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So prayed we when our feet draw near

The river, dark with mortal fear,

And the night cometh chill with dew

O Father! let thy light break through;

So let the hills of doubt divide,

So bridge with faith the sunless tide!

So let the eyes that fail on earth

On thy eternal hills look forth!

And in thy beckoning angels know

The dear ones whom we loved below. Whittier

1 Saturday: Cloudy with frequent drops of rain but none to do any hurt; we were hoeing, Sam'l & Charley Curtis helped us with the horse hoe; I paid them \$3.00 for their days work, which was enough I guess. we done most all the hoeing tho, and I was pleased.

2 Sunday: Avery rainy day; some very smart showers; I was at home all day, am not very well, have a bad cold, and am all broke out with the rash or something else; D. Hollis came in P.M. he has been to Whites cor. to meeting. It is night now and raining smartly too. Sabbath is done.

3 Monday: hoed some; I was not very well; Samuel and Maria were here in P.M. took tea here. Mother got home, she has been to Orleys since friday keeping house for Anah, while she went to Union.

4 The glorious fourth: was at home all day hoeing potatoes, got them all hoed; a smart shower came up at noon followed by a hard wind. A small party went on the mountain, Exavier & Alfreda George & Emma, that was all the demonstration I saw; felt just as well probably at night as many who had spent a great deal of money in sin.

5 Pleasant: Lewis & I went to a Mr. Churchills to buy a heifer, he was to Lennans so we went there to see him; bot. the heifer paid \$20. A round sum to pay for a small animal. had a fine ride, got home to supper.

6 Finished hoeing and mowed a little towards night, I felt very peaceful indeed, it seemed that I was wandering in green pastures and beside still waters, calm and peaceful.

7 A rainy day: were at work about the premises. George went to school. C. Bean was up; he went too.

8 Very pleasant; were hauling fence in A.M. went to conference in P. M. but a very few out, very dull meeting.

9 Sunday: Very pleasant; went to sing in morn. We sung well, spent the day very agreeably, had a pretty good sermon and a good Sabbath school; I missed some of the good brethren who do not come now. I cannot blame them very much, and yet it is better to stand. Up for the truth in church than out I think. Albert Choate & Elvira Young went by towards night, they are affianced I suppose, they look well. and now another sabbath is ended. A Sabbath well spent, brings a week of content.

10 Pleasant: we commenced haying in earnest, mowing some considerably.

11 Quite pleasant: the events not well remembered.

12 Pleasant, Louisa was over in P.M. two years ago today Eva died, I remember my child yet, O yes and my hope of seeing her again is bright today; we shall meet again

Where that meeting, when that meeting,

How, I cannot say,

But I'm sure of such a meeting

At no distant day.

Yes within some cozy corner

Of the earth or sky

We shall have a blessed meeting, Only she and I.

13 Thursday: Visited our school in A.M. Miss Ida Barker Teacher. I like her appearance very much. in P.M. read little & worked considerable.

14 Pleasant: mowed most all day; went to sing at 5 o'clock, had a very good time; many of the children were out; ten went in my team.

15 Pleasant: we done a "heap" of work haying. I can rake smartly with the horse rake. was some tired at night.

16 Sunday: had very good meeting, went to funeral at Freedom, Mrs. Shepard, deceased. got home at night, almost half dead.

17 Monday: rainy in A.M. cleared off in P.M. hauled some manure; mowed after supper. a beautiful sunset, so lovely.

18 Pleasant; commenced mowing the clover piece under the woods, it was stout and hard work to mow it. lodged considerably.

19 Warm and pleasant: sold the wool to Mr. Webb of Knox for 57 cts per lb. looked like rain at night. got in one load at night.

20 A heavy rain last night & this morning Sam'l Curtis was here to dinner, Father went to Freedom; a cool afternoon to mow.

21 Friday: Cloudy: not a good day for hay—making, got in one load at night. the weather looked beautiful at sunset.

22 A beautiful day for hay-making. we got in 5 loads; worked smartly.

23 Sunday: went to church, had a good meeting a very good sermon, I was pleased with the sermon. a good Sabbath school, the interest is excellent. raked hay after meeting, a good day.

24 Warm, a fine hay day, finished in the lower field, Charley Bean was up at night.

25 Very warm, mowed behind the house; Father went to Freedom, a warm day.

26 Rainy and dull; we killed our beef, a heifer bought of Churchill for 20 dolls. She weighed about 300 lbs. did not do much haying, as there was a powerful shower last night, washed the roads badly.

27 Pleasant: N.P. Bennett staid here last night. Charley Bean came to work, we mowed in the run behind the house, went up into the shop field in P.M.

28 Very hot, enough to swelter any one, Charley was very exhausted in P.M. on account of the heat we got in three loads at night.

29 Saturday: Looked very rainy in morning, so we sprung to work and got in 4 loads before dinner; Charley was not able to work, as he was pretty well used up; Mary had to go

and help us rake, Exavier came over and raked some for us. I was greatly obliged to him for so doing. In P.M. Mary & I went to Aarons, we had a fine ride; -- It seems to me I never realized such calm happy days as I am seeing now, It seems as to, I was beneath the sheltering arms of my heavenly Father all the time.

Amen! Praise God!

30 Mary, Mother and George have gone to meeting today I chose to stay at home as I do not feel very well it is a beautiful day, a calm quiet serene Sabbath such days as come to us sometimes even in this world. In P.M. I went around the fields to see the growing crops, they look nicely, we should feel thankful for the present prospect of abundance which now greets the eye.

31 Monday: a crew came to work today; Alfred Clements, Wm. E. Poland, Charley Bean; Jackson mowed with the mowing machine. So ends July, which has been a peaceful month.