

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Friday January 1

Working in shop and took roughbox to Green Hill Cemetery, a.m. In shop working at casket and went down to Amos McAllister's and bought a Simplex incubator and brooder combined of Henry Martin for \$8.00 and 1 setting of Brahma eggs, and brought it along home, p.m. In shop in eve. Mrs. McLaughlin sent shroud up this eve. Cold, damp, air. Cloudy, ther. 30.

Saturday January 2

Attending funeral of Daniel S. Henry, son of Jacob B. Henry, aged 16 + 4+ 10. Rev. Sam'l Kauffman preached text, Matt 6:33. Bearers: Jacob W. Witmer, Isaiah M. Witmer, Benj. H. Shank, Abrm. H. Shank (schoolmates). 24 carriages. Everything passed off nicely. Very large funeral (At Green Hill, River Corner) Grant Gardiner drove for me. At IORM in eve. H.A. Eberley here, brought 20 bush. of oats up for me. Like spring, snow partly all gone, roads nice. P. clear.

Sunday January 3

At Sunday school and missionary society. The following officers were elected: Pres. Chas. M. Smith, Vice Pres. A.J. Zercher, Sec'y Beckie Carrigan, Asst. Sec'y Dora M. Smith, Treas. J.R. Yentzer, Solicitors Mrs. A.J. Zercher, Mrs. W.C. Smith, and Blanche B. Zercher. Mrs. P.M. Bruner, Jr. Guy, Sam'l, and May took dinner with us and Mr. Bruner (Sr.). At home, p.m. and eve. Rather damp, not cold. P. cloudy.

Monday January 4

At Lancaster, brought things out for family and house. Great many folks went to Harrisburg to the convening of the legislature

and U.S. Senator. I think Boies Penrose will win. Very pleasant all day—like spring.

Tuesday January 5

Lined out-kitchen with tan paper to make it warmer. Will use it for incubator. Started it with 50 eggs this p.m. Got them out of store and set one hen with 11 L.B. eggs. Martin Eckman was buried at M.E. Church this p.m. from Lancaster, he having moved there a short time ago. My ferret got out today, and I have not seen him since. Spring weather, p. cloudy.

Wednesday January 6

Brushed hams and shoulders with salt smoke and hung them up, etc., a.m. Working in shop, etc., p.m. The papers tonight have it that Penmore won for U.S. Senator. Great change in weather; much colder. P. Cloudy. Ther. 22.

Thursday January 7

Working in shop all day. Finished sign (drug store) for Dr. Witmer and put it up and repairing and repainting balance of day. P. clear. Rather cold all day.

Friday January 8

Went down to Harry Eberley's and from there to Quarryville to see Fred F. Groff and I.H. Dickenson with regard to going into business there but rec'd nothing definite. I am certainly pleased with my trip. Mr. Dickenson has certainly got a great store. Never saw one like it. I was very favorably impressed with my first meeting, having stopped at Mother's on my way home. John Brenneman (Dunkard minister) died yesterday. Cold all day. Clear.

Saturday January 9

Working in shop, a.m. and part of p.m. Cleaned poultry house, etc. Paid A.H. Miller \$1.25 for wood for W.G. Henry. At IORM in eve. Pleasant day, moderating. Clear.

Sunday January 10

At Sunday school, made a short address, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Matt 8: 18-20. Wife at home all day with a severe cold, and I have a very bad cold. We had 16 callers today, 14 this eve. Pleasant day. Clear.

Monday January 11

Rec'd word early this morning of the death of William Caldwell's son Irvin. He died rather unexpected of catarrh of the stomach and pneumonia. Funeral on Wednesday p.m. Went out and took charge of body. Working in shop at casket, etc. Mrs. Barbara Good is making shroud. Wife out all day. P. clear. Colder, raw wind partly all day.

Tuesday January 12

Working in shop and took stools out to Caldwell's for funeral. Made casket myself. Took roughbox to Reformed Cemetery at noon. Working at casket, p.m. and eve. Cold and stormy.

Wednesday January 13

Attending funeral of Wm. Irvin Caldwell, son of Wm. R. and Rebecca Caldwell. Aged 3-4-26. Rev. D.W. Gerhard preached from Matt. 7 and 11. Pall bearers: Peter M. and Owen F. Bruner, Jacob F. and Edward M. Caldwell. 13 carriages. Large funeral. Grant Gardner drove hearse, used the white curtains the first time today. I furnished a very nice white casket and shroud and handles and plate. Very cold all day. Few flakes of snow. P. cloudy. Ther. 10.

Thursday January 14

Brought stools from Wm. Caldwell's, etc., a.m. In shop p.m. Cold and snowing p.m. P. cloudy. Ther. 10.

Friday January 15

Working in shop all day. Cloudy. Cold and snowing part of a.m.

Saturday January 16

Working in shop a.m. In shop and cleaning poultry house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Cold all day.

Sunday January 17

At Sunday school and prayer meeting, a.m. Went over to see grandmother and Millers and took supper there, p.m. At home in eve. J.R. Yentzer here to spend the eve. Damp all day, rain and snow. Cloudy.

Monday January 18

Working in shop partly all day. Helped F.H.F. to make out militia roll in eve. M.H. Kendig, M.D. brought word of the death of one of Henry B. Stauffer's children at Safe Harbor, 9:30 p.m. Died this morning. Will go down tomorrow morning. Very stormy. Colder in eve. P. cloudy.

Tuesday January 19

Went to Safe Harbor and took charge of child of Henry B. Stauffer, funeral on Thursday. Made roughbox, etc., a.m. Took roughbox up to Highville Church, and attended funeral of Hiram Heigher, a member of our order at Safe Harbor IOOF. I served as one of the pall bearers, he having died at Coatesville, p.m. Working in shop at small coffin in eve. Snow a.m., cold all day. P. cloudy.

Wednesday January 20

At Lancaster all day. Bought things for house, Pratt's poultry, food, etc. F.H. Flinchbaugh along. This was the day of appeal for Conestoga Township, he being assessor. Working in shop til 2:30 p.m. finishing coffin for Stauffer's child. Cold snow, p.m. Sleet in eve., very unpleasant. Cloudy.

Thursday January 21

Attending funeral of Sadie Stauffer, aged 1-11-13. Daughter of Henry B. Stauffer, Safe Harbor. Martin Groff preached text, Jeremiah, 22+10. Pallbearer: Self. 4 carriages.

This is certainly a distressed family—8 children, several of them cripples, and very poor. Buried at Highville U.B. Church. Paid F.P. Henry \$1.05 bill to date, and paid B.K. Lawyer \$1.00 for IOOF, Safe Harbor. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Great change in weather, snow all gone. Heavy rain last night. Roads muddy. P. clear.

Friday January 22

Working at shed back of house getting it ready for young chicks. Put 2-ply felt roof and intend closing front, etc. Wm. G. Henry helped part of the day. Very pleasant a.m. Damp and colder p.m. P. clear.

Saturday January 23

Working at shed back of house, a.m. and part of p.m. At Republican primary (twp.) balance of day. The following were nominated: Judge- Jacob Henry; Inspector- J. Morrison; Tax Collector- Sam'l McLaughlin; Supervisor- W.C. Bowers and Geo. Kreider; School Directors- John M. Warfel and a tie between Wm. E. Miller and David H. Hess; Auditor- F.L. Fautz; Town Clerk- Theo. Jones. Ticket will be found in back of diary. At IORM in eve. Cold and stormy all day. P. cloudy.

Sunday January 24

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching, Rev. D.W. Gerhard, text: St. Matt. 8:2-3. At home balance of day and eve. Snowing nearly all day and very much colder. Cloudy.

Monday January 25

Working in shop, and wrote an agreement for the sale of Albert L. Smith's property to Jacob B. Harnish for \$350, a.m. In shop and helping wife at wash, p.m. Clear. Very cold. The ther. did not rise above 12 all day. Ther. 2.

Tuesday, January 26

Working in shop all day. Several of Salvation Army came to the town this eve. Will hold services in M.E. Church. Stormy last night and

part of today. Still very cold. Clear. Ther. rose to 20 today. Ther. 3.

Wednesday January 27

Working in shop all day. Wife out at M.M. Bortzfield's in p.m. Cloudy, cold rather damp, commenced snowing about 4 p.m.

Thursday January 28

Working in shop a.m. and part of p.m. Went to primary to vote to decide who shall be school director: David H. Hess or Wm. E. Miller. This was a very hot primary, 235 votes polled: Miller 132, Hess 103. This was a large turnout. The roads are drifted badly, must take the fields at places. First sleighing of the season. Cloudy, very stormy and cold all day.

Friday January 29

Working in shop partly all day. Got eggs of Mrs. Jones, A.H. Benedict, Wm. Caldwell, M.H. Groff, and 42 of my own, B.C. and L.B. and set incubation this eve. with 140 eggs. Had a fairly good hatch for the first time—20 chicks out of 25 eggs (fertile) and 10 out of 11 eggs with hen. Cold all day, slightly warmer. P. clear.

Saturday January 30

Went out to new E.U Church and put up window shades for them. Did not make any charges, a.m. In shop and cleaned poultry house, pm. At IORM in eve. Cold moderating, clear.

Sunday January 31

At Sunday school, had verses which contained letters enough to spell each one's name. I had Matt. 10:2; wife had Psalms 135:21; Blanche had Psalm 133:3; Charles had Psalm 125:1, a.m. Went over to O.F. Bruner's, Rock Hill. Took dinner and spent the p.m. Wife and Charles along; Blanche did not go, on account of a bad cold. Very pleasant, snow going fast. Clear.

Monday February 1

Went to Lancaster via stage. Bought things for shop, house, poultry, food, etc. Very rough cold all day. Roads very slippery. P. cloudy.

Tuesday February 2

Working in shop all day. This is Groundhog Day. He certainly did not see his shadow, so I suppose we will have fine weather. We will, however, wait and see the result. Raining and sleeting, a.m. Snowing and blowing p.m. and eve. Very unpleasant all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday February 3

Working in shop balance of day—had been shoveling snow nearly all of a.m. About 8 inches of snow fell. M.M. Bortzfield got 1 pt. varnish 2S-4 and white lead. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Thursday February 4

Working in shop and got horse shod. Wm. Caldwell brought out 3 bush. potatoes for us @ .40 = 1.20. Wife up Bruner's all day. Very beautiful day. Clear.

Friday February 5

Martin B. Good and I drove to Lancaster this morning (my team) and took the train to Gap to see Peter M. Bruner, wife's bro. He had a fox chase, the largest fox I ever saw. Briston Skiles was there; never met him before. He is about 84 years old. There were 54 hounds started; the fox was caught alive by young Mr. Skiles, after $\frac{3}{4}$ hour run. We had a very pleasant time and paid a visit that I had promised 4 years at least. Cold raw air all day. P. cloudy.

Saturday February 6

About house all day. Cleaned poultry house, etc. Conrad Z. Hess got 5 lbs. Pratts Poultry Food. Filed saw for John Graver, 15 cents. Cloudy. Raining partly all day, snow going very fast, and lots of water.

Sunday February 7

At Sunday school; I conducted it for Supt. J.R. Yentzer, and missionary meeting, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhart. Text: Acts 4:36-37. Mary Bruner took supper with us. M.M. Bortzfield and family spent the eve. with us. Snow nearly all gone. Pleasant day, raw air, muddy, p. clear.

Monday February 8

About house all day. Had intended to go over to see Grandmother this p.m. but it snowed, and very damp. This is her birthday, 88 years old. Damp and very unpleasant. Cloudy.

Tuesday February 9

In shop, etc. got load of straw from B.G. Markley for the manure. Cold raw air all day, p. cloudy.

Wednesday February 10

Took wife over to Annie Myers and Mrs. Mary Fralich to spend the day. Stopped at C.B. Miller's and Grandmother, a.m. Working about shop, and got load hay of cousin Conrad Z. Hess, p.m. Moderating, p. cloudy.

Thursday February 11

Working in shop a.m. Took bedstead and rocker to Margaret Bitts, \$2.00; 2 rockers to Mrs. Myers, \$7.04 paid; lounge to Harry Good, \$3.50 paid; bedstead and case drawers to M.M. Bortzfield, \$3.75, and brought lounge along back for repair. Cold but rather pleasant, p. cloudy.

Friday February 12

Working in shop all day repairing lounge for M.M. Bortzfield, etc. Snowing a.m. and part of p.m. About 5 inches deep. Cloudy.

Saturday February 13

Working in shop, at Bortzfield and lounge, a.m., and part of p.m., and cleaned poultry house, etc. Held our entertainment this eve. for the benefit of our Sunday school and took

in \$22.35 at door. The title was "The Deacon." Had a crowded house, and every person seemed to be pleased. Raw air partly all day, p. clear.

Sunday February 14

At Sunday school, took charge of school for Bro. Yentzer, he going to Mrs. ___ Sickman's funeral, a.m. M.M. Bortzfield and family here and took supper with us, p.m. J.R. Yentzer and wife spent the eve. here. Very pleasant day, p. clear.

Monday February 15

Working in shop and bringing things from hall, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Wife out at Wm. Caldwell's all day. This is my 40th birthday; how time does fly. I think it almost impossible that I am that age already. How thankful we should be for the great blessings we enjoy. Wife and children over at Wm. C. Smith's to spend the eve. Very much like spring. p. clear.

Tuesday February 16

At election this morning, first man to vote. 206 votes polled. Ticket in back of this book. In shop, etc., a.m. Clerking sale for M.M. Bortzfield; had a good sale, but a very rough, cold, stormy day. I fear I have exposed myself to much. No school; the teacher A.S. Benedict clerked at the election. Charles went over to visit Chas. Smith school with him. Cold and stormy, p. cloudy.

Wednesday February 17

Took lounge to M.M. Bortzfield and brought spool case, etc., that I bought yesterday. Charged \$3.50 for repairing lounge, a.m. Sold 19 pair of pigeons last night to M. Miller of Millersville @ \$.25 per pair. Fixing up loft and cleaned some. Have 3 ½ pair yet and gave them to Charles and Blanche, p.m. Wife and Mrs. Kate Smith went over to see Ella Graves; she is not well. Pleasant all day, p. clear.

Thursday February 18

Not feeling well, having a bad cold. Walked over to see Grandmother and Miller's, a.m. Had better stayed home. Came home and laid on lounge balance of day, feeling very sore and feverish, my pulse run up to 106. Sent to J. Bonscher, Jr., Freeport, Illinois for 100 eggs for Millers and myself, .50 each. Snow going very fast. Pleasant, but very muddy. Clear.

Friday February 19

In the house all day. Had the doctor come down to see me. Feeling bad all day, but worse p.m. Incubation due today, but cannot give it my attention. Wife will do the best she can. Received Brahman eggs from W.B. Miller, Douglasville Pa. All ok by exp. \$.30. Pleasant but muddy. Clear.

Saturday February 20

About the house, feeling better, a.m. Clerking auction, p.m. and eve. for M.M. Bortzfield. Had a good auction; things sold well. Would not have done it but was in the warm all the time. Incubator not doing so well. I could not attend to it as I should have done yesterday. Snowing part of p.m. and eve. Cold but moderating, p. cloudy.

Sunday February 21

At Sunday school, was teacher. We decided to purchase teachers' Bibles, and one indexed Bible for the Supt., for them to use as teachers, etc., and their successors, to be paid out of the proceeds of the entertainment held on the 13th, a.m. At preaching by Chas. Bushong, student at F. & M. Text: Ephes. 3: 14-19. Mr. Gerhard was at a relative's funeral in Bucks County. Edith Groff here with Blanche in eve. Warmer and very muddy, p. clear.

Monday February 22

In house partly all day. Bad cold. Charles sick all day. Bad cold. Very damp all day. Raining best part of day. Cloudy.

Tuesday February 23

About house all day, not doing much. Cold getting some better. Started incubator with 85 eggs, 36 of Wm. Caldwell, 49 our own, L.B. and B.C. and 4 common. Settled with M.M. Bortzfield to date. Pleasant all day, very muddy. P. clear.

Wednesday February 24

About house a.m. In shop repairing and painting, and drove over to Mrs. Charles to see about making wardrobe, and took measure of same. Drove round by C.B. Miller's and Columbus Ressler to see about girl for J.H.L. Roads very rough in morning, muddy p.m. Cold, pleasanter, p. clear.

Thursday February 25

Working in shop partly all day. Mrs. Lucy Martin (colored) took dinner with us and Miss Mary Bruner supper. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Friday February 26

About house, a.m. Working in shop, p.m. Snowing all p.m. Much colder. Snow from northwest. P. cloudy. Ther. 16.

Saturday February 27

Working in shop a.m. Gave poultry house a thorough cleaning, p.m. At IORM in eve. Still have a bad cold. Not feeling very good this eve. Snow melting very slow. Raw cold air all day. P. clear. Ther. 17.

Sunday February 28

At Sunday school and prayer meeting, a.m. At home, wife and Mrs. M.M. Bortzfield drove over to see Mrs. Al Charles and baby, p.m. At home in eve. Pleasant day. Raw air all day. P. clear.

Monday March 1

At Lancaster, paid B. and L., etc. Cold, damp wind all day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday March 2

Took load of household goods to Lancaster for M.M. Bortzfield. They moved to 335 South Queen St. Everything passed off very nicely. H.L. Martin got setting L.B. and B.C. eggs this eve. Much warmer but damp. Cloudy.

Wednesday March 3

In shop, and went to Safe Harbor to take charge of body of Christ Stauffer's child, bury tomorrow afternoon, a.m. Made roughbox and lined coffin, etc., p.m. Wrote deed for J.B. Harnish; he bought Al Smith's property, and made out my account of P.M. Bruner's assigned est. Raining a.m. Rain and very damp. Cloudy.

Thursday March 4

Went to Lancaster to file my account of P.M. Bruner's assigned est.—but did not do it, as Alfred Bruner wished to show my account to H.F. Bruner first. Jacob B. Harnish rec'd deed for Albert Smith's property. Paid \$3.50 for same. I wrote deed and saw that everything was released, etc. Today Wm. McKinley and G.A. Hobart were inaugurated Pres. and V. Pres. of the U.S. Very pleasant day; cold in morning, p. clear.

Friday March 5

Bought pigeons of P.M. Bruner. Brought sheet iron and piece pipe from Bro. Emanuel, etc., a.m. Working in shop, p.m. Very unpleasant all day. Snow, sleet, rain, etc., a.m. and part of p.m. Cloudy.

Saturday March 6

Working in shop, a.m. In shop and cleaning poultry house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Wife sprained her foot this eve. Pleasant day, p. clear.

Sunday March 7

At Sunday school and missionary meeting, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhart, text: Matt. 20:1-2, p.m. Wife not at Sunday school or preaching; she sprained her ankle and is not able to walk much. Blanche is sick this eve, the grip, I suppose. P. clear.

Monday March 8

At Lancaster, filed my acct. as assignee for P.M. Bruner. There will be nothing left for the creditors, not giving me my full commission. Bought things for shop, etc. Raw air all day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday March 9

Working in shop all day. Fixed 2 chairs for H.H. Bitts, 25 cents; 1 for Mart Cramer, 10 cents; filed 2 saws for I.M. Witmer, 40 cents. Paid Bro. Emanuel \$2.50 for lining sink for Albert Charles, and working at brooder balance of day. I am not feeling well at all this eve. Light rain and very damp. Cloudy.

Wednesday March 10

Working in shop all day. Repairing, and finished brooder. P. cloudy, damp, raw air all day.

Thursday March 11

In shop partly all day. Moved chicks from incubator brooder to the new one I have just finished. At Jr. OUAM, District Deputy Wm. Gundaker and Bro. Ream of Lancaster paid us a visit this eve. Very pleasant day, clear.

Friday March 12

Working in shop, a.m. Got 1 Early Richmond Cherry and 1 Japan Chestnut and planted them this p.m. And filed 2 saws for Dr. I.M. Witmer, 40 cents, and grained and finished flour chest for Jos. M. Kreider, \$1.50. Raining a.m. Very pleasant p.m. P. cloudy.

Saturday March 13

Working in shop, a.m. Cleaning poultry house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Cold raw wind all day. Clear.

Sunday March 14

At Sunday school, a.m. At home, p.m. Mr. Bruner, Miss Mary Bruner, Miss Ella Good, and A.F. Bruner and wife spent some time here this p.m. Snow and sleet last night, and raw, a.m. Damp all day. P. cloudy.

Monday March 15

Working in shop partly all day. Margaret Bitts got wire screen, 35 cents. Cold raw air all day. P. clear.

Tuesday March 16

Took chairs to Jos. Harnish's tenant man, \$1.50 (paid), and measured 2 rooms and hall for papering at Jos. Harnish. Bro. Emanuel went along out to line sink for tenant. I walked home; came past around Christ Miller's, a.m. In shop, p.m. Dad Eidenmiller here this eve. Will stay all night. A.C. Rote's son John, of Lancaster, died today. Cold raw wind all day. Clear. Ther. 26

Wednesday March 17

Working in shop all day. Wm. Henry went down to Jacob McCrab's house to get rooms ready for papering. Worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day. Wife not well at all; the Dr. says it is the grip. Rather cold all day. Ther. 25.

Thursday March 18

Working in shop all day. Wife in bed all day. Cloudy. Very damp, raining partly all day.

Friday March 19

Working in shop all day. Wife in bed all day. Very damp and rainy. Cloudy.

Saturday March 20

Working in shop and cleaning poultry house, a.m. Clerking sale of Urias Warfel, Safe

Harbor (personal) in p.m. At IORM in eve. J.R. Yentzer, Dr. I.M. Witmer, and others gave an entertainment at the hall this eve., "Uncle Tom's Cabin." They had a full house. Wife up for first. Pleasant day, roads very muddy. P. clear.

Sunday March 21

At Sunday school, a.m. The school decided to send a donation for Easter to the Orphan's Home at Womelsdorf. At preaching by Rev. Gerhart, text: St. Luke 11:35. He called to see wife on way home, p.m. Mr. Bruner, O.F.B, and Henry Martin here in eve. Wife getting better. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Monday March 22

At Lancaster attending funeral of John, son of Amos Rote (Undertaker), aged 26 yrs., his father being a particular friend of mine and the young man I thought a great deal of. The casket was solid mahogany, the finest I ever saw. I received the eggs from John Bouscher, 100; 50 for Aunt Lizzy Miller, and 50 for myself. Wm. papering. Cooler today but pleasant. P. clear.

Tuesday March 23

Finishing papering at Jacob McCrab's house (Martic), Wm. and I all day. Damp, cool all day, light rain, cloudy.

Wednesday March 24

Working in shop all day. P. cloudy. Raining and colder.

Thursday March 25

Went to paper at Jos. Harnish (Pequea) all day, Wm. and I. Cold day, p. cloudy.

Friday March 26

Papering at Jos. Harnish, Wm. and I, all day. Cold all day, p. cloudy.

Saturday March 27

Finished papering at Jos. Harnish's, about 9 a.m. Working at home balance of a.m. At O.F. Bruner, clerking his sale, did not charge him anything, p.m. At IORM, the following officers were elected: S.—A.C. Snyder; S.S.—B.F. Trissler; J.S.—B.H. Montgomery; C. of R.—A.J. Zercher; K. of W.—A.F. Martin; Trustee—E. Duke; Rep. to G.C.—H.W. Hess; Janitor—Jacob Henry. Settled with Wm. to date. Cold raw wind all day. P. clear.

Sunday March 28

At Sunday school, took up a special collection to purchase eggs for the children at the home in Womelsdorf, amounting to \$5.00. Gave services out for Easter, a.m. At home p.m. Harry Martin and P.M. Bruner spent the eve. with us. Pleasant day, cold wind. Clear.

Monday March 29

Working in shop repairing chairs for Conrad Hess, a.m. Digging garden, etc., etc. p.m. Very pleasant, clear (spring).

Tuesday March 30

Working in garden and took cradle down to Abrm. Hess (Baumgardner's Mill), rec'd pay for same, \$4.00, and got 1½ bush. screenings, a.m. Went to Safe Harbor for four chest bureau and bedstead at Uriahs Warfel and Mr. and Mrs. Beals. The pastor of the M.E. Church took supper with us, bought 4 chairs, high chair, 1 Wight chair, and several tables of cherry, took sink over to Al Charles, rec'd pay, \$4.75. Very pleasant day, p. clear.

Wednesday March 31

Went over to Rock Hill, and took load of goods to Lancaster, corner of Strawberry and Green St. for Owen F. Bruner, brought coffin from Pa. R.R. station, Lancaster. Pleasant day, getting dry. Clear.

Thursday April 1

Was called to Safe Harbor to take charge of body of Franklin Bruner (ex-hotel keeper), embalmed body, and funeral on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Reformed Church. He died last evening. H.H. Bitts was to give me the word last eve. but failed to do so. Went to Lancaster, had very poor collections, had mortgage on property transferred to J.B. Harnish, #42. Paid Sterneman's bill. Took dinner with John Zercher; he is getting better. Cool all day, clear.

Friday April 2

Took roughbox to Reformed Cemetery, and working at casket, etc. At lectures in eve. by Rev. Gerhard. Yesterday's business is certainly discouraging, a man to wait from April to April on bills and then not get them. If it does not go better, I will make a change. Pleasant day. Clear.

Saturday April 3

Attending funeral of Franklin Bruner, Safe Harbor, aged 50 + 2 + 4. Rev. Sam'l Kauffman preached from Matt. 24:44. Bearers: John C. Tripple, Michael C. Shenk, Edw. M. Boyd, Michael Stoner. 17 carriages. Price \$2. John Agon was buried at Mt. Zion this p.m. At IORM in eve. The officers were installed and we had a supper afterwards, which I certainly enjoyed. Pleasant day, very dusty. Clear.

Sunday April 4

At Sunday school, a.m. Preaching by Rev. Gerhard, p.m. At home in eve. Changeable, rain, pm. P. cloudy.

Monday April 5

Working in shop, a.m. Took organ from Amos Aston's over to Wm. R. Good's, Rock Hill, in p.m. Noah Hess brought chair to have repaired. Much warmer, gust in eve, very little rain. P. cloudy.

Tuesday April 6

Working in shop partly all day. Received word this eve. of the death of Jacob L. Hess at New Danville. I went out, washed and laid him out, and embalmed body. Funeral to be held on Saturday at 10 o'clock at the Pequea Dunkard Church. Returned home at midnight. Pleasant day. P. clear.

Wednesday April 7

Went to look after corpse and working in lot, made yard for young chicks. Got front of lot plowed by Mart Markley and paid him for same, 25 cents, and in shop, etc. Pleasant day, rather cool. P. clear.

Thursday April 8

Getting roughbox ready and repairing chairs for Conrad Hess. Took roughbox out to Pequea Church cemetery, p.m. Raining some p.m. Cloudy.

Friday April 9

Working in shop, lining coffin and making ready to take stools out to Hess for tomorrow. The body is keeping very nicely. Rained very hard this a.m. Raining partly all day, and roads very muddy. Cloudy.

Saturday April 10

Attending funeral of Jacob L. Hess. Aged 70-1-1. Rev. C.B. Miller spoke at house. Rev. Nisley preached a very able sermon from Acts 11:24, followed by Rev. John Longenecker and Brubaker on the same text. Bearers: Isaac McAllister, Jacob McAllister, Simon Engle, and Jacob H. Herr. 22 carriages in the procession, and a very large funeral; about 300 people took dinner. Alice Smith was found dead in bed this morning. I held an inquest this p.m. Jurors: Jacob Henry, F.P. Henry, W.H. Witmer, Henry Martin, Geo. Kreider, E.H. Zercher (Valvular heart trouble caused death). Not well at all today. At IORM in eve. P. clear. Cold raw wind.

Sunday April 11

At Sunday school, a.m. Andrew Good and wife, Harry Wells and wife, P.M. Bruner, wife, Harry and girls took dinner with us and spent part of p.m. Wife and I drove over to see Grandmother in eve. She is feeling very well. Pleasant, dry cool air. P. clear.

Monday April 12

Went to Lancaster with P.M. Bruner. Took coffee mill in to O.F. Bruner, \$6.00. Bought saw and buck for Charles to saw wood and things for shop. Made application at H.S. Williamson for position as salesman. References: J.H. Landis, John M. Groff, and Rev. D. W. Gerhard. Returned home 5 p.m. At home in eve. Rec'd pay for holding inquest on body of Alice Smith. She was buried today, p.m. Cool all day. P. clear.

Tuesday April 13

In shop, etc., all day. At church in eve. practicing for Easter. Pleasant all day. Clear.

Wednesday April 14

Planting potatoes in front of lot. Digging garden, etc. Pleasant but cool. P. clear.

Thursday April 15

Working in shop partly all day. Set incubator with our own eggs. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Raining partly all day. P. clear.

Friday April 16

Working in shop partly all day. John C. Eidenmiller here for dinner. He was delivering trees. At church in eve. practicing for Easter. Cool partly all day. Cloudy.

Saturday April 17

Working in shop partly all day. Cleaned poultry house, etc. In eve. at IORM. The Star Band of Washington held an entertainment here in the hall this eve. I was not present. Cold, raw wind partly all day. P. clear.

Sunday April 18

At Sunday school, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: 1 Cor. 15:20, p.m. At Easter services in eve., entitled "Easter Joys." Our pastor made a short address taking 103 Psalm 15 + 16 for a basis. Large attendance but very poor collection. Cool air all day. P. clear.

Monday April 19

Went to Lancaster, Henry Martin went along. Bought goods for shop at Steinman's, and paid for same. Attended Joint Consistory meeting at Rev. D.W. Gerhard's. Mr. Helm was elected Primarius to classes and myself Secundus, to meet at Manheim. Raw, cold, and stormy all day. Clear.

Tuesday April 20

In shop partly all day, and digging in garden. Cold all day, ice all day. Very cold this morning. I fear the fruit is damaged seriously. Clear. Ther. 25.

Wednesday April 21

Working in shop and fixed doors at J.F. Caldwell's barn, 50 cents, a.m. In shop and out at Abrm. Strickler's and bought 1 setting Sherwood eggs, \$1.00. Paid for same. He has a fine lot of young chicks. Sam'l Hackman here and got my embalming outfit to use. I did not care to load it but did nevertheless. He was to return it this eve. (positively) but it is not here yet at 8:30. Cool all day. P. clear. Ther. 32.

Thursday April 22

Digging garden, planted a few potatoes in front of lot, etc., and in shop. Pleasant day, quite a change. P. clear.

Friday April 23

Tied up grapevines, repairing fences and porch roof, etc., and in shop. Went over to Uncle C.B. Miller's to measure 2 rooms for

papering, and to see Grandmother. She is not feeling so good. Much warmer. P. clear.

Saturday April 24

Working in shop, etc., a.m. Went to Safe Harbor to the sale of Mrs. Frank Brenner. She had a very good sale. She paid me part of bill and \$5.00 for burial lot in the Reformed cemetery. At IORM in eve. Very warm all day. Clear. Ther. 80.

Sunday April 25

At Sunday school, and had a Consistory meeting. I paid the \$5.00 that I received from Mrs. Frank Brenner for a burying lot in the Reformed cemetery to Henry Martin, church treasurer, a.m. Went out to Wm. Caldwell's; self and family took dinner with them, and spent the p.m. Went to M.E. Church in eve., Rev. Mr. Lynch, presiding Elder, preached from Mark 11:22. Very able sermon. Very warm all day. Light rain in eve. P. clear. Ther. 85.

Monday April 26

At Lancaster partly all day. H.C. McAllister went along. Warm light rain in eve. P. cloudy.

Tuesday April 27

Working at Barbara Good's painting parlor, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Much colder, a few flakes of snow today. Stormy, p. cloudy.

Wednesday April 28

Working at Barbara Good's, a.m. In shop, etc. p.m. Cold raw wind all day. P. cloudy.

Thursday April 29

Working at Barbara Good's all day, graining, etc. Rec'd word in eve. of the death of D.K. Lynes' son, of Safe Harbor, who was killed by the cars at Mountville. Went down, washed him and embalmed the body. His arm and neck were broken, skull fractured, and a bad tear above right eye. Funeral to be on Sunday

at 9 and 10 at Green Hill Church. Cool and stormy. P. cloudy.

Friday April 30

Went down to look after corpse, etc., and in shop. Painted parlor for Barbara Good. Wm. Henry helpful. Stormy all day. P. clear.

Saturday May 1

Took roughbox to Green Hill Cemetery and stools to house and brought wash machine from Geo. Krouse, and lining coffin, etc., a.m. and part of p.m. Finished graining up at Barbara Good's, etc., p.m. At preparatory service in eve. Warm and stormy. Heavy rain in eve. P. cloudy.

Sunday May 2

Attending funeral of Milton W. Lynes, son of David K. Lynes, aged 15-8-1. Rev. Abrm. Witmer spoke from Ezekiel 3:3-5. Rev. Sam'l Kauffman from text: St. John 3:16. Bearers: Robert Barton, Edw. Barton, Wm. Barton, Ralph Herr. 10 carriages. Large funeral and very sad, a.m. At home and at missionary, p.m. Uncle C. B. Miller, wife, and Marnie here in eve. Raining partly all of a.m. Cooler, p. cloudy.

Monday May 3

Washed hearse and brought stools from D.K. Lynes, a.m. Made roughbox, took it out to Mt. Zion, and helped to raise body of Mrs. Frank Brenner and buried her up farther in same cemetery, \$2.50 for same. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Amos Graver's smallest child. Went over and took charge of body. Raining part of a.m. and partly all of p.m. P. cloudy.

Tuesday May 4

Went over to Graver's to look after corpse. Funeral on Thursday at 1 o'clock. Services at house only, and papering at Uncle C.B. Miller's balance of day. Wm. Henry helping. Agnes Brenner paid wife for roughbox used

yesterday. \$2.50. Cool all day. Light rain. P. cloudy.

Wednesday May 5

Working in shop making coffin, etc. Wm. commenced painting over at Charles' all day. Paid M.W. Groff meat bill to date, and G. & L. Mill bill to date. Cooler all day. P. cloudy.

Thursday May 6

Working in shop graining chairs and went to Amos Graver's a.m. Attending funeral of Jacob Graver, son of Amos and Amanda Graver, aged 26 days. Rev. Abrm. Herr and C.B. Miller spoke from Revelations 3:19-22. Bearer: Self. 12 carriages to cemetery (Old Menno) River Corner. (Preaching being at house at 1 o'clock. Wife was helping at table. A very beautiful day (warm). Clear.

Friday May 7

Papering parlor at C.B. Miller's all day, Wm. Henry helping. Gave him 25 cents. Pleasant day, p. clear.

Saturday May 8

In shop and took wardrobe over to Mrs. Mylin, at Mrs. Charles, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Paid Wm. Henry \$1.75 on acct. Pleasant day, p. clear.

Sunday May 9

At Sunday school and prayer meeting, a.m. At home p.m. At Dr. Witmer's in eve. Beautiful day (cool air). Clear.

Monday May 10

Working in shop and varnished parlor at Barbara Good's, a.m. Went over to A. C. Warfel's and brought furniture to repair, and in shop, etc., p.m. Paid road tax to A.R. Benedict, \$1.57. Warmer, and light rain in p.m. P. cloudy.

Tuesday May 11

Painting at Mrs. Jacob Charles' house all day. Wm. Henry helping. Warm all day.

Wednesday May 12

Grained 2 doors for John Charles at Shock's former home, \$1.00. Paid Al Smith 75 cents in full to date, and Grant Gardner \$4.50 in full to date, a.m. Papering room at Mary Kirk's (Eckman) house, p.m. At Indian Medicine show in eve. Damp all day. Heavy shower in eve. P. cloudy.

Thursday May 13

Finished papering for Mrs. Kirk and in shop balance of day. Not feeling very well. Damp and rain. P. cloudy.

Friday May 14

In shop partly all day. Damp and cool. P. cloudy.

Saturday May 15

Working in shop, a.m. In shop and cleaning poultry house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Pleasant but cool. P. clear.

Sunday May 16

At Sunday school, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard, text: Gen. 45:24, p.m. At M.E. Church in eve. Rev. Malvey preached from Heb. 12:1-2, a very good sermon. Pleasant day. P. clear.

Monday May 17

At Lancaster all day. Bought things for shop, overalls for Charles, etc. Wm. and Wm. painting at Charles' all day. Pleasant day. Clear.

Tuesday May 18

Working in shop all day. Blanche went to Lancaster to spend a few days with O.F. Bruner's and others. The 2 Wm's. painting at Charles' all day. Very pleasant. P. clear.

Wednesday May 19

Working in shop, a.m. Papered room for John S. Carrigan, p.m. Wayne Witmer helped. The 2 Wm's. painted at Charles' all day. Warm all day, cooler in eve. P. clear.

Thursday May 20

Was called to Anthony Brenneman at 3 a.m. to take charge of body of son; died about 11:30 p.m. yesterday of dropsy. Embalmed same after drawing off water. In shop, a.m. Went to Safe Harbor to see after corpse and make arrangements for funeral. Will be buried at Mt. Zion on Sunday at 10 a.m. In shop balance of p.m. Heavy rain and thunder this p.m. Very warm at noon, much cooler in eve. P. cloudy.

Friday May 21

Went to Safe Harbor to see after corpse, and working at roughbox, a.m. At coffin and took roughbox to Mt. Zion Cemetery, took goods to Barbara Good to make shroud. Hailed heavy at Masonville, Lancaster, and Rawlinsville yesterday. Cool all day, p. clear.

Saturday May 22

In shop. Wife and Charles went to Lancaster to stay over Sunday, by stage. Went to see after corpse, doing very well, a.m. In shop working at coffin, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve., and went over to medicine show. Helped to count votes for chair given to the lady receiving the highest number votes by the Medicine Co. Cora Caldwell received 287 votes, the rest scattering. Pleasant day. P. clear.

Sunday May 23

Attending funeral of Theodore Emery Brenneman, son of Anthony Brenneman (Jr.), Safe Harbor, aged 6-6-6. Rev. Martin Groff spoke at house, and Rev. C.W. Brobst at church. Text: 1Peter 1:24-25. Bearers: Belva Hudson, Abbie Groff, Mabel Warfel, Mary Henry. These are my first lady pall bearers,

and they did well. 7 carriages. Pretty large funeral. Took dinner with M.B. Good by invitation. Spent p.m. at home. Rather cool all day. P. clear. \$16.80.

Monday May 24

Working in shop all day. Wife and children returned from Lancaster this eve. They had a pleasant time. Heavy rain last night. Cool all day, p. cloudy.

Tuesday May 25

In shop painting chairs, etc., a.m. Went over to Charles and grained doors, p.m. Quite cool all day. P. cloudy.

Wednesday May 26

Graining in shop partly all day. Frost this morning. Cool all day. P. clear.

Thursday May 27

In shop awhile in morning. Took Mrs. Geo. Rathfon and Miss Hatton to Safe Harbor to take train for Baltimore, a.m. Went to Safe Harbor to see my first baseball game between Safe Harbor and Conestoga Boys, the latter winning by 13 to 5. Rec'd check for H.H. Hess for coffin, etc., of Jacob L. Hess, dec'd. Light frost, cool all day, p. clear.

Friday May 28

Hanging screen doors for Mrs. Ella Myers, rec'd pay for same, 50 cents, and got lot—chisels, handles, of Henry B. Shenk, and paid for same, a.m. In shop and went over to Mrs. Charles and varnished doors, p.m. Harry Bruner had my team to bring some of wife's folks from Lancaster-- Aunt Amanda Heiser, Annie Shaffer, and Johnny Heiser. Sun quite warm. P. clear.

Saturday May 29

Varnishing in shop, a.m. Varnishing and cleaned out hen house, stable, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. and walked out to East Centre

School ground. Band had a festival there. Cool all day, very col in eve. P. clear.

Sunday May 30

At Sunday school, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Acts 1:8, p.m. Mr. Yentzer here in eve. awhile. Self and family walked up to Mr. Bruner's in eve. for a short time. Light frost. Slightly warmer. Gust this p.m. and showers in eve. P. cloudy.

Monday May 31

At Lancaster. Took Johnny Heiser along in. Got things for shop, and brought casket, etc. from Pa. R.R. along out. Sent check to H.B.C. Co. for bill of April 30. Pleasant but rather damp. P. cloudy.

Tuesday June 1

Painting over at Mrs. Charles', Wm. and I. Was very cool today. We were painting on scaffold, and I was uncomfortably cool. Light showers, cool all day, raw cold wind, changeable. P. cloudy.

Wednesday June 2

Finished painting at Mrs. Charles' and rec'd pay for same, \$33.00, a.m. Took furniture that I repaired over to A.C. Warfel, \$8.85, p.m. Cool this morning. Much warmer during day. P. clear.

Thursday June 3

In shop, and hung screen door for Margaret Bitts, 60 cents, and furnished hinges, rec'd pay, a.m. Went to Benj. Rummel's sale; he had a very good sale, p.m. A.C. Warfel got 1 leaf ____, 15 cents. Very pleasant and warmer, fine shower in eve. P. cloudy.

Friday June 4

Put wire in Reformed Cemetery fence along schoolyard to protect the railing from being torn off, and in shop balance of day. Warm all day. P. cloudy.

Saturday June 5

Working in shop, a.m. In shop and cleaned poultry house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Sent \$1.00 for IOOF with Edgar Hookey to Benj. Lawyer. Took off my underclothes today; they had been comfortable up to this time. Charles has the poison; got it yesterday at the cemetery. Very pleasant and warm. P. cloudy.

Sunday June 6

At Sunday school and missionary meeting, a.m. At home, Mr. Yentzer here and had me write to Mansfield Ohio with regard to his bro. Christ's death, a man having died there answering fairly well his description. Wrote the letter this p.m. Mr. Bruner and M.M. Bortzfield here a short time. Walked up to J.R. Yentzers strawberry patch. They are very fine. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Monday June 7

Working in shop and finished digging garden. Emanuel had horse and carriage to go to Lancaster. Benj. Kneisley estate was settled up today. Paid for team, \$.75. A homer pigeon came here yesterday. I caught it this morning and has the following stamped on its wing: Geo. W. Adams 615 Corman St. Camden N.J. I wrote to the party about it. Cool and damp all day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday June 8

In shop, a.m. Whitewashed chick shed and large henhouse, etc., p.m. Put dasher on wagon for H.H. Bitts. 30 cents. Very damp all day. Light rain, cloudy.

Wednesday June 9

Mowing yard, etc., a.m. In shop, p.m. Planted cabbage in eve. Raining and warm. P. cloudy.

Thursday June 10

Hoeing in lot, etc., a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Planted cabbage in eve. Paid county tax to John Burkhart, \$1.47. Warmer, p. cloudy.

Friday June 11

Working in shop and for H. C. McAllister, a.m. At sale of shoats at Marticville; did not buy. Mrs. Noah Hess brought chairs. Paid \$1.50 for same in eve. Quite warm all day. P. cloudy.

Saturday June 12

Cleaned up around barn, poultry house and yards, etc., a.m. Went to Pequea Dunkard Church, wife and I. The following ministers spoke: Rev. Jacob Martin, text: Hebrews 10:22; Bishop Martin Overholser, text: Acts 16:30. After which the following were baptized at the Burnt Mill in Pequea: Harry N. Eberly, John Johnson, Mrs. Michael Hess, Mrs. Myra Kendig (Miller). We returned to church and took supper and after a short stay returned home. At IORM in eve. Warm a.m. Very pleasant p.m. P. clear.

Sunday June 13

At Sunday school. Jos. M. Witmer, wife, and Ray Smith here for dinner, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Jones, graduate of F&M, text: Matt. 22:41-42. Preached a very able sermon. Rev. Gerhard not here on account of funeral. Rev. Mr. Jones took supper with us, and I took him over to John Rush. We were all at Children's Day services at M.E. Church in eve. Changeable, showers in p.m. Warm, p. cloudy.

Monday June 14

At Lancaster, brought things out for shop. Rec'd money for John and Alma Fralich, \$54.94. Went to see J.F. Caldwell; he has an abscess under the tongue, he is real bad. Brought Mary Bruner along home. Paid Ida \$10.00 on rent. Rained last night. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Tuesday June 15

Hauled load of goods for Jacob Walter; he moved to Millersville, a.m. Rec'd load of hay of Aldus E. Warfel, 2995 lbs. @ \$12 for ton. Light rain, p.m. Very warm all day. P. clear.

Wednesday June 16

Went over and hung screen doors for Christ Sterneman, \$.50, a.m. Picked ox-heart cherries, about 50 qts. Settled with P.M. Bruner to date, \$9.00. Rain last night. Warm, gust, p.m. P. cloudy.

Thursday June 17

Hanging screen doors for H.C. McAllister, a.m. Sent check for S.S. Supplies \$13.82 and E.H. Zercher \$10.00. Cloudy, warm all day.

Friday June 18

Cut part of grass in lot, and in shop, etc. Warm all day.

Saturday June 19

Cut grass in lot, etc., a.m. Raking grass and put on piles and walked over to baseball ground to see game between Harbor Greys and Conestoga. Score: 18 to 5, in favor of Harbor. Pleasant day. P. clear.

Sunday June 20

At Sunday school and prayer meeting, a.m. Went over to see Grandmother in p.m. At home in eve. Took supper at Uncle C.B. Miller's this eve. Pleasant day, p. cloudy.

Monday June 21

At Lancaster. Jos. M. Witmer went along in, and Mary E. Bruner along out. Bought things for shop, etc. Cool all day. P. clear.

Tuesday June 22

Picking cherries, sent crate in to Ellis. Wife canning partly all day. Cut balance of grass, and took in what I cut on Friday and Saturday. P. clear.

Wednesday June 23

Picking cherries partly all day, 92 qts. This makes 198 qts. of the Conestoga tree below gate. Sent crate to Ellis again this morning, and wife canning partly all day. Took balance of hay to barn. Warm all day, p. clear.

Thursday June 24

Rec'd word last night at 12:15 a.m. of the death of Daniel A. Overholser at Gladwyn, Montgyles Pa., of diphtheria, son of Martin and Barbara Overholser, to meet the train at Lancaster at 2:30 p.m., and bring body out to Mt. Zion Cemetery and inter immediately. Did not open the case or casket. The friends here did not get to see him at all, casket and case hermetically sealed and entirely covered with flowers from the school there. A very sad funeral service only at grave and only immediate friends invited. Very warm. P. clear. Aged 27. 5 teams. Bearers: Jacob, Isaac, and John McAllister, John Pries, Mr. Bowman of Millersville, and myself.

Friday June 25

Picking cherries til 10 a.m. when I fell from tree and might have been killed, both arms sprained, side hurt badly, and neck very sore. I don't see how I escaped. Just nipped the pail fence. Limb broke about 20 ft. from ground. Was unconscious and did not become fully conscious for over three hours. I am certainly thankful that I was so fortunate and can only thank God for it. Warm all day, rain p.m. P. clear.

Saturday June 26

At home all day. Very sore all over. Cannot get either hand to mouth; must be fed to eat. Laying most of the time. Cool all day. P. clear.

Sunday June 27

At home all day. Children at Sunday school and church. I was not able to go on account of my fall. Am very sore all through body, arms, and head. Had quite a lot of folks call to see me all day and eve. Warm all day. P. clear.

Monday June 28

About house, a.m. Walked up to Dr. Witmer and from there to Bruner's store. He told me he had been to Lancaster to see about renting store on corner of Prince and German

and must let the party know tomorrow morning, and he wants me to take the store, post office, and insurance business here. Did not give him a definite answer til 9:30 p.m. Will take it. Warm all day. Arms better. P. clear.

Tuesday June 29

About house all day. James Hershock finished picking the Conestoga cherries below gate. We got about 250 qts. off of that tree. Mr. Bruner back from Lancaster about 1:30 and reporting that he failed to get the store stand and of course this ends the store business for me at this time. I don't think I will take any stock in his leaving soon again. This is the second time that he had me worked up. Partly cloudy and warm. Not feeling so good this eve. P. cloudy.

Wednesday June 30

About home and walked up to Bruner's store. Have more pain in my arm today. Had the splint put on it today again. A number of folks here today and John Z. Wade and family here this eve. A great many farmers finished their hay today. Harvest is coming fast. Very warm all day, p. clear. Ther. 90.

Thursday July 1

Went over to Grandmother and Miller's to spend a short time and they insisted on my staying until after supper, Blanche and I. Had a good deal of pain in my left arm all day but not so much as yesterday. Walked over to Jr. OUAM in eve. Bro. Gundaker and Kinber were here from Lancaster. Gundaker installed the officers. A committee on flag raising was appointed: A.F. Martin, K.B. Thomas, A.J. Zercher. Warm, p. clear.

Friday July 2

About house all day. Bought book for the children, entitled Book of Objects and Self Education. Arm paining nearly all day. Daniel

Overholser's funeral services were held today at Millersville. Very warm. P. clear.

Saturday July 3

About home all day. Walked up to store and over to IORM in eve. Had no meeting. Arms not very good. Very warm all day. Ther. 90. P. clear.

Sunday July 4

At home all day. Walked up to Bruner's in eve. Wife and children at Sunday school and missionary meeting. Feeling better today. Warm all day. Clear. Ther. 87.

Monday July 5

About house all day. Arms not so good today. P. clear, very warm and dry.

Tuesday July 6

Walked out to A.F. Martin, blacksmith shop, and to Uncle C.B. Miller's tenant house to see their harvest, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Arms feeling better. Very warm, hottest day of the season. P. clear. Ther. 95.

Wednesday July 7

About home all day. Mrs. Sourbeer spent the day with us. Mrs. Bruner and girls here in eve. Got 1 bush. C. corn of W.C. Smith and paid for same, 40 cents. Rec'd. 50 cents of Mrs. C. Sterneman for hanging screen doors some time ago. Warm, few drops of rain, which was very acceptable. P. clear. Ther. 89.

Thursday July 8

About house all day. Was to take Miss Hatter and Edith Kardister to station, Safe Harbor, but got P.M.B. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Warm all day. P. clear. Ther. 87.

Friday July 9

About house all day. More pain in my arm today than yesterday. P. clear. Ther. 91.

Saturday July 10

About house all day. Harry Bruner had horse to go to Lancaster to bring out Wm. F. Bruner, wife, and Olive of Philadelphia, who will spend some time here. At IORM in eve. Rec'd 1 week's benefit, \$4.00, on account of my fall. Very warm all day. P. clear. Ther. 94.

Sunday July 11

At Sunday school. Decided to treat the school first Saturday in August and hold a festival in eve., a.m. At preaching in p.m. by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Jona 4:9-11. Edith Groff took supper with us. At house in eve. Had a beautiful rain about 4 p.m., the first since 25 June. Very warm and dusty previous to rain, now very pleasant. P. cloudy. Ther. 89.

Monday July 12

Went to Lancaster at 10 a.m., wife and I. Bought suit, etc., for Charles; dress for wife; few things for Blanche; and things for shop. Paid for all. There was a very heavy rain at Lancaster this p.m. Cloudy. Rained best part of p.m., heavily. Warm all day.

Tuesday July 13

About house all day. A.J. Winter came out this eve. to work at Emanuel's house. He is going to make it 2-story. Damp, p. cloudy.

Wednesday July 14

About house all day. Not feeling well at all, p.m. Pain in back of head and in body. M.L. Overholser here and paid me for attending to bringing out body, etc. of his son Daniel, \$4.22 by check. Pleasant day, much cooler. P. clear.

Thursday July 15

About house all day. Not feeling well. J.M. Bruner and wife, Wm. F. Bruner wife, and Olive of Philadelphia, and Mary Bruner spent the day with us very pleasantly. Did not go to Jr. OUAM this eve. on account of pain in head, etc. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Friday July 16

About house and walked up to store. Up at Bruner's in eve. Jacob and wife and Wm. are leaving tomorrow morning. Rec'd \$2.00 of Jacob and Wm. toward painting fence around cemetery lot. Not feeling good at all today. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Saturday July 17

About house. Jacob and wife and Wm. Bruner left here this morning for Lancaster. Will go to Philadelphia Monday morning. Out at baseball, Conestoga 8, Safe Harbor 2, p.m. At IORM in eve. Rec'd my second week's benefits from them, feeling some better. Pleasant day but cooler, p. cloudy.

Sunday July 18

At Sunday school, a.m. Went out to preaching at M.E. Church by Rev. McVeigh. Text: Gal. 2:20. He preached a very good sermon, p.m. Walked out to Bro. Emanuel's and home this eve. Rained a nice shower last night. Pleasant day, rather cool. P. cloudy.

Monday July 19

Had intended going down home this morning, but on account of weather, did not go. About home all day. Warm all day. Light rain, a.m. P. cloudy.

Tuesday July 20

Had intended going down home this morning, but it rained so we did not go. About house, etc. Walked out to Bro. Emanuel's. The carpenters are getting along very fast with their work. They expect to be ready for paint outside by Friday. Warm all day, rain in morning. P. cloudy.

Wednesday July 21

Went down home to Lizzie Eberley's; met them all well, and glad to see each other once again. Blanche and Charles were along; wife remained at home. Returned home 8 p.m. Rained part of a.m. Warm, p. cloudy.

Thursday July 22

Wm. Keene got lumber to make bread trays. \$1.35, paid. Papering kitchen for Isaac McAllister all day. I feel very tired, especially my left hand. This is the first I earned for four weeks. At IORM. Rec'd two weeks' benefits, \$8.00. Warm all day. P. clear.

Friday July 23

Papering at Isaac McAllister's, finished shortly after noon (paid \$2.00). Went out to Bro. Emanuel's; they are getting along nicely with the house. I am coming to paint tomorrow. Beckie Carrigan got small table and paid for same, \$1.00. Very warm, nice shower this eve. Thunder gust. P. clear.

Saturday July 24

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's house all day. At IORM in eve. Pleasant all day. P. clear.

Sunday July 25

Was called over to Wade's. Wm. Wade came home from Lancaster last eve. and took a spell of nervous prostration. He was very sick, not expected to live, and they asked me to wait on him, etc., a.m. At preaching by Prof. Bowman of F & M. Text: Mark 4:28. He preached a very able and interesting sermon. Will Wade still very bad. Mr. Bruner and family here in eve. Warm all day. P. clear.

Monday July 26

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day. He got 6 sheets sand paper. Wm. Wade is some better this eve. Damp, looked very much for rain all day; rain in eve. Cloudy.

Tuesday July 27

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day. Very damp. Heavy rain partly all day. Cloudy.

Wednesday July 28

About house all day. In shop, etc. This wet weather is hard on the oats that I am laying.

Some, we are told, is sprouting. Very damp and raining. Cloudy.

Thursday July 29

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day. Wife out at Wm. Caldwell's helping to boil pear butter. She is not feeling well at all this eve. Pleasant day, changeable. P. clear.

Friday July 30

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day. Much warmer all day. P. clear.

Saturday July 31

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day. Helped the carpenters at the porch in p.m., awhile. At IORM in eve. Hailed in River Corner. Done considerable damage to crops. Thunder gust. Rained a fair show, but none at all at Rock Hill. Very warm. Showers in p.m. P. clear.

Sunday August 1

At Sunday school and missionary meeting. I read an essay on the first missionary (Paul) from his birth to his death, etc., a.m. At home. J.R. Yentzer here a short time in eve. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Monday August 2

At Lancaster, Blanche along. Bought glasses for her at Weber's \$3.00. Paid for same. Left watch in for repair. Bought bedstead for Dr. Witmer, and things for shop, etc. Emma Mitch gave her pug dog (female) to the children and brought it along out. County committee organized; no contests. Very warm all day. P. clear.

Tuesday August 3

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day. Will helped today for the first. Warm all day, but nice air. P. clear.

Wednesday August 4

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day, Wm. and I. I drove over to see Edw. Duke with John M.

Groff, Esq., who wanted to see him with regard to settling the suit against Mr. McFalls for cruelty to animals, etc., and we got it accomplished. Very warm and sultry. P. cloudy.

Friday August 6

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day, Wm. helping. Pleasant all day, much cooler. P. cloudy. Ther. 72.

Saturday August 7

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's a.m., Wm. and I. At home. Walked over to baseball in p.m. Went out to East End School grounds in eve. Treated Sunday school to cream cakes and bananas and sold enough to pay all expenses at \$2.55. Left on hand for treasurer. Everything passed off very nicely. Paid my insurance to WWMLI Co. by M.B. Good. Pleasant day. P. clear.

Sunday August 8

At Sunday school, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard. Text: Mark 7:37, p.m. Walked out to see Wm. Caldwell in eve. He is improving. Miss Emmie Lee, Miss Bessie Gast, and Mary Bruner spent the eve. with us very pleasantly. A few drops of rain. Very pleasant day, dusty, p. cloudy.

Monday August 9

At Lancaster, bought things for family, shoes, dry goods, and groceries. Saw H.F. Bruner about store property and Mrs. Brosius about Post Office, etc. Heavy rain at Philadelphia this morning. Very warm all day. P. clear.

Tuesday August 10

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day, Wm. and I. Misses Gast, Lee, and Bruner took supper here this eve. Had a fine shower last night, and heavy rain this p.m. Thunder gust this eve. At this writing, 8 o'clock, raining. Warm all day. P. cloudy.

Wednesday August 11

About hose partly all day. Too damp to paint. Several fires last night, near Salunga, caused by lightning. Benj. Barr's barn and contents. Grain barn of John Kready, Columbia Pike. Warm all day, light shower. P. cloudy.

Thursday August 12

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day, Wm. and I. Pleasant day. P. clear.

Friday August 13

Working in shop and about house all day. Very pleasant day, cool, p. clear. Ther. 61.

Saturday August 14

Took bedstead out to Wm. W. Witmer, \$5.00, and brought chairs from Mrs. Sam'l. Myers to paint, a.m. Painting chairs, filed 2 saws for M.H. Groff, \$.25, cleaned out henhouse, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Held our annual supper; had a very pleasant time. Quite a number present. Very warm. Heavy gust in eve. P. clear. Ther. 90.

Sunday August 15

At Sunday school, a.m. At home, p.m. Blanche went along with Edith Groff over to visit Anna Overholser at Slackwater. Rec'd word of the death of Mrs. John Clark (Barbara) this eve. Went over and took charge of body. Funeral on Wednesday at 10 o'clock at M.E. Church, this place. Very warm, heavy gusts this eve. P. cloudy. Ther. 88.

Monday August 16

Working in shop partly all day, making coffin, etc. filed 2 more saws for M.H. Groff, \$.25. Wm. painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day. Warm all day. P. clear.

Tuesday August 17

Working at shop, lining coffin, etc. Took roughbox to cemetery and stools to Clark's. Went over to see the glass blowers that came here Monday. They can certainly do fine

work. Wm. painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day. Warm all day. P. clear.

Wednesday August 18

Attending funeral of Barbara Clark, aged 68 +7+28. Rev. John C. McVeigh preached from Rev. 14:13. Rev. Daniel Rhinier made a few remarks. Bearers: A.F. Martin, Benj. Lawyer, Christ Henry, and Jacob M. Henry. Carriages, 18. Corpse looked very well. Charged \$30. Wm. painting at Bro. Emanuel's ¾ day. Warm all day. P. clear.

Thursday August 19

Working about shop and lot. Rec'd word of the death of one of Thos. Richardson's children at Middletown. To meet them at Safe Harbor tomorrow morning. At Jr. OUAM in eve. to see the glassblowers. Pleasant day, light showers in eve P. cloudy.

Friday August 20

Went to Safe Harbor and brought up body of Lloyd Richardson, infant son of Thos. Richardson, aged 1 mo. and 19 days. Services were held at Steelton. Bearers: Clint Johnson and myself. 2 carriages, a.m. In shop, mowing weeds, etc., pm. Pleasant day, cool morning and eve. P. clear.

Saturday August 21

Went to Jacob Harnish and brought up couch to repair, and in shop, a.m. In shop and went over to Jacob Henry about acct. due; was not successful, but he promised to do something on it by next Saturday. At glassworkers in eve. Ther. 59 this morning, much warmer during day. P. clear.

Sunday August 22

At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Rev. D.W. Gerhard. Text: Deuter. 16:16-17. He took supper with us. Self and family walked up to Bruner's in eve. Owen F. and wife were there from Lancaster. Much warmer all day. P. clear.

Monday August 23

Went to Lancaster by stage, bought goods for shop and family. Paid for all I bought today. Warm and sultry. Rain a.m. and heavy showers in p.m. P. cloudy.

Tuesday August 24

Helped to boil butter (grape) this a.m. Working in the shop, p.m. Wife not well at all this p.m. Thunder gust last night. Damp a.m. Pleasant p.m. P. cloudy.

Wednesday August 25

Working in shop all day, repairing lounges. Rec'd \$5.00 of Mrs. D. K. Lynes on account. Warm all day. P. clear.

Thursday August 26

Working in shop partly all day. Went out and paid F.H.T. \$5.00 that I had loaned, and went over to Hiller's, rec'd \$1.50 for tobacco lath of Casper Hiller. Went over to see Uncle Christ Miller on business. Warm, cool air. P. clear.

Friday August 27

Went over to Uncle C.B. Miller's with regard to store business. Rec'd good advice and encouragement, a.m. Fixed papering in East End School house, 50 cents., a.m. Went out to see J.H and I. Mc with regard to business changes. Rec'd very good encouragement. Warm all day P. clear.

Saturday August 28

Took chairs to Mrs. Ella Myers (grained, \$1.50). Took lounge to Jacob Harnish (recovered, \$3.00, paid), a.m. In shop and walked out to Mt. Zion. The U.E.S.S. held a picnic in the woods. Rec'd blank resignation for Mr. Bruner to resign postmaster-ship and a blank application sheet for me to apply for the same. Rec'd. 22 signatures this eve. At IORM in eve. Brought Grandmother over to stay til tomorrow. Rec'd \$5.00 of F. Campbell. Warm all day. P. clear.

Sunday August 29

At Sunday school and prayer meeting, a.m. Spent the p.m. with Grandmother. Amos McAllister (Sr.) here. Mary Hess here for dinner, and Anna Hess here. Spent a very pleasant time. Took Grandmother home this eve. Mr. Bruner and family and Anna Graver here this eve. Warm all day. Clear.

Monday August 30

Went to Lancaster. Rec'd and deposited \$500 in bank for store purposes. Gave Mr. Bruner \$60 on acct. of stock. Wife was along in. Gave the Post Office papers to Hon. M. Brosius, Congressman, and everything was satisfactory. Warm all day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday August 31

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day, Wm. and I. I was not feeling well at all today, did not eat any dinner. Wish I was through with the job. Paid Wil 30 cents on acct. Warm all day. P. clear.

Wednesday September 1

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day, Wm. and I. Feeling some better today. Pleasant all day. Looks for rain. P. clear.

Thursday September 2

Painting at Bro. Emanuel's all day, Wm. and I. Finished inside. Warm all day. P. clear.

Friday September 3

Working in shop and about house all day. Albert Smith got 1 basket peaches, \$.50. Cool all day (in shade). Clear.

Saturday September 4

Working in shop, fixed chimney at East Centre School, etc., a.m. In shop and walked out to baseball grounds a short time to see game between Wideawakes and our team. Score: 11 to 1 against us. At IORM in eve. Rather cool all day. P. clear. Ther. 54.

Sunday September 5

At Sunday school and missionary society, a.m. At preaching by Rev. D.W. Gerhard, text: Acts 19:34, and at home, p.m. Walked out to Wm. Caldwell's in eve. Warm all day and dry, clear.

Monday September 6

School opened today. Children happy. Went to Lancaster. Bro. Emanuel went along. Saw H.F.B. and rented store from him @ \$12.00 per month, and with the understanding that he will not raise the rent. Paid P.M.B. \$30.00 more on acct. of store goods. Bought coffee mill for store, \$7.00, and gave order for 10 keg nails at Steinman's, bought things for house. Lewis Kirk's house burned down last night, supposed to have been set on fire. He is in jail. Warm all day and dry. Clear.

Tuesday September 7

Took sideboard, etc., to Millersville for Jacob Walter this a.m. In shop graining chairs, picking peaches, etc., p.m. Lydia Henry moved to her daughter Mary at Safe Harbor today. Very warm all day. Clear. Ther. 91.

Wednesday September 8

Took out balance of potatoes, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Very warm all day. Ther. 86. P. cloudy.

Thursday September 9

Papering at Bro. Emanuel's all day. He got 1 lb. of glue, 20 cents, and alum, 5 cents. At Jr. OUAM in eve. No meeting. Very warm all day. Clear. Ther. 92.

Friday September 10

Working at Bro. Emanuel's all day papering (finished) and hung blinds, Wm. and I. Paid Wm. 50 cents. Ther. 100. Clear, very warm all day, and dry.

Saturday September 11

Working in shop, a.m. In shop, etc., p.m. Thos. J. Davis and wife called this eve. and took Nellie the pug dog home with them. At IORM in eve. M.K. Groff for repairing chairs, 50 cents. McAllister and Sickman seat for mill wagon, 50 cents. Very warm all day. Clear. Ther. 98.

Sunday September 12

At Sunday school a.m. and went to Andrew Good's for dinner and spend part of p.m. P.M. Bruner and family, Henry Martin and wife, and myself and family spent a very pleasant time. Amos Graver here a while in eve. Owen and wife out from Lancaster up home. Very pleasant; looks very much for rain. 27 degrees cooler than yesterday. Cloudy.

Monday September 13

Went to Lancaster; wife along, bought 29 yds. Carpet @ 50 cents, for sitting room, up at store. And coffee mill for store, \$7.00, paid for same. And things for house from O.F. Bruner in full. Rec'd a letter from Mr. Wm. K. Seltges with papers enclosed for fire insurance agency to be filled out. Sultry, warm, all day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday September 14

Working at Uncle C.B. Miller carpentering all day. \$1.25. The papers have my appointment as postmaster this eve. and rec'd several catalogues and letters for supplies, cases, etc. Rec'd \$1.50 of Emma Barry for repairing furniture to date. Warm all day. P. clear.

Wednesday September 15

Working at Uncle C.B. Miller carpentering all day, \$1.25. Rec'd bond from Post Office Dept. and notice of my appointment this eve. Gave Uncle C.B. Miller check for \$100.00 for favor til Oct. 1, just. Am very tired this eve. I worked hard and not used to this crawling. Amos Graver filled chaff bag and brought it up this

eve. Paid 40 cents. Warm during day, cool this morning. Clear.

Thursday September 16

Working at Uncle C.B. Miller, a.m. At home, p.m. Got my bondsmen for P.O.: C.B. Miller and Amos Warfel. Edna Caldwell visiting here today, staying overnight. At Jr. OUAM in eve. Still warm and dry. Ther. 63.

Friday September 17

Working in shop all day getting things ready for the sale and for moving. Filed saw for John Graver, paid for same. Emma Debolt mother hired girl came up to spend a few days. Had a very good rain last night. Mailed by bond to government for P.O. this morning. Paid Wm. 25 cents on acct. Very pleasant all day. P. cloudy.

Saturday September 18

Sorting out goods for sale and moving and took chairs over to Albert Charles and Anna Myers, a.m. In shop, cleaned out hen house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Paid Wm. 50 cents on acct. Pleasant all day, much cooler. Clear. Ther. 50 in morning.

Sunday September 19

At Sunday school, a.m. At preaching by Rev. D.W. Gerhard. Text: 127 Psalm. Walked out to Bro. Emanuel's a little while and home in eve. Very pleasant day, cool. P. clear. Ther. 56 in morning.

Monday September 20

In shop. Took load of paint cans up to Bruner's and loaded goods from there to take to Lancaster with my wagon, a.m. In shop and about the house and barn, getting ready for sale and moving, p.m. Rec'd \$5.00 of A.L. Henry on acct. Grant Gardner here to see me about some trouble of his and his sale bills. Quite cool all day. P. cloudy.

Tuesday September 21

Getting ready for sale partly all day. It is reported that there was ice this morning. Cold partly all day Ther. 43. P. cloudy.

Wednesday September 22

Hauling goods up to Bruner's for the sale all of a.m. Wm. Henry helping. About home, etc., p.m. Was called to Aaron Kendig, Safe Harbor, to take charge of body of his son who died this eve. Will make arrangements for funeral tomorrow. Cool all day, but pleasant. P. cloudy.

Thursday September 23

Went to Safe Harbor and embalmed body of Aaron Kendig son, etc. Funeral on Saturday at 1 and 2 p.m., bury at Highville, a.m. Attending sale of P.M. Bruner and my own goods; was to clerk the sale, but got Bro. Emanuel to take my place. Had a fair sale, p.m. Paid Aaron Henry \$4.00 balance due on incubator and brooder of H.L. Martin. At home in eve. Heavy rain last night and this morning and eve. My goods amounted to \$28.61. Damp all day, cloudy.

Friday September 24

Took roughbox to Highville U.B. Cemetery, and to Kendig's to see after corpse. Everything all right, a.m. In shop working at casket and took quinces over to Uncle C.M. Martin for market. Sent check to H.B.C. Co. for \$22.67 bill to date. Rec'd of John Clark for casket, etc., \$32.00. Wrote a letter to Uncle Jacob Zercher Mt. Joy by request of Grandma. Damp and cool all day. P. cloudy.

Saturday September 25

Went to Safe Harbor to attend funeral of Harry W. Kendig, aged 23 years, 2 days. Rev. McVeigh preached from Matt. 25:13. Bearers: Henry Reese, Myles Mulligan, Howard Binkley, Elwood Aston. Carriages 10. Corpse looked splendid; I believe could have kept him a week. Charged. \$30.00. Rec'd

cash, \$10.00. Paid school tax to Sam'l McLaughlin, \$2.74. Paid M.B. Good \$2.00. Great change in the weather. Quite warm, clear.

Sunday September 26

At Sunday school and went over to Uncle C.B. Miller and spent the balance of the day there. Benj. Bears, Jonas Witmer, Benj. Kendig, Anna Hess, Martha Eshleman were there also. Charles not feeling so well this eve. Very pleasant day. P. clear.

Monday September 27

Helped wife to wash with machine, cleaned ut shop, etc., a.m. took carpet up to store and cut some for the women to bind. Gathered cabbage for kraut, and started making, etc., p.m. Wm. Caldwell and family here this eve. to spend it with us. Cool all day. Clear.

Tuesday September 28

Working about house. Finished making kraut. Wife went to funeral of Mrs. Abrm. Henry, a.m. Took cellar things up to store, and working about house, p.m. Rec'd P.O. case this eve. by stage. Am pretty well pleased with it. Blanche was affirmed as principal assistant, p.m., by P.C. Hiller this eve. Wm. Henry here; we settled everything up to date. Loaned him 50 cents. Cool all day. Clear.

Wednesday September 29

Helping wife about house, a.m. Helping about house, fixed porch post, etc., bought 30 gal. coal oil of the Attautis Refining Co. wagon for the store, and paid for same, 7¼. At home in eve. Pleasant all day, rather cool, clear.

Thursday September 30

At store all day. Took charge of Post Office and taking account of store goods all day. Ordered bill of goods of M. & H. through Hershey. At Jr. OUAM in eve. They passed an amendment reducing funeral benefits from

\$75 to \$40. Very pleasant day, rather warm, clear.

Friday October 1

At store taking account of stock, a.m. and part of p.m. Ordered bill of hardware of Reilly Bros. and Raub through Mr. Barr. Varnished desk, chest, etc. for J.B. Good. 25 cents. Paid for same. Very pleasant, warm, clear.

Saturday October 2

At store, etc., a.m. at home, Jacob Henry here and settled his account by note, 60 days. And at Safe Harbor and home, p.m. Paid B.K. Lawyer \$1.56 for IOOF. This makes me square on the books up to January 1, 1898. Cool and getting colder. At IORM in eve. I think this will be my last attendance for a while.

Sunday October 3

At Sunday school and missionary, a.m. At preaching by Rev. Gerhard, text: Acts 16:9. Went over to Uncle Christ's after church and brought Sister Lizzie along over. Pleasant all day. P. clear.

Monday October 4

Went to Lancaster, bought goods for store. Attended court of D.H. Rankin case with Jos. Harnish for Musser's estate; I was a witness. Brought some of goods out, and took showcase, etc., in for Mr. Bruner. Frost this morning. Very pleasant day. Clear.

Tuesday October 5

Moved to the store, and P.M. Bruner who has lived here for __ years, moved to Lancaster corner of Strawberry and Green Sts. I do not know how I will like it. Everything is new to me, and am going to do a cash business besides. Everything is mixed up so badly in the store and a dark room that I scarcely know what to do, but hope for the best. Got everything up all right. Pleasant day. P. cloudy.

Wednesday October 6

I am sorry that I have not kept up with my diary, but it was too much; I could not spare the time.

No Further Entries for 1897

Enclosed newspaper clipping, date and publication unknown:

A Burdened Cherry Tree

A.J. Zercher, of Conestoga, has on his premises a cherry tree that is a curiosity, the branches being literally covered with the fruit. So closely is it packed on the branches that there is scant room for leaves.

Enclosed newspaper clipping, publication unknown:

Lancaster County Postmasters Named
Washington, Sept. 13. —Among fourth-class postmasters appointed today were the following for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: A.J. Zercher, Conestoga; J.M. Lefever, Martinsville; J.R. Wolf, East Earl.