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Feb. 5. This evening married Mr. Derry to Miss Rhode. There were not many guests bidden. About 400th. a party of ladies surrounded the party married. These dinners are a disgrace to a community. Old beds, ten buckets, barrels &c. make up the musical instruments used. All good people ought to drown it down. I spent the night with my sister who was complaining with a gathering & inflammation of the salivary gland. These billings are very painful.

" 8. Sabbath day. Preached as usual. Visited Mrs. Wadsworth. She made application to join the Lutheran Church. May the Lord prepare her for this important step. Remained over night at Mrs. Winter's.

" 9. Visited a sick girl who is dying going to die. Conversed with her about her soul. She said she was no Christian. Whether is her Sister or Mother, I talked plainly, held up Jesus, I urged her to go to the Savior. Prayed with them.

" 10. Went to Jefferson to meet Dr. Bentonau. Met there Bro. S. Ewing, Shroyer & my father in law. Who had met to try to settle the difficulties between Dr. Haas & some members. The difficulty was settled but for how long I know not.

" 11. Yesterday Mr. Henry Rhodes & Sister paid me a visit. I went to Berea to preach a funeral. Mrs. Burgey. Who was buried in ~~the yard~~<sup>Yesterday</sup> at the Episcopal Church. I also visited several sick persons. Mrs. Moore was dangerously ill. Little did this woman think when she was so much distress at my meeting last fall that she would be so sick. She was much distressed in mind. I endeavored to lead her to the Savior, but a death bed is no place for representation. In health we are apt to forget our duties but when we are sick then we turn to God. Poor woman may the Lord have mercy on you, bless your children & lead them to God.

" 12. This morning I heard Mrs. Hood was dead. died last night 3. Sabbath.

" 13. Preach the funeral sermon of Mrs. Hood. 2 sisters in a short time have been called to eternity. A solemn time for Berea, & yet next Monday they will be abroad ~~abroad~~ in this place. They had better prepare for eternity. 5 death in 3 months. Solemn meeting

" 14. Sabbath. Preached 3 sermons. spent the night with Dr. Longbridge. This morning there was a frost, but soon left. I have heard of as many deaths as this winter owing I presume to the intense cold weather.

Mar. 1. Sabbath. Preached in Bolivar. Bro. J. Henry preached for me at Painesville. He gave us a plain practical sermon. It was good. May the Good Lord bless this Brother. He comes with me over night. Yesterday I received a letter from Sister Louise S. She asks instruction in the Christian life. She has turned her face forward. May the Lord lead by the still waters of grace. How refreshing are these tidings, they are green & gentle oasis in this desert of sin. To lift the drooping spirit from the sodden that sin has thrown around it. How rejoicing then those whom we love are turning to the Lord. It is not enough to make a Pastor rejoice, to calculate to move him labor more faithfully, when the seal marks of his flocks have to the Lord as they arrive to the years of accountability. The Lord make her faithfully.

" 2. This day I have been occupied again with the prospects of visiting Shepherdstown congregation, to this charge. Here is the plan to which it ought to belong, our charge will then be established, we would secure a good support, could labor with the assurance that we would not want. May the Good Lord where aid I have asked, to whose will I am always content, bring about the same, that we may labor longer in this field where so much is to be done. Amen.

## Dinner.

Know that a Committee met in Manchester to settle the difficulty between the Pastor and people. He was charged with unpopularity. Behold what a fine little Master Wendell. He is going to leave his people. A Minister cannot be too careful. His walk & conduct ~~will~~ be blameless. The Lord give me grace to resist every temptation. Keep me a faithful & devoted Pastor. Make this man the man of prayer.

Clothe me, dear Master, with thine armor bright,  
And teach<sup>my</sup> Lord thy battles well to fight,  
Keep me from sin, protect me by thy love,  
To gain at last the Heavenly realms above.

" 2. Received this day a letter from the joint Councils of the Wooster Charge. They wish me to consent to be their Pastor. As yet I do not know what to say. I do not wish to leave Wadsworth. The Lord direct me in this matter. Delivered a Conference Sermon in My Church at Wadsworth. Remained over night with Mrs. Ringue.

" 3. Spent this day through to the Bottineau Inn. That the Revd. Burgess Nelson A.M.E.C. of Mandan Ninety years of age, living himself at his son's in law house.

" 4. Sabbath. Another ugly day. Cold stamp, rainy. So many inconvenient Sabbaths.

" 5. Last night I to day a very severe storm, Rain, Hail, Snow, Sleet, Cold & ugly.

" 6. Good Friday. Left my family at 9 o'clock for Wooster. Preached at 10. Since in company with Bro. Astor at General Stewart's. First time to my recollection that I taste Roast Fish. Not a pleasant dish. Bro. H. relate a story about "Wife" place your finger on your nose & raise it without your wife. Preached at night. I went to W.L.S. for lodgings. The day I staid was spent profitably.

" 7. Met my people in the Church. Preached to them. Humbled ourselves before God. Had a profitable meeting. Since will be B.S. Had a conversation with him about his alienation of affection from Mrs. Fine & R. injured me much.

" 8. Had a blessed time in our communion to day. The Lord was with us, & pointed us his blessing. Not one member absent that could attend. Yesterday there was a sudden death in Wadsworth. Capt. Green. Found in the bushes back of Mr. Thompson Store. A melancholy circumstance. Kept the family from commissary. Few hours passed to me this night. A Good sermon. It is a clever good sort of man. This night the meetings closed. Ought the Lord wants bless his truth.

" 9. This is an unpleasant Sabbath day. No preaching in any of the churches. It rained incessantly. The greatest Sabbath rain I have had for sometime. Although during the winter there were very few good Sabbath days; yet I believe each one found me equalled. I spent the Sabbath in reading. I felt as if I would soon be pretermitted.

" 10. Rainy still. immense quantity of water fell. The Potowm & Shenandoah rivers rose very rapidly. 12 inches per hour. Farms are inundated of much damage being done. Roads previous came to the recollection of memory.

" 11. Last night about 3 o'clock. the waters were the highest. I seek a flood I never saw. Yet higher than the flood of 1811. which was the greatest for 60 years. I went with my family to the hill to see the waters. I seek a sight. Houses filled, Many on the second floor, some had the third floor inundated. Hundreds were seen on the hills viewing the flood. Men, women & children. The waters were within one foot of the bridges. Many families are almost ruined, lost every thing stable & all out houses swept clean, fencing gone. Rock Chipping washed away.

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April 20 Women & children were taken out of the second story in Stiff's & Goodlidge's. Most  
lost all their goods either washed away or spoiled. Bedrolls, chairs, tables, Barnes and  
Picass to &c. were washed out of the houses & went down the river. Hundreds of  
Barrels of flour went down the river. Houses, trees, cows lumber boats boats  
almost every thing was seen going down the tide. The canal was almost  
ruined. The R.R.'s suffered much. It was distressing to see so many  
families turned out of home. I never wish to see another such a sight.

" 22 Went to the Fair & such a sight. Hand 6 to 8 inches deep. dirt  
lodged against houses. Distress upon distress. Persons scarcely know what  
to do. If this be a visitation I trust that we may lay it well to heart.  
It looks much like one. This day Mr. Stipe of Calais lay very low with the  
Malaria pector. As no doubt will die. Another proof that Law ought to clean  
all frogships.

" 23 This Morning Mr. Stipe entered eternity with the Malaria pector. Distressing!  
How will such a soul feel at the bar of God. "Let me die the death of the righteous".  
These solemn scenes seem to have no good influence on the majority. I had  
the voice of an Archangel I would sound the alarm & screaming lay unto  
the people would be down with the bugle by law.

" 24 This Morning at 5 o'clock Mrs. S. gave birth to her first born. There are living now,  
I trust them both. My only trust is in God. brother immortal soul where in  
existence. Lord help me to do my duty as a Father. Help me to train up these  
two last given me for thy glory. I consecrate them to thy service. Take them  
Lord & bring them up in thy grace. Dr. Lige & Mrs. Anderson were in attendance.  
What anxiety I have had both before & after her confinement I fear I do not tell  
the Lord as I ought. Lord increase my faith.

My little Babe!

Thou dost weeping come into this sad world.

Others sorrow rejoice; but, when didst not weep  
Mein; thy Father shed a tear with thee,

Not a tear of sorrow but of great joy.

Now live, my little babe, but when thou leavest

This world, thou comest with joy while others weep.

" 25 Preacher in Shepherdstown I was told that the people wished me Pastor I excepted  
I have every two weeks I shall preach in that place. This congregation was under  
no ministering & left them & moved to Hagerstown. I trust they will be a great addition  
to us in every respect. There was a gap of Country between S. & H.S. this was  
neglected, (Suth. Material) which will now be attended to. The Lord bless this  
union of Pastor & people. I did not except of them without due consideration.  
The Wesley did not promise any amount of money for my support had to do with  
they could. I have always lived & yet I have never yet asked of the vestry  
to offer a certain sum. I can hardly say whether I am right or no. It might be  
better in some cases to have a certain stipulate sum & in others not so well.  
However in this case we will try.

May 2 Received at Barnes Hill, I intended to change my appointments. But  
Dr. Stream who lay very sick. Came home. All well.

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This day had a solemn lesson taught me. Dr. Stream was carried to the tomb.  
He had been sick but one week. Left a large family of small children. The Lord take  
care of them. He is the first upon whose head I laid my hands. That has gone to them  
I found him in Sabbath before he died complete by the religion he professed. He  
left me his dying blessing, with the assurance that he died in the Lord.

" Attended the funeral of Uncle Geo. Eichleberger. Many persons present. He  
died Monday evening May 10. 1852. of Insanity of the Heart. The attending physician  
opened him. He seemed ready to depart. Was willing to leave this world.  
He was buried in the graveyard (This, the of which he was elder) Charlestown  
Rev. Dutton preach the funeral sermon. "The Righteous hath hope in his death"

" Visited my father in law, took with me Emma & Dr. Schumaker. Mrs. Polly C. was  
sick of (Bentley) Bistering. Had been very sick. This day the bed pillows had a  
"turn out" I presume a grand affair but I did not see them. Ever since I  
have been a citizen of H.S. this crew has been at me to join them. At first I  
had not done so. They think it would be to my advantage. It may be so.  
I dislike these orders. I think in a few years they will be disgruntled. There  
is no element of perpetuity about them.

" 6 Spoke for the last few days a series of meetings in Shepherdstown. I trust  
by the help of my Master good influences have been exerted. We had a blessed time  
this day in our communion. There are seasons of rejoicing. The Lord was with  
us & to his believing ones he gave his grace. How delightful to meet the Lord  
at his Table. What will it be at the Marriage supper of the Lamb! Soo blessed  
the sheep of my pasture, the flock of my care, Amen & Amen.

" Went to Westport when the West. Conf. of Md. met I was in session several  
days. Glad to see the Brethren. Had some profitable conversation with them.  
Bro. Com. Made it my duty to superintend the education of a young man who  
desires entering the ministry. I hope he will be faithful in his studies.  
This day was remarkably cool. We have had a remarkably cool &  
dry spring, & summer so far. I fear unhealthy. Vegetation & fruit  
grow finely. I fear too rapidly without a warm sun to be wholesome.

" During Dr. A. Linn's youngest child (Vide Deaths) was taking sick on my way  
thither & was scarcely able to attend to my duties. Met most of the Linn family there  
I have been anxious of their acquaintance. The child was buried on the Homeplan  
Linn's etc. Came home myself. Visited Dr. Miller & Mrs. Anderson.

" 14 The last 4 days I have been sick. Under the doctor's hands one day I was in  
bed. I had pains in the bowels. The first time I complained to any person since I  
lived in this house. Man is weak, very weak, the least thing thins him out  
but of pain. Last Sabbath spent at home on account of sickness. I thought it  
was due to myself & my people that I rest on that day. I still feel weak but im-  
proving & I trust (God willing) to be able in a few days to resume my duties. You  
know we may suffer & die. My Neighbor Mr. Hooker with sister & only complains  
severely 15 hours & was dead. Let us prepare for death that when we are call'd  
away we may fall from death & be ready to say I have fought the good fight.  
I have fought to my Conscience, I have kept the faith; hopefully there is laid up  
for me a crown of Glory. The Lord grant it, Amen.

June 14. This day feels like summer. The heat has been a cold damp spring. Many heavy winds. Always cold wind after these gusts. Some small hail stones. Crops not so good. Much poor wheat. Some good fields.

July 2. Friday afternoon I once more in my Study. Last Saturday I went with Mrs. S & the children to Worcester & visited Mrs. J. & H. & spent the night with my sister. Sabbath morning at Abington & Schumacher was for the first time in church. He would talk & walk about. His preaching at Paines Hill. Monday morning I started to Carroll Co. I sat 3 o'clock learned at Mr. Buffington's. Heard that Sarah Davis was very low. This was a warm day. Next day (Tuesday) went to Sandytown & spent the day with Dr. Stratman. I was glad to see him. Mrs. Stratman still weaker & her little son still buried. Why should we mourn for such? They are certainly better off. Next day visited Sarah Davis found her better, & spent the night at my Father-in-law's. This day there was a hard east. rain & storms. Thursday came home as far as Paines Hill. Quite cool to day. This summer as a general thing has been cool. We have had some warm days. Waiting is really tiresome especially when we have children. I would sooner be at home in my study. To spend a week in going to see friends seems to me a waste of time least. I do not think I shall go often. It's gratifying to see them & converse with them, but not very improving. Heard that Jacob Daniels & Mrs. Birley had died.

" 22. Thursday morning bright & beautiful. Last Saturday I with Mrs. S & children visited Springfield & remained there until yesterday evening. We abode with Dr. Boyce, who was still white as ever there. Sabbath morning I failed in the delivery of my sermon. I had a tickling in my throat which was very unpleasant. It caused me to quit preaching. It was painful to me & painful to those listening. I shall I think preach the sermon over again. The house was crowded & many strangers present. I abominated it very much, but could not help it. I did not preach at night. Monday morning purchased a new Ch. Bott for S. I am going to transcribe the old one onto it, as far as there is any necessity or use.

Wednesday the 21. attended the sham funeral of Henry Clay in Springfield. The morn was delightful, the day clear & warm. At an early hour visitors were pouring into the little village until there must have been 3000 souls (strangers & citizens) present. The process was formed in front of Don't Cutler's Hotel. Several bands of music were present, & different companies. The funeral car was in good taste, & the different epithets on flags & car a were very appropriate. The Rev. J. A. Sims of Cumberland delivered the discourse. & quite eloquent it was. The Ch. (Pres) was crowded to overflowing, with those who listened to catch each word as it fell from the lips of the speaker, in honor of Henry Clay. The Doctor said, Clay was the greatest man in the United States living or dead, & he said our Country on 3 occasions when it was in danger. He compelled him to Washington & the compulsion was good & lasting. The telling of Bibles, the Mourning of Griefs, the solemn processions, the fact that Clay was now made an full column. It was indeed fitting as all such occasions would be. The impressions the occasion made on my mind were favorable. I could sit & listen in the thing itself though no doubt many did evil. There is no harm in thus honoring a great man. Clay was great man.

At the same time Rev. Rice baptised Master Luther. at Mr. Boyce's the evening of the 20 July 1852.

June 27. This morning started in cars for Wm. T. The object - to purchase a camp for Wm. T. in view safety. Preaching Rev. Dr. Atkinson to business. I started in cars at 5 o'clock for home. At 23 miles from the City the driving wheel broke & engine & tender were thrown off the track & down the bank. The baggage car & rest of the train remained on track. the coupling pin, being bent & broken. The engine & tender were bent, the pin not mortally. Then we were without an engine & had to wait until the two other trains would come. I was loaded with an incense burner in my hands, which rendered the trip unpleasant. I came home about 2 o'clock next morning. I found all well.

Aug. 1. Sabbath day. This day has been looked for by us as Sabbath. We dedicated our church to the true & living God. It is a neat church 40 by 32. Basement & tower. Dr. Morris from Boston preached the dedication sermon & read the service. The church was crowded. How glad we were when we could say Let us go up to the house of God. The membership seemed so much rejoiced. This church & Lord we have given to thee. Make them abide in it. Bless thy people in it. May souls be drawn to God in it.

" 7. For the last few evenings we have been holding a series of meetings which were very well attended. & this night Rev. George W. Smith, Rev. S. Bachelder preached. Mr. Smith from Boston was a guest at our house.

8. Sabbath morning. Beautiful & lovely Morn. Dr. E. preached for me. We had a blessed communion season. Our blessed Master was with us. Much communion. No doubt good impressions made. To God be all the Glory. This was our first communion in our new church. Nearly all the members present. I trust those members who have hitherto stood aloof will now become active in the cause of Christ. That the Lord would by his spirit make them faithful members of his church. Help his servant to do his duty & be faithful to his people. At evening I preached to a good Cong. & trust I have done good. The Lord knows the desire we have to save souls.

16. Was called this day to visit a woman, who has been sick 7 months. Her physician tells her she must die. She was a notorious wicked woman. A habitual tetter, "Witch" &c. Now she wishes to go to Heaven. Poor woman her mind is dark. She seems to be given up of God. She cannot pray, nor think of God. I conversed with upon the subject of both her soul's salvation. She seemed to listen & that was all. I prayed with her bed with the greatest difficulty my mouth became closed. I asked her if God would spare her life. Would she serve him, her answer was I think so. She says she has no fear of death. How awful it must be to go down to the tomb with a mind so dark, a heart so hard, a soul so miserable, & a determination to serve God so weak, from a land of Bitter & Christian influences. Let me soon die the death of the most degraded sot that thou durst. I purpose visiting her again if the Lord spares her life, & give her the privilege.

22. Sabbath. This day I believe I was the instrument of doing good. The Lord was with me in my duties I preached 3 times & was not fatigued. This evening I conversed with Mary Steers. She is a good girl. Enjoys religion a sandy foot bed. I hope the Lord will keep her faithful. For the last few days the N.S. church has been holding a religious fete near here. And such a time being nearly all the time. The morn is deep on the ground the tent are mostly & kept being done. When twice the people become twice. We have had a wet season. Corn crop very good. Planted abundance this season. & very good. The Lord made us grateful for his mercies. From him we receive every good & perfect gift. To him be all the Glory. Amen.

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October 20. For the last few days I have been at Syden. I left home rather reluctantly Thursday noon 1st W. leaving behind a sick wife. Tuesday night after a walk about town with our relatives Carroll Sarah Corcoran & husband Dr. J. C. Mrs. S was taken with Neuralgia in head having taken too much laudanum the day previous she was very stupid. I called on Dr. Seign. who began to apply mustard. I then left on Thursday for Syden. I saw many of Brothers in cars, & spent quite a pleasant trip to Cumberland. The evening car was ready to convey us to Hagerstown. We arrived about 7 o'clock. Br. H. preached. Next morning Syden convened. During its session several unpleasant cases were up. Mr. R. of C. & Mr. H. of A. These brethren were accused of impudent "Hiring women" I suppose they felt severely, truly, you awfully.

Nov. 15. In the last few weeks I have had the pleasure of a protracted meeting in Harper's Ferry so. Br. Butler preached for me 6 nights & Br. Fink 2. The rest of the time I labored myself. God was with us & we doubt much good was done 17 bretheren with us & some 5 or 6 renewed their vows. It was a glorious time when old men as Bro. Thompson, Smallwood & Clegg, come out before the world & professed Christ. The Lord did much for us. Influences in our favor were disseminate & impressions made which will never be forgotten. We used the s called "Morning break" but not to the extent the Methodists use it. There was no shouting or extra noise, yet the six sick said grace alone for mercy. Meetings were continuous in every church in Town except Episcopalian & White. These appeared to be on the part of some an anxiety to obtain members, & sometimes at the expense of right, & Christian fellowship. There is a zeal for our set above a Christian zeal for Christ. This is wrong & I pray God it may never be said of me or my congregation. My members attended this meeting regularly & faithfully. They were at their best. More encouraging to the pastor. May they ever be so! The little flock was encouraged, they were strengthened in their attachment to the church. The circumstances I must relate. Mr. S. wishes to know why a man was not considered orthodox. When he could not believe in eternal punishment. He would wish to unite with the church & live & serve God, from a sense that it was his duty & not from a fear of endless debt. I could not accuse him. I could not believe he was sincere in what he affirmed & had some other motives for connecting himself with the church. If what he said was absolutely true he would be saved without doing his duty & if he could not enter the church God would not require of him an impossibility. Another case. Mr. A. will only be a member of the church by the rule of baptism, although he believes he was baptize in infancy, he wishes to know a certain knowledge of it. His parents may have been misinformed, & then in his view. Infant baptism was only intended for infants & adults ought to renew their baptism. I could not convince him that he was wrong, although presented argument after argument. The most solemn scene I ever witness in which I took a part was when I baptized old Mr. A. The tears streaming down his wrinkled cheeks the death like solemnity in this house, went to make the exercise more impressive. On Sunday night last we had a communion season. A blessed time it was. Some who had never communed before & some who had long neglected their duties. May the Lord now help this meeting to our good. & keep us in the true faith unto everlasting life.

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No. 33. Tuesday Morning. Yesterday one week I started for Washington to assist Br. B. in a protracted meeting. I left here 2 o'clock P.M. in the Pocket Road "Belle". There were about 7 passengers. Zimmerman, who was on a visit to Dr. to attend the funeral of his sister in law who died of Cancer, & Mr. Stipe & Sister. A Mr. Somaboy & myself, struck up a controversy concerning "Porter's Flying Ship" which was quite amicable for a while, I maintaining the practicability & he the contrary. Butting will determine. I am purpose for any invention since the Telegraph. & of it as the freshman said during the talk floating sides with me, to travel with Telegraphic speed. Supper on board was not appetizable as might be desired. After supper I read a while, & rolled in my berth & fell soundly in the arms of Somnus. The first thing I knew of myself was in the morning I found myself near Georgetown. I walked over to W. & arrived at Br. B.'s corner of 12 & 4th st about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, & found Br. B. & wife & two sisters all well. During my stay here I visited the public building & theaters at thequarellies, & truly saw the elephant. The Patent office is worth seeing, curiosities of all kinds & from every part of the world from the Mastodon down to the smallest insect, shell, coral, stuffed animals & birds. Paintings busts & statues &c. The Capitol is a beautiful place, & worth a visit to the place. The Smithsonian Institute will be the most beautiful place in W. & has now a splendid gallery of Indian paintings. The equestrian statue of Jackson is truly wonderful built by Miles. Painted on the two horses. The Navy yard & others places are worth a visit. I have no time & place to give them a minute description. The meetings were poorly attended I preached every night while there & on Sabbath twice. There was some interest & no doubt good was done. The Spirit must do the work. I pray the Lord will seal the truth to the good of many. I dined on Friday noon a Mr. Smith's a relation of Mrs. S. & saw the place where my mother's uncle Dr. Stevens was buying liquor in Georgetown D.C. Dine on Monday at Mr. Morris formerly of Gettysburg & started in 400\$ expenses for home, at the relay I changed in the western train & landed in H.B. 10.30 past 10 o'clock Monday evening, walls to Baltimore. Glad to meet my family, return thanks to God & went to bed. This morning I distribute the presents bought & am once more writing in my diary.

Oct. 3. This day I have been unable. Came so no doubt from the trip I made with Mother & myself to Carroll Co Md. I started last Wednesday one week. Went as far as sister Caroline's the dog was fine. Mother was sick that night with the sickness headache. Thursday morning we started for Carroll. The roads were very muddy & the dog was very disagreeable & cloudy & raining. We dined at Frederick, at Breckinridge's, I remained over night at S. B. Ladysburg. The next day we reached 1.30 & remained over night. I lead to Honeytown saw Mrs. S. Belle & Henry heard R. Preacher. The next day we reached Aunt Sally L's & remained over night. The day fair over head. Sabbath I spent at Monte's & Baileys chs. Dines at Skell's. Glad to see many friends at church. Monday made a final settlement of the place of which I was master. Gave the deed, & received the last payment. All things were settled up without any difficulty. Dines at Uncle L.E's & remains over night at Uncle L.E's. Next day I came to Br. & preached in Honeytown for Br. S. Wednesday we came back to Caroline's & staid there over night. & on Thursday came home & found all well. & this day am sick from the journey.

This Journey was of some importance to me. I shall never undertake such a journey so late in the year. It was hard on man & beast. The weather was cloudy & damp. I often became chilled. The roads were very muddy. My friends seemed to meet me cordially, from whom I heard strange things. Mr. S. was married to E.C. & S.H. to G.S. Aunt Polly & Nelly have babies. So bad for grandmother. There seems to be a new idea afloat in Carroll. At every marriage there is a will written & kept in case a plan that it will be found. In this will are strange things. Mrs. Old Josh. M. was with the setting up of the estate provided he does not keep 600 dollars & his wife a "tin box" to carry her "relics" in & in case that not strong enough an "iron" one. P.O. was well an auge to bore a hole in his head in which to pour quicksilver to give him more sense! Old S. a slave to take his wife to "Meeting"! These are hard winter stories the same strange man. His wishes to leave Westminster. Ties of the past bound to God we had young men to enter our Ministry & give the charges over.

Dec. 25. This day I preached in Bolivar. (See Christmas sermon No 148) It was indeed a gloomy day for Christmas. Rain, Rain & Muddy roads. We have had a very hot fall & winter so far. A vast quantity of Rain fell the last 2 mos. Nearly every month several days settled rain. Very few worship the Savior on the day opposite as his birth day. Noise & confusion appears to be the order of the day.

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March. I find I have neglected my Journal. I will endeavor to think back & record the more prominent occurrences. In regard to the weather we have had little snow, & no sleighing. Rain & mud seem to be the order of the day this winter. Sometimes it would clear off cold, but would not remain long. It has been an open winter & plenty of mud. Rain every week. This day has been a very rainy day. Sometime back I preached the funeral of a young man who fell from the horse & killed himself. It was distressing to his family. I hope it may have a good influence on them. The sermon was preached in the U. Church to a large audience. On such occasions funerals sermons may do, but I very much doubt the propriety of preaching on every occasion. It is very laborious in large congregations.

" 14 This day I left home for Elkins Green Pa. to visit the Luth. Cong there & preach to that people. I had the pleasure of Bo. W. of Martinsburg, company to the city. He is prospering finely in M. Hope he may do much good. This evidently is the result of the division of the charge. After we left the cars, we went to the Elkins house & remained over night. I was very sick. Could eat no supper. I had the sick headache. This complaint I expect I will be troubled with the remainder of my days. The next morning (15<sup>th</sup>) I went to the depot & started for Harrisburg. They travel very fast on this road. I passed through a country where saw horses, post of which looks finely. Pennsylvania horses are good horses. There was in the cars an actress, which from appearance was not the right kind of a woman. Too much talk. Ye. &c. we arrived at Harrisburg 12 o'clock, left in about an half an hour on the Central R.R. for the Junction at the Agendum 17 miles from H. here we left the cars & got onto a packet boat. This is a slow but pleasant way to travel. we eat & sleep on board. We proceeded up the river, & passed many fine farms & little towns.

At 12 o'clock we arrived at Selins Grove. I was shown where Mr. Woysneller Esq. lives & proceeded to his residence. I slept the remainder of the night. Next morning (16<sup>th</sup>) I was introduced to the family & friends. This people seem kind willing to do their duty to their pastor. The church is a good one 45 by 70. few system, here. Lecture room. The Town is on the Susquehanna. on Main street & rather a pretty place. No doubt a lively place. Preach 3 sermons to them they seemed pleased. Hope I did them good. Mrs. Leising, daughter of Rev. J. P. Shindle was sick, & very low. A pious woman. I returned the same route & reached Harper's Ferry Saturday 12 M. I was pleased with my Journey, but whether I will become their Pastor remains yet to be decided.

Nov. 26. This day I buried Mrs. Norris. A crowd present. Preached in open air. This is hard work. Would never have made a Camp Meeting Preacher.

27 Started for Frederick. in company with Mr. E. as delegate to attend the extra session of Synod. Called to receive the Luth. Charge given by the Book Company. It was received. Return Wednesday Evening.

28 Preached at Harper's Ferry & Worcester. This was a rainy Morning & unpleasant day. In company with Mrs. E. & visited my sister. I found all well.

29 Rose early. I went with Mrs. E. to Georgetown. Found all the friends tolerably well. The neighborhood is sickly. Measles & scarlet fever prevalent. There have been some deaths.

19 Went to Gettysburg. Dr. Seams home. saw the Prof. all seem clean. Few theatrical students last session. Why is it? The Lord only knows. There is something wrong somewhere this night I heard a Junior exhibition. These things were over delightful. & they seem to be interesting still. Several speakers were very good. Left Wednesday morning & came to L. E. Ainsworth. & the next day with Mrs. E. came home & found all well.

20 Received word that several of my people were sick at Shepherdstown & immediately wrote thither. (Mrs. S. went to attend an infirmary at her Father's) I found David Kiplinger & his wife very ill. also Mrs. S. Felt. on Saturday the day Mrs. K. died & I preached her funeral sermon on Sabbath. on Monday morning Dr. H. died & his wife was taken up & both were deposited in one grave. It was a solemn scene. I never beheld one like it. It made an impression on my mind never to be forgotten. It is true death is solemn, but when man & wife lay sick in one house die a few hours apart & are buried in one grave. It is doubly so. She was not sensible the last days of her existence, yet her life was holy & she died in peace. He was to the last sensible & conscious of his end, & in view of which he could say "He is well" I preached from 2 Sam 1:20 & truly it could be said of them. Solely & pleasant in their loves & in their death they were not divided. These two funeral sermons were delivered to large audiences & I trust God will bless his truth. And while I preach to others I bid let my own heart feel the truth, may I become more & more like my master doing good to the world. As far as I can judge I was the instrument in the hands of God of doing more good the last few days than the sum total in any previous period of my life. But we cannot judge rightly. May God bless his truth & to him shall be all the glory. Several friends were present, & listened very attentively. I trust the solemn truth may convince them of error.

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May 5 Preached the Funeral Sermon of Mrs. Faith. She too has gone. Within the last few weeks & neighbors within sight of rock she have gone to the eternal world. May we all be committed of our better end.

- \* 18. This day the Day Convention met in Frederick. Very full attendance. I was there but did not present my plan for raising money in the Churches. Viz. Each church to employ its own agent. This agent to visit each charge once a year. To organize societies in each charge. To appoint at least 4 collectors in each society. To open books for the name of each member who shall pay monthly.

Thomas Jones <sup>H.M.</sup> 5 <sup>id.</sup> 3 <sup>id.</sup> 1 <sup>id.</sup> Total 10 Monthly.

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My firm conviction is that a agency of this kind would forth the revenue of the church. A ch. extension Soc. was organized at Frederick which I hope will prove a blessing to the church. Dr. Gurinian & Lady & Miss East accompanied me home during a very severe gale. Sometimes we felt it dangerous to be out. So high was the wind. We arrived at home safely.

- \* 20 Visited Mr. M. Eichelberger's in company with Socy. Dr. S. & Socy & Miss E. Spent a pleasant afternoon. Remained with them overnight.

- \* 21 Took the cars at Charlestown for Winchester where the General Synod met that day. Spent several pleasant days there. Heard Drs. Rothman, Schenck, Stroble, & Smith preach. The Synod was largely attended. 4 new Synods unit with the Gen. Synod. Every thing passed off quietly & peacefully.

June - This has been the hottest summer experienced for many years. Many cases of Croup & scolli. My mother but few showers this month. Abundance of Gooseshops, Celery at Williamsport, & Alexandria. No particular ministerial case except Mrs. Bell of Dr. I was called to visit her on her dying bed. She had no hope of recovery that was based on the SS. She opposed to desist religious conversation. Her family seem to be skeptical. What trying scenes Ministers are called to witness.

- July 3. Dr. Stoye tonight preached for me in E. He is a good preacher. I undoubtedly do good in the church. Good to see him. Subject Faith. Not as clear as I thought he ought to be. Well thought of by the members.

- \* 4 Delivered a fourth of July oration to citizens & Soc. School. Very much lauded. Dr. H. H. H. had me who was pleased. The day passed off finely. Held in smallwood woods near J. H. Stebbins.

- August 13. Commenced a series of discourses on Universalism. Which served a nest of Singly barrels, whom made a great buzzing but did little execution. The first man I met in Worcester at the time was a Universalist. He asked me what he should do to be delivered from the doctrine as he believed the Bible made him a Universalist! My reply was to attend my lectures. He said he would, but left before I announced my text! These sermons I believe did much good. Shortly afterwards Mr. Islanders preached on the subject & the result I have not yet learned.

19. Went to Smithfield & preached for B. Bowers. Communion on Sabbath. I preach 6 sermons, & a temperance discourse on Wednesday night. Dr. Bowers is a young man & will no doubt do good in the church. His not as eloquent as others I know.

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Sept. 9. This is a raw, ugly, rainy day. Summer is over. It has been decidedly the hottest summer ever experienced. The warmest since A.D. 1776 it is said. The latter part of it was seasonable, yet not rain enough to raise the wells. Water was scarce in Potowm & many places. The Cholera visited Williamsport, Emmitsburg, Cumberland, & a few cases in other villages. Cholera & fever prevalent in the Month of August at Hagerstown, Berlin. The health of Jerry was good. This summer I did not do much at study. It is too bad & I must mend my ways in this respect. This winter I must do better. My congregations do not seem to increase as rapidly this summer as they ought. There has not been that addition desired. Why is it Lord? Is it the fault of thy servant? Help me to be faithful. O Lord revive thy work. I may see brighter blessed times this winter - a uprising from the soul. Yet my people have been punctual in the attendance on worship, in general. The Son make us zealous.

Everything seems to rest on the Minister. Not only the temporal affairs of the church, but the spirituality of its members. If a minister appears dull & cold the congregation catch the contagion, if he be earnest, spirited & devoted they also drink in the same spirit. Blessed God. Make me faithful.

O Watchman! placed by God on Zion's wall -  
Strike the Trumpet! Loud sound the trumpet's call;  
Let mortals know the enemy has come,  
The "Devil" is here, to battle urge them on.

Oct 20. This day in company with Mrs. E. & Sister & my Mother I started for Syden which will convene in Baltimore to night. (The few previous weeks we spent riding about. Mrs. E. & myself visited Boonsboro, Hagerstown, & while at H. I attended the trial of Swan for the murder of Sprig. It was proved & he owned he killed him, yet the Jury pronounced him not guilty. A most shameful verdict. The jury were hung in Sprig. I also had a communion season in Shepherdstown. The meeting continued a week.) We arrived in the city safely. Our place of lodgings was Mrs. Sauvain's a very pleasant family. The Synod was full. There was harmony & brotherly love. It would have passed off very finely had not the case of John Winter been brought. Sister Morris' & Lily's churches are far Lily's superior. I preach in Wesley Chapel, a large Methodist church to a large congregation. Visited my uncles & found them well. Visited the Monument, Green Mount Cemetery, cattle show, Mechanics Fair &c. Came home & found all well.

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- May 20. Visited Dr. Langridge at which time he related to me the plan he proposed to perfect & secure a patent of raising water or running machinery. When he requested me to notice which I have accordingly done on my return to my slvry. He intended to produce the power by filling a vessel with water & permitting the water outside the vessel to raise it. I am convinced it is practicable, & if he succeeds may invent a useful power & be profitable to himself.

- I started to visit my friends in Maryland, Beginning in Corall, & soon in Hagerstown all were well except Aunt Lilly & Butley. The one is walking away from eye & the other had a stroke of Paraly. Uncle Joseph had died some months before this.

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May 30

## Diary

Went with Dr. Entwistle to E. & preached for Dr. Wilby Saturday & Sunday morn. Dr. W. is not popular. His sermons weak & I expect his hours are few. He ought to leave & I would were I in his place. Who can preach to please every one? The Catholics have the sway in E. Communion was administered. Large membership.

German Reformed Classes met in Valley town while I was in Md. & I was in attendance. Dr. Steiner made his defense before the Friends. It was long & dry. Myself charged of I understand the case rightly. Cannot a man express his opinion very soon without being arraigned before an ecclesiastical court? I do not think the Classis is an extra body but they are nearly all clerics.

Came home on the 27 & found all well. On our way home we lost at the Eclipse of the Sun, May 26. 1854. Clear day. The Sun about 5 parts eclipsed now.

July 1 Spent the 28th at Rock Spring Mills (Md.) & a pleasant one it was. The weather was warm & dry, during the time I had a funeral at Charlton. I think great improvements could be made on the Reformed which Friends must have else they cannot secure their grace. Suppose I try!

Started for Gettysburg, to preach for St. James' people, having recd an invitation to become their Pastor. Went by own convenience. Stopped at Elizabethtown & found all well. My horse gave out by the time I reached York. Hot & dusty. This summer has been very dry & dusty & warm. Reached C. by dusk, & stayed with Aunt Polly Coppersmith. Found the friend well. No corn will be raised in this section. Every thing seems to be burnt up.

Left C. in stage for Emmitsburg which I reached on due time. Visited St. Mary's & had a glimpse of the College. Catholics seem to prosper here. You must be a large communion of them. Saw some friends in E. Stayed with Wilby, he told me he was about to resign, which I think is the best he could do. Separish on the one hand & Catholics on the other make it unpleasant for a minister to be with them. There is certainly a Roman Catholic tendency in the C.R.C. Ch. May it be overruled to the glory of God. Mrs. W. is a wealthy woman & is not long for this world. She is not the last. Meet a Minister needs. Ends is upon the whole a pleasant little town.

Left C. in a private conveyance (Mr. Gandy) for E. Arrived at Dr. Shroyer's at 4 past 7, took breakfast with him. Preach at 10. & night. Whether acceptably or not I could not tell. Large Congr. At night there was a very large audience. I do not think I will receive a call. I do oppose of the union of the two Ch. in E. with one Pastor. In this case I would not be called. Left for E. that night & arrived there at 12 o'clock.

Came to C. & then to E. from thence to Houslboro where I remaind over night with W. Murph. found his family well & doing well. Murph is ill & bedridden.

Came to Shepherdstown to perform a marriage ceremony, & then ready for Eichholtz's on very way home & remained over night with him.

Came home & found all well, glad to meet my family once more, & sorry that I must leave this day for Harrisonburg on board Sabbath on a common vessel. I wish I could visit now so I can have help or my people do with out assistance & then I could stay at home.

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I have just returned from Harrisonburg Va. The place was not what I thought it was. The Cong. small. Difficulties in it. The Minister weak. I fear it will go down. The Lord bless that People. The very man that appears most interesting has acted badly, & left. I preached & assisted in communion. We had a pleasant time. We kept a very strict class. I became acquainted with the most of them. At one time I received a call to this place, but did not then leave my people. I do not think Ministerial changes are good. Though they may sometimes be for the better. The weather is yet warm & dry. Spring a party. Every thing looks burnt.

Just closed a series of meetings at Rives Hill. had a pleasant time. Very people here seem interested in the Soverain Cause & their salvation, but were added to the church. Our communion on the Sabbath was the largest since here. I held it in the Grove, near by, the house not holding all. These meetings seem to do good but I now leave them for Friends which is evidently to long. Every Cong. ought to support their own pastor. Still warm & dry. No rain! My family has been in the County at Papa's since Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>, owing to the bad water I suspect if same in Harper's Ferry.

This day began a communion season at West Union. had a pleasant time here added to the church. Large audiences. Much good has been done. The Lord keep these people in the true faith. I love that little church. There has been many changes since I first took charge of it. Weather still warm & dry. The oldest inhabitant cannot recollect such dry weather from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the present day, day! with but few showers. That the produce earth scattered & produced but little good. We want rain.

To day Joseph L. Eichholtz introduce another sister into the family. May she prove a blessing. They started for Baltimore. Hope they may enjoy the Honey Moon pleasantly; & now the reality of life is coming.

The brother little does thou know,

The life of joys, distress, & woes; Consequent on marriage life.

Another important occasion. Mr. S. was delivered of another Son to Cleonice in Hagerstown. She had complications early times. How strong! Every soul must come into this world in this way. In what a critical situation a woman is this place. Truly in sorrow thou shall bring forth."

Started to attend Eichholtz. Received a couple in Shepherdstown on the way. Travelled all night in company with the Delegate G. Lichtenauer. It was a very dark night. Got Bally in Hagerstown & arrived at Clearspring at 8<sup>th</sup> o'clock.

Met the Brother & was glad to see them. & at 4 o'clock was sent for to come home to bury my brother, born to me a few days before. It was sick two days. Decreas Mukrow. It was Baptized a few hours before its death by Rev. Warren Butterfield Pres. Min. of Charleston Va. Dr. Mason was called to see it but could not cure. It was named George Friedrich. Believe me die a lament tree near the Mansions house of Martin Eichholtz. Little boy two in Heaven & two on Earth - two with Harriet & two with Anna. Drove all night on my return home. Dark & damp. It was a lonely, serious, solemn time. May the Lord bless it to my good & come! but a little time before.