowledge of work well done for the Master. God lead me.

[At the annual conference held in Harrisburg March 15-20, 1899, Joseph Clemens was assigned to Jeansville and Audenried -- south of Hazelton, now in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church]