

April: 1865.

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee,
The fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together,
To beautify the place of my sanctuary;
And I will make the place of my feet glorious.

Isaiah 60—13

The Lord my shepherd is
I shall be well supplied
Since He is mine and I am His,
What can I want beside.

Commences on Saturday

1 A snow storm this morning; stormy through the day; went to meeting in P. M. staid to the evening meeting, had a good meeting.

2 Sunday: went to meeting in morning. Mary went too, also Velera & Emma; had a good meeting, went to Dea. Vose's to supper then to the evening meeting, then walked home, was a hard walk & we all were some tired.

3 Pleasant; was cutting wood at the door.

4 Pleasant; cut wood in the A. M. went to meeting in P. M. Bro. Tracey came home with me we had a fine walk by moonlight.

5 Wednesday: In A. M. Bro. Tracey and I went to Mr. Beans, we had a fine time together, I liked his company much. After dinner he went away, to attend a church meeting at Whites corner. Quite rainy in P. M. I did not go to meeting.

6 Cloudy: went to meeting in P. M. had a good meeting; some rainy towards night.

7 Cloudy with a very hard wind, we sawed wood in A. M. Frank & Levi were here; George went to meeting in P. M. Very rainy at night.

8 Cut wood in A. M. went to Conference in P. M. the meeting was going on nicely when Mr. Penny began to make a great noise and so disturbed the meeting that it was thought best to

close in the middle of the exercises. he seemed to be possessed of a spirit which worked no good to the meeting; the young folks tittered the women run and the men were about to lay hands on him if he had continued to act in such a boisterous manner. Some thought he was partially insane which no doubt was the case. I hope he will not trouble the meetings any more.

9 Sunday: Very pleasant: We went to meeting quite early, had a social meeting then a sermon by Bro. Tracey, he preached a fair sermon, not so good as I have heard in my opinion; the text was Job 22—15. We sung in the gallery, sung pretty well considering all things. Went to Tom E. Polands to dinner then went to evening meeting, sermon by Bro. Ulmer. Text, Behold a sower went forth to sow etc. he spoke well, yet there is a certain lack in his preaching which renders his efforts almost abortive. I was much pleased to see the Brethren & Sisters sleep during the sermon.

10 Cloudy: Lewis & Hannah came over in the A. M. in P.M. we went to meeting, had a very profitable meeting I thought. each one told their personal feelings and it seemed very interesting indeed. a small fall of snow at night. The guns were booming smartly in honor of the good war news. also heard the bell at Liberty village with its pleasant music floating over hill & dale.

11 Cloudy: I am cutting wood smartly today. a warm springlike day I enjoyed it much Spring is a beautiful season of the year with babbling brooks and pleasant dells. 12

Wednesday: A very rainy day. I was at homes doing chores Etc. George went to Alfreds in P.M. Ira came up with him & staid all night. the frogs are croaking smartly.

13 Very windy: Exavier & George were up in A. M. George staid till after dinner. In P. M. I went to meeting had a good meeting. quite a lot went from this way. Ira came up with a letter saying that Isaac's folks were sick & destitute. I went down to Alfreds to consult with him, we agreed to go up in morning to see them at Unity.

14 Pleasant: went to Unity Alfred & I. we found Isaac quite slim; he seems to be very feeble, we consulted together and hit upon a plan of action. Alfred came home at night. I came as far as Eben Thompsons with him & then went back to Isaacs. I passed the night at Mr. Hamlins a neighbor of Isaacs. They were kind hearted people & gave me a good bed to sleep in. they seem to be kind neighbors around there, many of them were in to see Isaac and talked with him very kindly.

15 Saturday: I went to Kendalls mills to get a load of provisions for Isaac; the road is through a newly settled part of the country, some of the way across dense swamps, with a thick growth of cedar, spruce etc. before I reached the place some three or four miles this side of the country seemed to be more cultivated; the road for some distance went by the

side of the Sebasticoke river, on this river there are many fine farms, with beautiful green fields sloping down to the river with white houses and nice barns in the background. I came presently to a bridge crossing the river it is a fine stream rolling on majestically, across a neck of land some two miles or more and then comes Fairfield or Kendalls mills. After descending a steep hill I came to a covered bridge, out of the bridge across a little island through another bridge and then I was at the end of my journey. I heard the solemn sound of bells tolling saw a flag at half mast, and soon learned it was in consequence of the death of President Lincoln. The village is very pretty lying on the side of the hill gently sloping to the waters of the Kennebec; I noticed their waters as they rolled beneath me and thought of the signification of the word Kennebec, and concluded it was rightly called Kennebec the river of dark flowing waters. I found the traders very gentlemanly and obliging. and was much pleased with the place. I was up to see the track of the railroad, and was very sorry that no trains of cars passed while I was there, I wanted to see them much. after concluding my purchases I started for Unity where I arrived safely after a muddy slow ride.

16 Sunday: when I awoke it was raining smartly but I thought I was not so very bad off if it did rain, I received some severe wounds during the night from denizens of the bed. I talked some with Isaac prayed with him and after breakfast started for home, it was very hard travelling and I came but slowly. called to Alfreds & got some dinner and after resting awhile got home. It has been a hard jaunt for me the travelling is so hard.

17 Monday: Very pleasant, Ira was up, Jackson was over in morning. Louisa was over in P. M.

18 A dreadful wind; also cloudy, I went to Belfast with potatoes hauled nearly 14 bushel got 50cts. I had a hard days work; the travelling was hard some very muddy places; I got home abt. 8 ½ tired almost out.

19 Windy as can be; a terrible wind; I am tired enough today; Pres. Lincoln's funeral services take place today; a great and good man has fallen, and the nation weeps as it never wept before; Verily the words of Holy Writ apply to him in a remarkable degree, "He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain." It is a great calamity to the nation, and many mourn today; his acts have been tempered with mercy in a remarkable manner and "A mighty man is fallen in Israel" most truly. May the Lord of Heaven and earth be with us yet and may President Johnson be as they were anciently "Endured with wisdom from on High." God save the Union of our Fathers. Lewis was in a few moments. went to school meeting at 6 o'clock. Chose A.W. Sproul, Moderator. Chose A Howard, Clerk. Chose J. Bean, jr. Agent. Voted to have a summer school if a teacher can be

secured at a reasonable rate. The wood question was discussed with no action taken. only four of the residents were present. not enough to have much of a meeting.

20 Thursday: "And the people believed in God and proclaimed a Fast." This is a day of humiliation and prayer, and well may we pray and humble ourselves as we never did before, for the occasion is one of very momentous importance. Lewis and I went to Aarons in P. M.

I carried 25 doz. eggs, got 20cts. per doz. 5.00 Had quite a pleasant ride, got the papers, the Age is in deep mourning for Pres. Lincoln.

21 A very stormy day; we hauled chips in A. M. the snow fell to the depth of 3 or 4 inches. now P.M. there are indications of a rain storm. the snow makes it look quite wintry I was reading etc in the P. M.

22 Saturday: A very foggy dark day; no storm of any consequence, warm and muggy, some like dog days I thought. George went to Carrs to get his boat fixed, I cut wood at the door. Night closed in, another week closed, one the less to see here below. How sweet to hail the evenings close That ends the weary week.

23 Sunday: went to church, Chester Plummer's funeral services were attended; sermon by Rev. D Waterman of So. Montville; Text, John 11—49-50. an able discourse, I liked it the best of any I ever heard him preach, he is a man of good understanding but his manner of speaking is slow and rather tiresome; had pretty good singing. a large congregation in attendance. The pulpit was hung around with the Stars and Stripes looking really beautiful. came home and rested till nightfall.

24 Very windy, squally and cool; was cutting poles in morning; Mr. Nathan Barlow & his daughter Hannah were here in A. M. she to get a certificate proposing to teach in the Vose dist. I gave her my permission to teach there. In P.M. Miss Alfrada Whitten was here she proposes to teach at Whites corner. I went to Rollins in P.M. got the martin house, it is a pretty house. George has gone fishing this P.M. with Ira.

25 Very pleasant; in P.M. we went to funeral at the Vose school house; Charley Goin deceased, sermon by Eld. Small Text, "Be ye also ready," a good sermon. Charley looked very natural, he was a good boy. We went to Mr. Rollins to see Samuel & Maria who are going away, we had a fine social time, perhaps the last we ever shall have together. we hope not.

26 Pleasant: I went to Liberty, was gone most all day, the travelling was very good.

27 Very warm and pleasant; I went to Belfast to carry down Samuel & Maria who are going to Searsport to work; I regret exceedingly that they must go away, yet perhaps it may be for the best, they are among my dearest friends; I love them dearly and my best wishes my most sincere prayers will ever ascend in their behalf; May the Father of all Mercies go with them as they go forth to fight lifes battle in the cold unfeeling world; May they prosper and seek above all else the Kingdom of Righteousness.

28 Friday: Quite springlike with showers and sunshine, Lewis came over, he & I went to Beans then to Brasiers, then Rollins; Alfred came up about noon; I went over with Lewis & got a load of hay, ½ ton. Stopped to chat with the neighbors and did not get home till almost night. Jackson & Louisa & George were over in evening; Father went down to Bennetts in P.M. to get a wagon.

29 Cloudy; I went to see Oramel about making out the returns to send to Augusta; from there I went to Geo, Nortons and we made out our returns together; called to Uncle Roberts took dinner; I had a pleasant walk tho, pretty long, was some tired at night. Lewis went to Unity in P.M.

30 Sunday: a hard rain all last night and this morning, cleared up abt. 9 in morn. I went to meeting, not many out, sermon by Eld. Small, he spoke tolerable well, not so well as I have heard him; came directly home, and spent the P>M. in reading, singing etc, Jackson was over in evening we had a little sing. So ends another April on these earthly shores. "May we apply our hearts unto wisdom".