

September: 1865

O season of angelic birth!

Spread, softly spread your lustrous wings

Like benedictions o'er the earth!

And we, the heirs of storm and wo,

O time of wild magnificence!

Will in your large, delicious glow

Divine a prophecy that yet

All men, in brother-counsels met,

Shall light no war-torch on the sod,

But walk alone beneath the mellow lamps of God.

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1 Friday: very pleasant, quite smoky. mowed barley, it is quite good. We fenced some, building board fence; Mary and the girls went to Alfreds to make a visit, I went down to tea; we had a very good time, I went out with Alfred and we had a real social time.

2 Smoky & warm; yet quite windy; fenced in A.M. George went to get the colt shod in A.M. we got in barley after which we went to Aarons on a shopping excursion, went to Liberty got Fontie a pair of shoes. had a good ride, got home after dark.

3 Sunday: warm & smoky; went to church, had a very good day, enjoyed myself much. When I got home we had a lot of company; Isaac & Susan were here, they staid to Lewis's last night. Jackson and Louisa, Lewis & Hannah, Albert & Vira, besides some of the little ones. We had a fine social time and enjoyed the afternoon very much. Now is come again, tomorrow the active duties of life commence again, O for strength to sustain the coming week, O for patience to control all passions; Lord help, for without thee we are nothing.

And when our days are past

And we from time remove

O may we in thy bosom rest

The bosom of thy love." So may it be.

4 Pleasant: was mowing wheat, it is very good; Albert C. had the colt to go to the Kingdom; Ralph Wiggin Esq. of Knox was along, also a man selling books. the children had a time playing in eve. quaker and blind-man's buff. It was quite sportive.

5 The fog flies over some this morning; I must go and see to the wheat. Mowed the remainder of the wheat in A.M. as the sun came out; got in four loads in P.M. then it came on to rain, so we were obliged to give it up. had a game in eve of buff.

6 Wednesday: Cloudy& rainy; a slow rain none of any importance; cleared up in P.M. and nature gave us a sweet days close. We hauled the rack to the old barn and got ready to haul manure.

7 Very windy: we had company today; Mrs. Barteau, Eva Averell Mr. Newell & Geo. Sprowl. Mr. A.D. Bean of Belfast came to see the girls, took dinner; After dinner we sung chatted etc. till abt. 8 when our company went away, we had a splendid time. I enjoyed their visit very much indeed. Such times are very interesting and long to be remembered; when old friends call to spend a day with us and interchange friendship, renewing those ties which began in childhood.

8 Pleasant: finished getting the wheat; we have 7 loads on the piece; In P.M. I went to the meetinghouse to sing with the children and make arrangements for the sabbath. got home after dark.

9 Pleasant: went to Aarons in A.M. in P.M. went to conference; it was rather cold. carried 2 letters, one to Su, and one to Mrs. Warren We staid to the meetinghouse and trimmed it some. I got home abt. dark. a cloudy eve.

10 Sunday: Cloudy; I went to the meetinghouse early; we arranged the bouquets and gave the finishing touches to the fixings; We sung some with the children; after a short recess, we commenced with prayer by Bro. Small, then, sung. some verses were recited by the little ones; one young lady Miss Sarah Foster spoke a piece, also sung a piece; I thought it was very pretty indeed. next piece was spoken by five young persons; Geo. Stevenson, Granville Small, Caro Stevenson Martha Vose and myself were the speakers; we did nicely, the piece was well spoken and passed off nicely; after this in behalf of the school I presented Bro. Small with a splendid collection of flowers arranged by Sister Sarah Clough; it was in the shape of a monument and the prettiest bouquet I ever saw; I made a short speech, he also said a few words in reply, it was well done I thought. after this we sung again; then Bro. Small spoke to the children, Text, Proverbs 8-17; "Ilove them that love me and they that seek me early shall find me". an excellent sermon; he spoke eloquently & earnestly. after sermon, we sang again, and a prayer & benediction closed our festival. It was a good time so we all thought, was around home all the P.M. Sidia Young called; Ira was up. So ended a day which I shall long remember.

11 Monday: Pleasant: hauled manure in A.M. in P.M. went to town meeting, it was a very pleasant meeting no quarrels at all as I heard. I paid \$20 tax; it is \$54. pretty high I think.

Lewis & Charley called to supper as they went home. I voted the Union ticket of course as usual.

12 There was a little rain last night, but today it is warm and dry again; hauled manure in A.M. pulled peas in P.M. warm & dry.

13 Warm & dry yet: pulled peas all day; Lewis had the horse to Liberty, the oxen went to a hauling down to Gregorys; Levi had care of them. Ira was up at night staid all night, we had some games in evening, a good time.

14 Warm as ever; smoky too; the Beals were along in morning, G. Lewis was over also Charley. Now I must go to work again, in the heat. Got in fodder beans peas etc. in P.M. and squared up the work ready to start for meeting in morn.

15 Friday: went to Searsmont in A.M. then as Mary did not wish to go to meeting George & I went. We went by way of So. Hope, Ingrahams corner, thence on to Rockville where the session of the quarterly meeting is held, we arrived there abt. 4 o'clock; Bro. Ross invited us to a home at his house, we went a distance of a mile or more where we found enough of everything to make one comfortable; walked down to evening meeting; sermon by Rev. Mr. Purinton of the Edgecomb quarterly meeting; Text; Psalms 118—25; "O Lord I beseech thee, send now prosperity." he is a very entertaining speaker, his sermon abounded with many fine passages also much practical instruction; I liked it much. After the services, a homely lady of 40 or thereabouts inquired if I had a home saying she wanted someone to go with her; I afterwards learned that she was partially deranged her name was Patience Hewitt. We had a fine walk to our home, where after prayer we retired to rest. We were somewhat interrupted by a brother who occupied the same room with us who was suffering with the phthisic.

16 Saturday: A fine day; fires were raging fearfully in many parts of the country; we had a very interesting season of prayer at 9 o'clock; then the Sabbath school gathered in and were addressed by Revs. Waterman, Littlefield Mariner Purinton; the school sung, very well too. In P.M. a sermon by Bro. Littlefield, Text; Solomon song 4-16; Awake O north wind; and come thou south, blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Saturday evening, the sermon was by Rev. Aaron Clark Text; "behold the man," after the sermon we had a very interesting communion season; administered by Revs. Mariner & Littlefield and we sung a hymn and went out; My mind was carried back to the time when the Good Master held the last supper in that "upper chamber" so many years ago. On our way home we saw distinctly the fires burning up far into the sky; after a very interesting season of prayer we retired to rest for the night.

17 Sunday: a heavy wind was blowing in morning; after breakfast we saw a gunboat moving along the bay; While to Bro. Ross' I made acquaintance of Bro. Bowler & wife of Palermo, also Sister Stubbs of Appleton, was much pleased to meet with Sister S. she is a most agreeable woman I think. We took our leave of Bro. Ross and went to a Mr. Barrows and put up our team, near the meetinghouse; had a very good prayer meeting in morning; Sermon in A.M. by Mariner Text: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk

in truth;" he got off some of heavy jags which made the people laugh, quite an interesting discourse. we took dinner to Mr. Barrows, the little girls played on the melodeon and sung very prettily. IN P.M> the sermon was by Bro. Purinton, a good discourse; the services were not very lengthy, we had a very hard time to sing, no books of any account and the singers were not of "much account," the gallery was away up in the roof and a terrible dreary place to be in; we went to our place, took tea; we harnessed up our team and started twice to leave but it came on to rain so we tarried for the night. Went to evening meeting, sermon by Coullard, a fair meeting; Jas. Twitchell was there he spoke well; we spatted through through the mud to our place where we slept soundly.

Monday : 18 Cloudy & cold, we started early and came as far as Searsmont in A.M. Bro. Small & Stevenson came there also, we all staid to dinner, had a good time; About 4 we started for home and rode all the way through a slow rain, did not get much wet. We found all well and smart as usual. It has been a very good season to me and one which I shall long remember, the meetings were spiritual and many souls refreshed. Rockville is quite a little village, with ponds and mountains in many varieties of forms. Camden is a town of much natural beauty I was pleased to behold such fine scenery.

19 Tuesday: Warm & pleasant; threshed peas in A.M. a Mr. Waterman was here to dinner. Geo. & Lizzie went to Aarons; I commenced to cut corn.

20 Pleasant: cut and shooked corn; got in two loads. A warm dry day, I could wish for a good rain storm.

21 Pleasant, somewhat hazy in P.M. two men were along in P.M. to see Beals colt. we finished cutting corn and shaking. Ma & Lizzie went to Carrs. there is a husking tonight at Mr. Youngs; C. Bean has come to go, I hate to go but suppose I must. went to husking, had a merry time; had beans for supper and they made us have a colic.

22 Pleasant; got in corn; in P.M. went in the woods to get some timber for a drag. In evening Ira & Lewis, George were here, we husked a little and played a god deal; Ira & Geo. staid all night, played blind mans buff etc. etc.

23 Pleasant: went to Belfast carried Lizzie down left her at Mrs. Towns; we went around the city some, I traded some and then I came home; where I arrived safely; I gave a man a ride coming home, and he asked me to take a drink with him, I was pleased to say, No; and I am a temperance man.

24 Sunday: Cloudy & some misty: went to meeting, no preacher present, we had a very good social meeting. came directly home; In P.M. Lewis & Hannah' Jackson & Louisa were here; got a lot of papers from Cousin Harriet Warren. I had a feast reading them in evening.

25 Rainy, and I am glad to see some rain at last. cleared up before noon, husked corn in A.M. In P.M. went to funeral at Wm. Alexander's, Hollis Alexander deceased; services at the house; sermon by Eld. Hamilton, Text, Jeremiah 22-10; "Weep ye not for the dead." went to the grave and sung; a choir from No. Searsmont were in attendance. the mourners seemed to feel very bad indeed. come up cold and windy at night.

26 Pleasant: got the sheep in morning, they had strayed to Amo's; Eld. Small took dinner with us; got in pumpkins in P.M. had about 700. husked in evening, had a fine time.

27 Pleasant: we dug potatoes, 20 bushels. we went to school meeting in evening; chose H. M. Howard Moderator, Voted to have H. M. Howard keep the school to commence- as soon as the middle of Dec. if possible; Voted to get the wood around, Alfred puts in glass (?) for 2.50 Voted to adjourn; a pleasant evening.

28 Thursday, a fine September day. Eld. Small was over in A.M. he got some milk & butter; 4 lbs. We dug 30 bu. potatoes; Mary & Fontie went to Carrs; the women are getting up a quilt for Susan Howard; we husked in evening; a splendid night.

29 Warm and smoky: Father went to Aarons. Little Eva would have been three years old today.

“She is not dead –the child of our affection
But gone unto that school,
Where she no longer needs our protection,
And Christ himself doth rule.”

(A line of decorative doodads)

How thankful ought we to be that we have a hope of reunion on the other shore, to meet and part no more; where sorrow and sighing never comes; How full of life is the thought, that

“There is a region lovelier far
Than sages tell as poets sing.”

And we have the blessed hope of meeting in a home where “There are known no evening hours”. Where, “ No cloud obscures the radiant scene There not a tear of sorrow flows.”

Thank God, there is one who has broken the bars of the tomb, and reigns a conqueror over Death.

30 Saturday: A pleasant day; warm & smoky; we got in the residue of the corn etc. Father & Mother went on their long contemplated visit to Liberty, are going to Aunt Berry's and to Aunt Edwards, they think they will not be home before tuesday; It is now evening, the last evening in the month; tomorrow will be another month, the tenth in the year. In consequence of the drouth, the leaves are falling rapidly, and the forest will lose half its beauty; For me, this is the grandest season of the year; when all nature seems to have finished its labors, and is sinking to repose; when the grand old woods is putting on its many colored robe, covering itself with glory. Glorious Autumn! Resplendent with many beauties, how soon 't will pass; soon stern winter will be here and assert his sullen sway;

robing earth in snow & ice. How necessary that we apply our hearts unto wisdom, thus enabling us to “Grow wiser and better as life wears away.”

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“Hark! The voice of nature sings

Praises to the King of Kings,

Let us join the choral song

And the grateful notes prolong.”