

August : 1865.

He spoke of the grass and flowers and trees  
Of the singing birds and the humming bees;  
He talked of the haying and wondered whether  
The cloud in the west would bring foul weather;  
'Mid low of cattle and hum of birds

And health and quiet and loving words. Whittier

1 Tuesday: Warm & pleasant: we hayed smartly a warm day, hay made very fast.

2 Warm and very summer like; Exavier worked here we did a smart days work.

3 Warm & pleasant: we finished in the north field and commenced in the west field, a warm day.

4 An exceeding hot day; 98 degrees in the shade. We sweat and sweat and sweat tremendously, it was terrible warm, in P.M. a shower come up, we mowed after supper a large piece.

5 Cloudy: I dismissed the workmen, Exavier's bill was 4.50 Paid. Clements bill 7.50 Paid. Wm. E. 7.50; 5.00 Paid In P.M. Lewis & I went to Liberty had a good ride.

6 Sunday: Quite pleasant: went to church, Eld. Small stirred the old trouble again, and it made a terrible stench; Wm. Myself and Mr. Bumps were all that sung; Mr. Hall & wife, Mrs. Poland & Mr. Norton ran out of the meeting with much spite; we had a good sabbath school, quite interesting I thought. rainy in P.M. Albert and Elvira & Sidia were here in P.M. also Jackson & Louisa and Mr. Oxton & wife, Albert and Elvira staid all night; Printiss Palmer came at night. he has been out south in the army.

7 A very rainy morning: cleared up abt. Noon; in P.M. I went to cousin Hatties found them well as usual; staid the night, the first night I ever stayed there.

8 A beautiful morning: I carried cousin Hattie into the country apiece to see a friend; then I took the children, Lizzie & Florence aboard with their baggage & came home, where we arrived safely sometime in the P.M.

9 Pleasant: we hayed considerable

10 Pleasant: had a lot of company, the Averell friends, had a fine visit, Sue staid all night, Eva looks natural as ever and as pretty too. Mrs. Mellus is the same as ever also.

11 Friday: Rainy, cleared at noon: visited the school at Ranlets cor. they have had a good school to all appearances, Miss Choate is an excellent teacher I think. She has done well. Sung with the children at 5 o'clock, had a very good sing, some misty coming home. I visited the Vose school yesterday, a good school there too they have had, Miss Barlow is a faithful teacher. Sue & Mary went over the road today visiting; we had rather a disturbed night on many accounts.

12 Cool & cloudy; I went to conference in P.M. had a good one, no trouble of any account. Sue went home at night. a cool night.

13 Sunday: a fine day; went to church, had a very good meeting and also a good Sunday school. came home got in load hay, then Mary & I went to Searsmont, found them all well.

14 Warm & pleasant; came home in morning, got home abt. Noon, mowed oats in P.M. they are quite good, a fine sunset. how peaceful.

15 Very pleasant; we got in the oats, three loads;

16 Cloudy, somewhat, got in a little jag of hay in P.M. mowed some after supper. Alden Gilcrest was along. Father went to Belfast. got a government bond of \$100.

17 Thursday: went to So. Montville to a session of the yearly meeting; stopped to Uncle Carters, a good preaching and a good meeting I was well pleased got home before night; It was a pretty sunset.

18 Very warm; I am mowing today; Uncle Murray came at noon almost beat out. went to the meetinghouse to a sing at 5 O'clock; a good one. Winfield Sawyer died this morning; poor boy he is out of his suffering now, he has been wasting away for a long time with consumption

19 A warm day: hayed smartly and made out to finish; W. E. Poland took away his steers; there is quite a satisfaction in getting through haying.

20 Sunday: went to Winfields funeral; Sermon by Bro. Small; had good singing; had singing and prayer at the grave; we took dinner with Bro. Small and stopped to the Sabbath school; Winfield looked very natural much as when he was alive; he has entered his rest why should any mourn.

21 Cloudy, looks like a storm. haying is now over and business is not quite so driving; in P.M. got the colt shod, looked like rain at night

22 Tuesday: Quite a rain in morning, Mother & I went to Aarons in A.M. to get her a dress; mowed some in P.M. a little rough in the swale in the pasture; cloudy and cool.

23 Cloudy: a fine cool day; Lewis was here in A.M. in P.M. we got in a load of fodder, had a real nice time loading it; George pitched on and the girls & I made the load, we mowed some after supper; A Tinker dentist staid here overnight he said his name was Morse from Union. quite a good looking young man, said he was travelling for his health. (likely story.)

24 Very cloudy; Geo. has gone with Lweis to get a load of boards; I have been and mowed some weeds this forenoon, now it is dinner time. It begins to look like Autumn already. Soon the bleak winds will shake the brown leaves from the trees and fall will be here surely. In P.M. Father & I went in the woods to see the timber etc. We concluded to let Dickey take the lumber as the trade was made.

25 Pleasant: I went to Freedom in morning; Visited Martha Carter's school in A.M. was well pleased; got a load weeds in P.M. Jackson & Louise were here. I sent Dickey a letter.

26 Saturday: Very warm; I am not feeling very well today, my head aches some and I feel somewhat oppressed by the heat; Charley is over here today and the children are having a good time.

“How beautiful is childhood,

How trustful, how content,

Its memory hath no blotted page

No follies to lament.”

It is now 3 o'clock P.M. I have done nothing today and shall continue to do so all day if I don't stir soon. “Work while the day lasts”. I think nowadays that if I have a day to spend in leisure, it suits me better to stay at home, than to go abroad, for I bury myself with books and periodicals making it very interesting to me. And this is what makes home pleasant & beautiful, to surround ourselves with all those things which go to advance our love for home; this truly is elevating and the right way to proceed in life. Let others say what they may, my mind is more and more led to solemn conclusion that we as accountable beings before God ought to pay more attention to the Spiritual in our natures; we ought to cultivate the mind more than we do. Truth.

27 Sunday: Pleasant: had a sing in morning; Bro. Coullard preached to us today; he spoke very well we thought; had a very good Sabbath school. came home and took a trip to Amos's rock ledge had a good time. witnessed a beautiful sunset such only as those witness who have a high breezy mountain home; And so another Sabbath passed, so, softly fell the shades of night.

28 Somewhat cloudy, yet a pleasant day; we have been fencing today; campmeeting begins today, I wish I could go, but my duty seems to say "Home! home! stay at home! so in obedience to the command I intend to devote the week to earnest labor, In fact there is nothing like labor to sweeten up the din of life, we must be active beings for God has made us so:

" Rouse to some work of high and holy love

And thou an angels happiness shalt know".

It is evening once more; Fontie had the bad luck to cut herself today and she felt very bad about it; Lizzie has not been very well today; Mary is ironing, Father has retired; Mother & Geo. are reading; I hear the hum of Mary & Lizzie as they talk in the kitchen. Now it is time to retire; "May angels guard us while we sleep."

29 Tuesday: a fine morning; while I was getting the cucumbers Lewis came down in the field. He wanted me to help him, so after breakfast I went over, we were engaged in building a wharfing to the barn; It was a fine evening.

30 Very pleasant: I worked for Lewis; we finished the job at night; I was very glad too; in evening we went to a lecture at Whites cor. the lecture was on disease by a Dan'l Dyer, quite good; I came home, got home a little after nine. Mr. Dyer gave some account of dyspepsia also diphtheria its treatment etc. he seems to understand it very well.

31 Thursday: looks a little cloudy this morning; Mother is spinning this morning, the music of the spinning wheel is sweet music I think. we hauled fencing; Miss Aususta Vose was over on a visit, In P.M. we went on the mountain had a pleasant excursion. The children seemed to enjoy the day much; it is well to let them have a day so once in a while; So ends August which has been for the most part a warm month, and so the months go by in their accustomed course. One follows another in rapid succession.