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The simple faith remains, that He

Will do, whatever may be

The best alike for man and tree. --Whittier.

1 Tuesday: Rainy in A.M. I went to Lewis's got his oxen and we attempted to haul up a rock, with ill success; Charles Whitten was here to dinner. in P.M. I went with Lewis down to the saw-mill to get a load plank; got home abt. dark. a strong wind blowing.

2 Pleasant: hauled rocks, killed a sheep in A.M. went to meeting house in P.M. to prepare for exercise on the Sabbath; had a very good time.

3 A fine pleasant, september day, with crickets singing in the grass; hauled rocks today; got in 2 loads grain. Samuel & Maria went to campmeeting today.

4 Rainy this morning; Geo. Lewis got the horse and wagon for their folks to go to So. Montville. a rainy day, Mr. Wright was in at noon; Jackson worked in A.M. then went home in P.M. as it rained hard.

5 Rainy in morning; I went to Carrs got the horse & wagon. then went to Thompsons mill to buy fine boards of Charles Whitten bought enough to come to 37\$. come home and went to the meetinghouse & had a rehearsal with the sunday school.

6 Sunday: went to the meetinghouse to the festival; the exercises passed off very pleasantly as well as I ever witnessed; when the concert was over and the time for the address come, the congregation paid their respects to Bro. Small by leaving the house. And to coax or persuade them back I could not, one said, "you cannot keep us in unless you lock the doors" more said, "if you will address the school we will go in" I answered, no. perhaps 40 persons listened to what Bro. Small said, scarcely any children remained; I felt remarkably tried, yet I felt that it would be so and tried to persuade him to get some one else to speak in his place. I think it is a very strong hint, how much the people want to hear him. Why will he not resign before he gets down flat. Animary, Ralph & I went to Alfreds in P.M., had a good ride, and a nice visit. got home at sunset.

7 A very rainy day; rain fell in showers, & steadily all day, we hauled one rock in morning, then it come on to rain and we hauled manure in A.M.; did not do much in P.M. as it rained steadily all the time.

8 Cleared off last night. a cool fall-like morning. a very fair day, we hauled rocks; they come up harder since the rain the ground being soft.

9 Rainy in P.M.; Father went to Bachelders, we hauled rocks. Mother went to Carrs in P.M.; a dark night.

10 Thursday: hauled rocks in A.M., went to the Republican caucus in P.M. Organized by choosing Hon. E. Knowlton, moderator, O. Murray Secy. Proceeded to ballot for a candidate to go Legislature Whole number of votes 97 necessary to a choice 49 J.W. Barker had 77 H.M. Howard had 20. And Mr. Barker was declared nominated; on motion of H.M. Howard the nomination was declared unanimous. a very smooth meeting no jay any way. came home it being somewhat rainy. dark dismal weather.

11 Very rainy in A.M.; I went over to Carrs, Lewis was there and I went down with him and took dinner. then Lewis come home with me & got his oxen; I went to Aarons getting home abt. dark.

12 Quite pleasant; I went to Carrs in morning; Arriston Sisvester is buried today, Lewis & Hannah went to funeral. I went to conference in P.M., a full attendance a good meeting; the church chose me collector so I shall have to bear another burden. Got home about dusk, Mother went to Carrs; Ralph & carried her over and went and got her at night.

13 Sunday: Rainy in morning, foggy all day. I did not go to meeting for the first time in a good many months, was reading etc. all day. a day well & agreeably spent.

14 Monday: Very pleasant; state election in Maine. hauled manure in A.M. went to the polls in P.M.; a great assembly were out; deposited my ballot, as usual, Geo. W. Norton & I went to Thompsons mill to get stuff for doors etc. the vote in this town stood, Republican 260. Democrat 101. Jackson & I come home together.

15 Very pleasant: we cut barley in A.M., I went over the road; in P.M. Marcena helped Jackson, I went to Thompsons mill got a load boards; a very fine day, as pleasant as one could wish.

16 Some Rainy; We hauled rocks, had Sams oxen Jackson & S. Rollins went on a trafficking excursion in P.M. S. Curtis jr. was up, we had a smart hurl at politics. a dark night, come up colder at sunset.

17 Pleasant: We hauled rocks in A.M. the boys raked barley in P.M. I went to Thompsons mill got a load boards; Wm. Poland was here at night.

18 Very pleasant: a very heavy frost last night, the fields in the lowlands were much frosted this morn. hauled rocks in A.M. got in barley & dug potatoes in P.M. the quarterly meeting commences today at Washington a large delegation from our church as usual. I thought to go to Belfast tomorrow, but have given it up as I cannot get anyone to work for me.

19 Saturday: a fine autumnal day; we hauled rocks; there was considerable business going on today; Alfred went by in morning to bring the wagon body home; Moody Norton come along told of the death of Mrs. Tuttle, (Wm. Stevensons wife's mother.) Mr. Carr & Mrs. Rollins went riding by in a gay manner. Mr. Foye and J. L. Twitchell were here to buy lambs; I sold them 3 lambs & 4 sheep, getting \$15 for the lot. We got in a load barley after-noon; Marcena went home at night, and so ended the week, which with me has been one of much peace and enjoyment.

20 Sunday: cloudy and very rainy in P.M. went to sunday school, then the funeral services of Mrs. Tuttle were attended, sermon by Eld. Clemens, Text, -"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his the corpse was one of the most pleasant I ever saw; the quarterly meeting folks come home to the funeral; come home in the rain, Louisa come over in P.M. I went to Sams with her, Mr. Bumps come down tonight. I drove Sams oxen home sent our cattle along come home, milked and it was night. A dark rainy night making one feel thankful for a home to shelter us in this war of the elements.

21 Monday: a cool day, very windy. We commenced building cellar wall, Jackson worked all day. and Amos in P.M.; we built quite a lot of wall. Printiss Palmer come towards night, he looks very natural all but a set of whiskers, which makes him look odd; Alfred was up in evening.

22 Pleasant: I went to Belfast carried down a few bu. potatoes 8 2/4 got 55 cts. pr. Bu. paid 1.45 for corn and 11.50 for flour called to see Mrs. Bean, they are all well; got home about 10 o'clock in eve.

23 Rainy; Jackson & Amos come to work but it rained so they went home again; Isaac is down today. We hauled rocks towards night; Lewis was here. a rainy, dark, dismal day.

24 Cool, we built wall today; Isaac went home this morning; Eben Thompson was here to dinner; I went to Hiram Ellis's got his scraper, got some powder at Mr. Terrys; a fine afternoon. Mrs. Barteaux was here in P.M.

25 A very rainy day; Mrs. Rollins, Mr. Morse & family start for California this morning. they went by with the rain pouring in torrents; am sorry to have them go, hope they may prosper; Samuel Rollins had the horse to Belfast. father is sick abed today.

26 Saturday: cleared off in morning; Jackson blasted rock in A.M. they spoke as loud as cannons. Lewis helped me haul rocks; we got up some large ones. A book agent was along in P.M. a Mr. Dame he told me to go to Washburns at Belfast and get a fifth reader and more of the series if I wished for them. Marcena & Charley went home at night, and so the week ended, a beautiful saturday night, and when I undressed my little Ralph and went to bed with him, as we lay chatting away, how thankful I felt that I had a home and so many blessings. Ralph is a darling boy, how I love him, yet he is "Our Fathers", may God bless him.

27 Sunday: a rainy lowery day; did not go to meeting in consequence of the rain; was at home reading etc. till three P.M. when I went over the road to Lewis's & Jacksons, got home time enough to do chores; Frances Silvester is to Lewis's; Ariston is dead, the boy is to Mr. Silvesters and she is there, the family broken up; May God bless them and all who are in affliction is my prayer. a dark rainy night, raining some.

28 Pleasant; I hunted up the cattle which had strayed in morn. Jackson & Amos worked; we built a lot of wall.

29 Pleasant, some showery in P.M. Jackson & Amos & Lewis worked had Alfreds oxen.

30 Cloudy in P.M. Jackson & Amos & G. Lewis worked; had Alfreds & Lewis's oxen. a man was along to sell a history of the Bible, I did not buy. so ends September.

