April The 8: 1872

Meet according to previous arrangement, in School at Sulphurspring, Alexander's Co. N.C. There are twelve students present, and we introduce our School by reading a portion of Scripture and praying the words leading.

We spend the week until Saturday evening, in teaching and repairing the grounds around the Academy.

Things are badly out of order here, the yard is almost full of chips, and the ground around the house covered with logs, rocks and litter in general.

We work in the morning until School time, at intermission and from five o'clock in the after noon until night.

Sunday evening has arrived, and finds things more neatly arranged, and more attractive; and we are on our way to Brother Howell Gaultney's.

We converse upon things in general.

We have arrived at the Brother's house
meet a hearty welcome, and spend the night very agreeably. Saturday the 13th we are on our way to Pilgrim Church, 8:30 A.M. Nothing occurs during our walk, worthy of note. We are at the church, but find no person present; we converse about the languishing condition of the church. While we thus talk we see some person approaching the house. It is long until the congregation assemble. — Brother J. H. Jewettley reads the 6 of Second Corinthians, and repeats and sings “Grace be with you.” Text Second Corinthians 8: 9. He notices first the grace of God, and second the primeval glory of Christ, and thirdly his extreme poverty for our sakes, and lastly urges us to be willing to make sacrifices for our dear Master. The writer closes by prayer, and we have great reasons to believe the Lord has met with us, and blessed us.
In the afternoon we take dinner with brother Hillsaps, and visit the rocky ridge mountain. We are highly delighted with our visit. We can see the manifest power of God upon every hand. We stand on the stupendous rocks, and look down a declivity hundreds of feet; and there see the shattered fragment of rock. It vividly brings to our youthful minds the recollections of the sufferings of our blessed Savior, when He hung upon the cross three dreadful hours in pain, suffering to atone for the sins of the world. We can see in almost every direction, mountains, green fields, farms and beautiful streams. We feel loth to leave this grand scenery, but the sun is setting and declining in the western sky. We think it is our reasonable duty to bow in humble adoration before God. We
Spend a few moments in prayer, then rise and lead. We return to the friendly house.

At night, we visit an aged sister, and learn a profitable lesson, we trust, that we too must, if permitted to live, grow old and infirm, and that this world is not our staying place. — Leabuth the 14th. it is raining a little, and hardly know whether to go to Church or not. Near the hour for preaching, the sun is seen through the inky, lonely, and we are on our way to Church. — arrive at Church; find a lovely no. of persons present. — The writer tries to preach first text. Hebrews 10: 31 “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

We notice first that man has made himself an enemy to God, and that there must be a reconciliation effected and the terms by which this reconciliation is to be effected (viz. Repentance Toward God and faith in Christ). —
Brother Gaultney followed by singing "must I be to judgment brought?"—text from Mark ch. 3, "The Lord is slow to anger; great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked." The first notices the patience of God toward sinful men, and called especial attention to the great trial of his patience in witnessing the death and sufferings of his Son. Secondly, the power of God as exhibited in the resurrection of Christ. Thirdly, that he will not at all acquit the wicked.—it is now time for dismissal.—Benediction by the writer.—We are on our way to the New School house.—stop on the way and take dinner.—it is raining and we hardly know whether to go to our appointment or not, but not withstanding the rain we go to our appointment, find the house almost filled with people.—the writer tries to preach.—text first John 3:1 "Behold what manner of love the
Rather truth bestowed upon us? Notice first the love of God manifest in our redemption, secondly in our preservation, and thirdly in our redemption. It is time for dismissal. May Benediction by Bros. Gunkle.

We return home wearied in body, but strengthened spiritually, we trust. spend the night in sweet repose, feeling we have done what we could.

Monday the 15, return to our school. The school has increased from 12 to 20. April the 20 nothing has occurred since my last entry worthy of note except one or two things. An aged man died on the night of the 15 of this month. He was perhaps, over 100 years old. He was buried in a neighboring church yard. This teaches us that, though we live our three score and ten years, we must likewise die, and return to the dust when we leave the scene.
who read this little rebuke, be prepared 
for the "serpent sleeptr of death."
April the 21 (Sabbath) # I thought it 
was the prettiest morning I ever saw 
the sun arose in unclouded majesty 
and wrapped the world in his warm 
mantle. After prayers and some med 
itations I went to Sulphur Spring to 
Sabbath School—sung a few old 
familiar hymns. After the inter 
union of the School I tried to make 
a few remarks upon the importance of 
a Sabbath School and then retired to 
the grove to reflect upon some 
theme or other, from which to preach. 
returned to the Church at the hour 
for preaching, found a respectable con 
gregation, and tried to preach from a 
passage of Scripture found in the book 
of the Acts 17:18 "because he preached 
upon unto them Jesus and the resur 
section" tried to notice Christ as being
just such a Savior as we needed, because He was very God and very man. He was calculated to sympathize with us in our fallen condition, and at the same time able to heal us of the contagion of sin and briefly notice the resurrection notice! Christ the first fruits of the resurrection.

In the afternoon I went to a concord to an appointment, but when I got there, an old brother was there and claimed the appointment. I gave way to him, and listened at him to let his hearers a while and when he had finished his discourse, I made a few remarks on Sabbath School, and after we came out of the church, the old gentle man began a controversy with me because I did not believe a Sabbath School was a part of the church. I then started on my way home, I felt so badly after having con-
Tended with the old men that I was about to continue not to go to college any more, as I rode along through a dense forest about dark I tried to console myself by thinking of my intended brief and listing at the voice of the Whippoorwill. So nothing more has occurred worthy of note April the 25th received a call to visit a bro. whose little child lay sick. Bro. Jared and I left our school after 5 o'clock A.M. arrived at the brother's house after dark but death had done its full work before we got there. We tried to console the family as much as we could. We sung some old familiar tunes, and held prayers, bro. G—lead in prayers April the 25th at Delphus Spring with a heavy heart. School till noon. In the afternoon assisted in performing the burial of bro. G—child April 26th I went to an appointment in
Sedell Co. Mo. felt very badly. The family with whom I stayed, was engaged in a dispute, and it seemed to throw a damper over my feelings which I did not get over during the day. I hope it may never be my lot to visit a family any more while engaged in a quarrel.

I went to the grove in the morning before meeting time and tried to pray and to think upon my text, but my mind was so deranged that I could not think with much satisfaction, went to a school house at 11 o'clock, found a goodly number of persons present. I tried to preach from H. 8 of 1 Timothy preached about 10 minutes. Spoke of the power of religion, and exhorted Christiainty to return their profession by a pious walk and zeally connection and closed by exhorting sinners to embrace the religion our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Returned.
home with a heavy heart. I hope and pray that such may never be caste any more. Friday May the 2nd, left school in the evening, and visited bro. Stephenson's family and spent the night there. Saturday the 3rd, left bro. Stephenson to visit a sick family. I traveled through a dark forest, with a heavy heart, but remembered it was better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting. Arrived bro. R. Gaultney's, found the family weeping as they stood by the bed side of a young lady, who was near the end of life's journey. A good sister, the mother of the sick lady, came in and told me of the trouble she had to undergo. I tried to console her by telling her it was the lonely evening, and that it was right. The family and the sick lady requested
to pray for and with them. I read a few chapters, and sung a few old hymns, and then tried to seal in prayer. Never shall I forget the solemnity that oblation. Started the to visit old bro. Brown, found him in a better state of health than I expected. I stayed with the old bro. As until evening, and then returned home, and spent the night in sweet repose. Sabbath the 5th arose refreshed for the duties of the day. Started to an appointment at the old Mount Pleasant grave yard. Thought upon theme, from which to preach, as I went along. Arrived at the place, found a respectable congregation seated in the grove. I tried to preach from John the 3:15. Found good attention, and preached with moderate ease. After dismissal, I went home with a boy and sat dinner, and began to think upon another
The next day the afternoon arrived at Liberty Church, and found a
goodly number present. Tried to preach from full chapters the 6:14.
A good old bro. closed for me by prayers. After I had pronounced
the benediction, a young man came to me, and told me that the young
lady whom I visited last Saturday was deceased. I announced to the congre-
agation that she buried and buried would be entombed to the next day.
I then went home with a good brother and sister, and drank
a few cups of coffee. I returned home about dusk very weary and tired—
spent the night in sweet repose hoping I had done some good. Follow-
day the 6 of May, went to our sch
ool, closed School until 12 o'clock
then dismissed for the remain of
of the day. In the afternoon a
A large congregation assembled at the church to hear the funeral of Miss M. M. Clayton and little Alice, the daughter of Robert Gaultney.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock, the corpse was brought to the church, and Br. W. A. Fool preached the funeral. From 12, 1 o'clock, he delivered a consoling sermon. The bereaved friends of the deceased were greatly relieved and comforted.

At sunset, the deceased one was buried. At night, Br. Gaultney and I visited the bereaved family, and tried to console them by talking, and singing. May the 11th, Br. Gaultney and I left school after dismissal, and went to Br. Johnson's to a house-raising.

Spent a portion of the night with Br. G. and then returned home and spent the night in sweet...
repose. Mary the 11, rose with a heavy heart, and began to think of the solemn duty, which lay before me. It was the day of my ordination. We spent the forenoon in prayer, reading, and meditation, and in the afternoon we went to church at Sulphur Springs. Spring, and a goodly no. of persons present, among whom was bro. J. Monard, Steele, and J. Pool. Preaching time soon arrived, and bro. J. Monard filled the pulpit. Text Matthew the 11: 28. The sermon was full of interest and consolation. After the sermon, the house was called to order by bro. W. A. Pool; and proceeded with the usual church business until bro. G. C. Pool called for a letter of dismission to his wife, but it was not granted. The church then concluded to
Drop the regular business, and proceeded to the ordination of the writer. Bro. J. E. M. Neal was appointed chairman, R. H. Steele and J. B. Green examiners; H. J. Sandtner to present the Bible and W. A. Sharp to offer the ordaining prayers and J. E. M. Neal to deliver the Charge.

I was questioned relative to my Christian experience and call to the ministry, also concerning the doctrian of the Scriptures. Then adjourned until 9 o'clock Sabbath morning. — Sabbath the 12 of May, met according to previous arrangement, at the creek to administer the ordinance of Baptism. A large congregation present. Sing the old Hymn, "Sing a Solomon of the Cross". After prayer, and some remarks by W. A. Sharp, the candidate.
was led down into the council room and inducted by brethren J. F. Gauntney and Bro. A. Yorke. We then went to the church and performed the duties mentioned heretofore. Each one of the presbyters performed the duties of his respective office mentioned above. After the ordinatio was over, we had a short intermission. Benediction by the candidate. Oh! never shall I forget the solemnity of that occasion. I felt greatly relieved, and have reasons to believe that the Lord blessed and owned our efforts for the advancement of his kingdom here below.

and I then started to Concord to fill an appointment for W. A. Frue. We went along & tried to think upon some passage of scripture for a theme, but I could not settle any mind upon any certain until I arrived at the place. We soon arrived at the church, funeral a wild-looking congregation. The most of them seemed to glory in fine horses and a general show. I tried to preach from Galatians 6:14. Bro. Gaultney followed. Text John 3:16. We then returned home weary after the clergy’s labor and spent the night in sweet rest, feeling we had done what we commenced praying the Lord to bless our feet's effort for the advancement of his cause. May the 17, the morning was damp and wet, and I started for Mt.
Olive Church. I met bro. Guinn and we concluded not to go to our appointment as the day was very unfavorable. We met bro. Hord and conversed with him about preaching. I trust we all were greatly relieved and benighted. In the afternoon went into the neighborhood of Mt. Olive. Spent the night with bro. R., in sweet repose. Sabbath the 16. I arose refreshed and invigorated for the toils of the day. At half past 8 o'clock a. m. met in Sabbath School. The writer delivered an address to the young people, and then retired to the grove to meditate upon a theme from which to preach at 11 o'clock. At 11 o'clock we met at the church for preaching. I tried to preach from Deut. 17:16 that the Lord was with us, and
blessed me with his free grace. I then returned home, and spent the night in sweet repose, though weary and almost exhausted. I hope my weak effort for the advancement of the Redeemer’s kingdom will prove a savos of life unto life, and mortun of death unto death.

May the 24, I went, in company with bro. G.-, to an aged brother’s house, and spent the night with him and his family. We spent a portion of the night before retiring, in singing, reading and prayer. I felt greatly relieved, and hope that all who may read this will likewise adopt family prayer.

Saturday the 25, I went to Bethel to preaching. The day was very unfavoreable. Not many out. My youthful mind ran vividly to the clays, when I had been an
instructor of the youth at that place, but they were not present. I could have said with the ancient "Burel," "My youthful companions, where are they, and who would have answered where are they?"—

The hour came for preaching, and I had to try to preach—felt little like preaching, when I began, but became more interested afterwards.

Text: Dom. 1:16.—Spent the night with bro. W. May 26, was refreshed and invigorated. Spent the morning in reading, meditation and prayer. Etd 11 o'clock met at the church for worship. W. G. Cook preached a warm sermon.

We then commemorated the death and sufferings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I hope we were profited by our meeting together. The church almost unanimously
surrounded. The sacramental bound. I was gratified to see so many young men and ladies not ashamed to own their errors. Amen. May the Lord bless them with His rich and abundant grace.

The 30th I left School in the afternoon, and visited my aged and afflicted great-aunt. Found her very unwell. I learned, I trust, a profitable lesson from my visit. I learned that this world is not our staying place. As I was going on my way to visit my aged relative, I stopped in a grove yonder. I seemed that I was wholly shrouded in solemnity. My feelings were entirely changed. The things of which I had been thinking left my mind, and Eternal Thought filled the void

May the 31st, returned to my School, and on my way I
visited the graveyard mentioned above, and composed the following short composition. — "A visit to graveyard."

"I am seated in a graveyard at 3, beneath the sheaks of green oaks."

The blue arish of heaven is my sheet,

The sighing wintry in the leaves of the

of the forest, the songs of the chur

ful birdie and the clee are my comparnions.

—I am surrounded by grav'es upon every hand. On my right is the grave of a tender and affectionate father, also the graves of two little sisters, and one a little brother. On my left are the graves of my youthful acquaintance. Every thing seems to whisper 'we are born to die.' I see the gently ivy as it winds it way

over the cold clump grave. I think what a lonely place it

needs to grow, but it is not elish.
by the bustles of the world. I see
the green beech, that favored and
chosen tree of the ancient patri-
ets. It raises its tall head in
the gentle breeze; and stately like a
sentinel guarding the grave, the
home of the dead. — I see the meek
rose bush with its single flower, as it
sturdily at the foot of a grave. It
seems to be weeping over the dust
that sleeps at its feet; for it is
lowing its head, apparently in sorrow.
I think how soon it must wither
and fade, but perhaps the lines of
some of these that sleep near its
feet, have been shorter than its.
"Are all so frail as a leaf?" — I now
turn my eyes to the graves, and
think of the resurrection morning,
when all the graves by which I
am surrounded, shall burst and
rise up their victims. I think will ea
These arise with a smile upon their faces, or will some arise bowed with shame and contempt. While I write these lines I can only say "Oh how carefully I ought to live, that I may arise clothed with righteousness, and that I may then exultingly explain "Oh death, where is thy sting. Oh grave, where is thy victory."—So soon as May the 29. Nothing of very much importance has occurred since my last slate, except the death of my grandmother, and the death of one of my neighbors. Since my last slate I have been trying, as much as I could, to preach the gospel, and to teach school. We have gotten along in school with the assistance of the Spirit of our Creator, as we trust, as well as bothers.
be expected. I have also learned that this world is full of trouble and disappointment, but I humbly trust they are calculated to raise our expectations from the foretold things of this world, to things more noble and grand in a better world. I know the good Lord orders all things for the best to those who love and obey him. Since my last date, the Lord has seen fit to afflict me, but, in his mercy, has restored me to health and I hope I have been enabled to more fully consecrate myself to his service. I also have half a heart and bold heart a portion of the time. Oh! may the Lord give me a better heart.

August the 3d, left home for an appointment, soon arrived at
The place of worship found a small congregation present. Bro. J. H. Sanctney preached, text Rom. 6:23. We had great reasons to believe that the Lord was with us, and blessed us. Sabbath Home according to previous arrangements at the place of worship (James Pond, 60 E. 126th St.) found quite a number present. The writer tried to preach from Heb. 10:31, and was followed by Bro. J. H. Sanctney, text Rom. 6:23. We felt greatly relieved, and had great reasons to be thankful. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock, we met a large congregation at the new lot house to have house, Bro. J. H. Sanctney preached, text, perhaps 1:8. The writer closed by prayer, we then spent the night with Bro. E. Stephenson and family, feeling we had done what we could and hoping the
I could still bless us, and make us better Christians. Aug. 5, left the family with whom we spent the night, and started to a protracted meeting at Bub creek Mill, Co. ef 136. The morning was extremely warm, and we soon began to feel very tired, but we had not traveled far until we met two young brethren with consequences to conducting to the church, but we were soon overtaken by a rain, and got so wet that we had to stop before we got to the church. Aug. 6, were refreshed and invigorated for the duties of the day, met at the church for prayer meeting at 10 o'clock, met with and of preaching brethren, at 11 o'clock the writer tried to preach, text verse 5:16, had great reasons to believe
Lord

the twoes with me and aided
my effort to advance his
cause. In the afternoon Mr. J.
F. Sandlin preached, text 2 Co.
8:9. The congregation were greatly
affected, but no penitence was
resembled at the Church, at early
evening. light, Mr. W. C. Jovol
preached, text 1 Peter 5:16. The
sermon was warm and full of
interest, he closed by an exhortati
on. One young man presented him
self as a penitent. We adjourned
for the night. After I met accor
ding to previous arrangement at
the Church, engaged in a prayer
meeting, at 11 o'clock the writer tried
to preach, text Gal. 6:14, felt great-
ly relieved, there was considerable
affair in the congregation. In the
afternoon for quietly preaching
Text Psalms 95:7, 8. The sermon
was full of interest, almost the entire congregation was weeping.
A no of penitenty presented themselves as objects of prayer. The church was greatly revived, and we felt that the Lord was in the midst of his people. At every candle light we reassembled at the church, 6th. Mr. Toll preached text Rom. 8:28.
The sermon was full of interest, he concluded by an exertion, a no of penitenty presented themselves as objects of prayer. Just before we adjourned a good brother told me that two had obtained a hope. This rejoiced us very much. We journeyed till the appointed time next day Aug. The 8th, met according to previous arrangement. Harper, meeting at 11 o'clock. At 11 o'clock the writer tried to preach, text “Behold, wheat manner as love the brother be"
us," felt that the Lord was with me. We journaled for one hour after the ex-
emption of that time. Bro. Hare preached text: "By grace are ye saved." The way
followed by Bro. Gauntney. Text: "The wages
of sin is death." It was the closing
scene of our meeting, and the brethren's
emotions almost overcome them. We had
a most precious meeting. Eight young
ladies obtained a hope while Bro. Gauntney
was preaching. We then brought our meet-
ing to a close, but had to leave a
no of young persons enquiring the way
to Zion. We came home with light
hearted, and more fully confirmed that
it was our duty to preach the same
she may the Lord and continue to
bless us with his free spirit and
to make us better men. Dr. H. Gauntney
and J. W. Thorne — August 10,
Spent the forenoon in reading, writ-
ing, and meditation. In the after noon
I went to Sulphur Spring to meet the festival. The pastor (W. L. God.) was absent, he had gone to preach at the burial of a little child, and I had to try to fill his place. Text, "ye are not your own, but are bought with a price." I had considerable liberty in speaking. I tried to prove to the Christians that they were not their own, and that it was their duty to glorify God in their body and in their spirit. Felt greatly blessed, hope the Lord blessed us with His Holy Spirit. 24 Aug. I left home for Jilsgton. Traveled over smooth and rough road, passed by beautiful green crops of corn. Arrived at the church and found a respectful congregation seated under the harbor. The hour arrived for preaching. Bro. R. L. Steele.
preached, text, "What must I do to be saved." He's sermon was full of instruction and interest. The service closed by prayers. After short intermission we assembled in the church for the purpose of communing re-creating the eleventh suffering of Christ, at the close of which service we tried to imitate that humble example of our Lesson, to vitt washing feet. Greatly relieved! I then started on my way to Rocky Spring in company with Bro. Gventrez, soon reached the place and tried to preach from text, the epistolal servant prayers of a righteous man availeth much. Bro. Gventrez closed by prayers—— 8th. The 12th, I went to Tleemont still to a protracted meeting. The writer tried to preach to tolerable large congregation, text, prayers and the resurrection, had great liberty in speaking, and also heard great reasons to believe that God was with us. A no. of penitently presented themselves.
as objects of prayer. — In the afternoon
bro. J. F. Gunntney preached, text, "To day
if we will hear his voice," the congre-
gation was affected very much under
his preaching, and quite a number of peni-
tant came forward, but no conversions.
I advanced until night, and left with
rather a cooled heart. — Reassembled at
night; the writer tried to preach, text, "Are
effectual fervent prayer," Mr. J. W. Broo
followed, by making some remarks upon
the importance of prayer, and then
invited penitent. The meeting in-
creased in interest, adjourned
till next morning. — Aug. 18, met
emboldened to previous arrang-
ment, engaged in a prayer meet-
ing. At 11 o'clock, bro. H. M. God
preached, text, "We have not follow-
ed cunningly devised fables." bro.
Gunntney followed, with an exhorta-
tion. Several mourners came forward.
Read an intermission of one hour, then the writer, and Rev. Gannly, preached, text, "Fretting is profitable unto all things." "The wages of sin is death." After services, most of the members of the church retired for secret prayer; bro. J. and myself went into a dark room and engaged in prayer, and felt greatly relieved; etc. "Learn the light," etc. Mr. Brown preached, text, "We are justified by faith only." God's sermon was warm and full of interest. He closed by encouraged exertion. An era of penitency seemed foreseen. We remained until morning. At 11 met at the stand, and engaged in prayer; etc. At 11 o'clock, the writer and H. Faulkney preached, text, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." We then brought our meeting to close.
August 15, I am on my way to Sulphur Spring to an association. I have arrived at the spring, and meet with brother J. D. Hanham and Richardson, and proceeded to the house in company with them, and there I met with several others. It is now preaching time, and brothers J. W. Haugnes and J. Fregerson are in the stand. Bro. Haugnes preaches the introductory text, Luke 10:23, “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.” He urges us to examine ourselves, and to see whether or not our profession be true. This sermon is warm and full of interest, and to. Fregerson tells by prayer. We assemble for one hour at the expiration of which time we reassemble in the house, and the breviary is called to order by bro. John; he calls for two letters.
from the different churches, 27 are
thousands in, and reach. They report
over 2,000 members in good standing.
The body elected bro. W.T. R. L.
Steele school, and bro. J. D. Sherill clerk.
The moderator appoints a committee
of arrangement, and a committee on devotional exercises. It is now time to
adjourn. Hosanna "There is a fountain
filled with blood." Prayers by Elder
and son leading. — Benediction by the
moderator. — On the 16, meet accord-
ing to adjournment, prayers by the
moderator. The association proceeds
with its usual business. — It is now
time to adjourn. — Benediction by the
mod. At 2 P.M. reassembled in
the house, and transacted the ordinary
business. It is now time to adjourn.
Mr. W. R. Yandley requests the congrega-
tion to sing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?
he then closed in prayers. Benediction.
by the mood. The people seem to be very cheerful because the rain has ceased, and the sun has shone out. At Canaan light we meet for preaching. The congregation is singing, "Plead Christ over sinners, Elees P. Houfhem leans in prayers. The prayers is the most pathetic prayer heard. Bro. Books is in the pulpit, he reads from Deuteronomy, text, "Thy foot shall not slip in due time." This sermon is solemn, warm and full of interest. He notices the foundation upon which the sermon stands, and warns them against building upon a sandy foundation. Bro. J. Michael closes by prayer. Repentation by Bro. Books. August the 17th, we meet at half past nine o'clock and engaged in prayers meeting. The meeting is seen by 2. J. N. Moody, he sings, "Grave is the souls sincere desire." Bro. Cherrell
Ready in prayer. We are next led in prayer by Bro. Richardson. The moderator thus come in, and it is now time to commence business. The first report adopted, is on temperance by J. Oxford. The following brethren (viz) Mill, Mealey, J. Oxford, W. E. Soul, Richardson, made speeches on the subject. They were warm and full of interest. The Sec. report was church extension by J. J. Deery. Bro. Richardson makes a warm speech upon the subject. He speaks it will stir us up to a discharge of our duty. There is a contribution taken up to the amount of $11.00, to build a Baptist Church in Green's Borough. Next report was on Sabbath Schools. Bro. Boon, J. M. Mcgeed, McVey, Mill, offer remarks on the subject. Bro. Hill asks what kind of bread Christ eat while
he was a child. He then gives an exposition of several passages of Scripture. We now adjourn for one hour. The time has expired, and we are in the house, and singing 'O M 9. 0. Soldiers of the cross.' The moderator is in the chair, and the report on missions is being read by J. B. Fool. After some warm speeches, the report is adopted; hope the remarks will inspire us to do some thing for the cause of missions after this. The report on education was adopted; and some warm remarks were made by the brethren upon the importance of education. The association is now through her business, and the Rev. R. H. M. M. M. closes by singing, "How firm a Founding," and extending the hand of fellowship, and saying, "The session closed in singing."
and peace. We think we can agree with the psalmist, "How blessed it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." At night, we reassembled at the church. Bro. Donn preached, text, "I must work the works of my father while it is called the to-day". This is full of interest. Bro. J. Michael says that prayer—August 18, met in Sabbath School mass meeting. Bro. J. D. Hufbaur is chairman. He recited hymn, "Jesus, I love Thy charming name," Bro. J. took lead in prayers. The chairman called on bro. Hilly for an address. The meeting commenced by saying something about little and big babies. His address is very inspiring and very amusing. Bro. A. E. Moody is called on, and makes some very worthy remarks. Next he bro. John Michael is called for
He made a very interesting speech, meagrene for 15 minutes, and then reassemble in the house for preaching. The house is full to overflowing, and even the windows are full, and the people out doors are moving toward the church. Stumbled to hear two voices at the same hour. Bro. Richardson is on the oistrum, hymn, "Klinged in a gulf of dark despair," text, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." He gives first a brief narration of John's life and then noticing the different kinds of love in the world, initial love, fraternal love, parental love, conjugal love, love of patriotism, love of wealth, but none of these will hold a comparison with the great love of God.

This sermon is one of the deepest interest bro. Richardson closes by prayer, the terke up a $20 collection $11 for mission.
In the afternoon Bro. Michael preached, text, "What think ye of Christ?" His sermon is warm and full of instruction. Bro. W. A. told a story by prayer. He prayed until night, and then Bro. Book preached. August 23, I have been engaged in a protracted meeting since 20 of this month at Manemat Grove Mill Co. I have tried to preach 4 sermons since the meeting began, one of which was a funeral sermon, the first in my ministry career. I have great reason to believe the Lord was with me and upheld me by his free Spirit. During the meeting, Bro. Garland came and visited a widow, and prayed with her and family. She gave me a small sum of money, and the remindered me of the spoons.
widow of whom Christ spoke casting in her two mites. It seems that her heart is full of charity, and may the Lord reward her liberality, and apply the place of a kind deed in her heart. To-day we have baptized 8 young persons, two young men and 6 young ladies, the first generation baptized in life. We assembled on a new creek, and performed the solemn ordinance in the presence of a large congregation. During our meeting 18 persons professed faith in Christ, and rejoiced in a saving love. Some of those whom we baptized expressed a desire to work for Christ. Others said they wanted to join the Baptist Church because they thought Jesus was baptized by immersion. They wished to be very interesting meeting
We have great reasons to be 
thankful for the unbounded 
love of God toward us. — 
August the 31, we just closed a 
precious meeting at Bethel Alex. 
Elo. The Lord met with us, and 
blessed us. Four professed faith in 
Christ during the meeting, and 
six were immersed, and added to 
the church, one of whom had been 
a Methodist for fifteen years. 
He became dissatisfied, and said 
he feared to die because he thought 
he had not followed Christ as he ought 
to have done. Bro. J. P. Garrett, and 
E. baptized five in secrecy of our meeting. 
They tried to preach two sermons during 
the meeting. Texts, “For in him dwelleth 
the fullness of the Godhead bodily,” 
and “Prepare to meet Thy God, O Isaac.” 
We heard some disorder during the meeting 
some young men were drunk, and in
all probability they will have
To go before suzette Michael next
term. Ph: I would to the Lord the young
men of our country would stop their
wild raging, and learn to love
the Lord our God, and to serve him.
But they will learn them a lesson,
I hope, and let us look forward
hoping for better times, also let us
pray for times. The Lord be praised
for what he has done for us in
this portion of our beloved State.

September the 1st I am on my
way to Mt. Pleasant, Jabez last
hearing of my text. I have arrived,
and find a respectable congregation.
I try to preach from text,
And as thy Servant was busy here
and there, he was gone. I try to preach
Christian charity. Bro. J. G. Gerke they close
by prayer. I am a beggar for my first
time in life. I present my claims as
a beneficiary, I ask of the gentlemen 10 cts each and the ladies 5 cts each and those of them who were prepared heartily corresponded. I received $3.00 and may the Lord reward them for their liberality. — Sept. 5, I have for several days been engaged in a protracted meeting at Zilpah. It has been rather a peculiar meeting, we have great reasons to believe the Lord was with us and blessed us. The church seemed to be revived and sinners were cut down, but no conversions. We know not the kindling cause, if it was in me, oh! may the Lord forgive me. I tried to preach three sermons while I was there. — Sept. 14, bro. L. L. Gaultney and myself have just closed a previous meeting at Mt. Olive; it continued four days and nights. The Lord blessed us abundantly with His Holy Spirit.
Fifteen professed faith in Christ and 17 were baptized, some of whom were the most prominent persons in that section of country. During our meeting we saw an aged grand mother lead her two little grand daughters into the altar to join the Church; it was one of the most affecting scenes I nearly ever saw. When the Church worships the Lord blesses his people. This blessed province that there ought to be no strong in the Church. I tried to preach 4 sermons while engaged in the meeting. I believe the Lord upheld me by his Holy Spirit. One young lady told me I had been instrumental in the hand of God in her salvation, but I declare none of the honor, and said forbid it. If ever I should try to claim any of the honor for it is all due him who blessed me so abundantly. The Lord be praised forever more.
September. The 17th, I have just returned from three furs of little services where I have been engaged in a instructed meeting. On Saturday of this meeting, bro. J. B. Pool was ordained to the gospel ministry. Brethren D. Fergusson, J. M. Neal, W. A. Pool, J. E. Pool and myself composed the presbytery. On Sabbath at 2 o'clock I tried to preach to a large congregation, text “For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” I noticed Christ as a Savior, first. Secondly as Mediator and an Advocate. Thirdly as High Priest, fourthly as King and fifthly as Prophet. I shall excellent attention, and I have great reasons to believe the Lord was with me and strengthened me. On Monday I left the meeting, hoping the Lord would bless his people, with an outpouring of his Spirit.
Sep. 20, I left home for the Brier creek association. Spent the night with Bro. Young Gordon, and tried to preach at his house in connection with Bro. W. P. Dick to a large congregation, but, as my sermon was noisy here and there, he was gone. We have great reasons to believe the Lord was with us. Saturday, the 21, we arrived at Zion Freeland Co. found a great many delegates and ministers present. Bro. J. Snell preached the introduction sermon. The writer accepted a tent as corresponding messenger. I also represented the editor of The Recorder there. The session was harmonious and pleasant. The body made up for benevolent object, about $150. Appointed the next association to be held with the White Plains
Church mills b. elc. On my way home, I spent the night with Mr. M. Harvey, and received kind treatment very kind from him.

Saturday the 24, went to Pilgrim to meeting. I tried to preach to a small congregation, text, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never suffer the righteous to be moved." I had usual liberty in speaking. I trust the Lord was with me and that He will bless my weak effort for the advancement of his cause in the earth. Bro. Gauntney followed, text, "And he began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. His sermon was warm and full of interest. I returned home and spent the night in profound slumber.

Sabbath the 29, I arose, and found the weather very unfavorable, expect...
for my day's labor; but it soon began to break away; and I started to convalesce, to fill my appointment arrived, and found a few persons pleasant. I visited my grandmother who lived near the church. Returned to the church, and found the congregation much increased in numbers. I tried from text; “we are not your own; for ye are bought with a price.” At 3 P.M. I arrived at Liberty, and found a large assembly pleasant. I tried to preach from text, “There shall be a resurrection of the both of the just and the unjust. It seemed that my congregation was interested in my little effort. I tried the resurrection to them as best I could. At 7 P.M. I arrived at Sulpahus Spring, found the house very nearly full of
people. I tried to get bro. Heell to Gaultney to preach for me; but they both declined, and I had to try to preach again, too. And as try servant was bits here and there till the was gone.

1 Kings 20:40. As Gaultney bless for me. I then went home with bro. Davis, and spent the night with him in sweet repose, after having tried to preach three sermons during the day and night. I was almost wearied out, and pray, may the good Lord, who strengthened me, bless my efforts for the advancement of His cause.

--- October the 16th, I heard returned from the meeting at Damascus, where I told the Lord, who blessed us with his Spirit, although there were not so many in number as last to the
Tuesday

church. On Thursday there were two baptized, and on Wednesday two. I poll and I buried in baptism one more making three in all. I hope they will make good working members. — On Sabbath there was a great deal of popery in the congregation, a great many young people apparently unconverted about their souls' salvation, and the poor ignorant things were ready to make sport of the poor ministers efforts for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Oh! may the Lord have mercy on them, and incline their hearts to wisdom's ways. — I felt while I was at the meeting that I was at the wrong place, for my mind had, previous to that.
Ting been inclined to another
meeting. Hereafter, I think, I will
go where the Lord inclines my
mind, but the good Lord has
praised for what He did for
us. — October the 18, we have
just closed a meeting of days
and might at Sulphur Spring.
The Lord met with us, and blessed
us. There was only one convert,
and that poor soul was with
more than ten thousand such
worldly as this, so the Lord be
praised forever more. I hope there
were lasting impressions made
upon the minds and hearts of
poor sinners. — The good people
about Sulphur Spring, gave me
about $ 9.00, to help me to go
to College. May the good Lord
reward them for their generosity.
Oct. the 17, I have just returned
from a wedding, and I feel very badly. It seems that I have not grown any spiritually. And I know if Christians do not grow in grace daily, that they are losers. I had rather read my Bible, and good books, and engage in prayer, than to keep the company of the nirthful and the gay. — Oct. the 16, this after
noon I left home to visit a sick man, who had been afflicted for some time, and when I arrived in sight, a gentleman told me that the aged man was dead. I thought very seriously, indeed. I visited the family, and found them more resigned than I expected. May the Lord give them sustaining grace. And oh! may the Good Lord prepare us all for living and for dying.
October the 23, this is a very solemn day with me indeed. I have visited the relatives of Rev. Gueltney. He took his leave for college. This affection filled me very bitterly! I shall never forget the prayers his dear mother offered for us both, as she committed us into the hands of the Lord.

This evening I have packed my trunk to start to college. It seems very hard to leave dear friends and go so far away from home but it is all for a lesson. I trust, if it were not I did not see how I would bear it. I believe the good Lord will sustain us, and that we will get back safely.

Oh! grant it blessed Savior, in thy mercy I expect to take the train for school the Lord willing.
oblates The 24th, we leave home with heavy heart. I tried to be cheerful, but it was very hard. We arrive at Statesville, and it’s now 9 o’clock, and the train is here. We enter the coach with peculiarly solemn feelings. Arrive at Salisbury about dark, and are taken in an omnibus to the hotel free of charge. At ten o’clock we take train for Raleigh. We are not accustomed to rieling on the cars, hence we cannot sleep much. We arrive at the beautiful little town of Durum, about daylight, and at Raleigh about 7 o’clock. The weather is very damp and cloudy, and we are very gloomy. We visit the state house; it is a stately mansion, built entirely of stone. In front of the building, is the statue of George Washington. It looks like a living being. We go into the senate
and common halls, and oh! How finely they are adorned. I can not help thinking of ancient Jerusalem, and say oh! why was some of this expenditure given to the house of God.—It is almost 10 blocks, and we must go to the depot. The train has arrived, and we are on our way to make forest college. We are at the place. Bro. Davis meets us at the stopping place, and conducts us to his room.—Oh how glorious I feel. I am a stranger in a strange land, but it seems that we are surrounded by friends. We go with bro. Davis to his boarding house for dinner, and return to hear the big speakers. At night we walked down the railroad a considerable distance from the college, and there we knelt and offered an earnest prayer, as we trust. As I thought of home and of my dear friends there, I could not keep from
meeing. We returned to the college to hear the seniors speak. After speaking, we went into the hall for social enjoyment, but I did not enjoy myself very well; for all were so strange to me. We then retired feeling almost exhausted. Saturday the 26, we arose refreshed and invigorated for the toils of the day. After breakfast, we retired to a secluded spot and engaged in prayer, we then returned to prepare our room. We met with good success in furnishing our room: we rented all the furniture necessary, and now we have a very comfortable room. At night, we went to the young men's prayer meeting, and I don't think I ever saw warmer, hearted young men in my life, and the night I feel a great deal more like staying here, if it is the Lord's will.
Then ever.—October the 27, after breakfast, we went to an old field in order to pray; we then returned, and I went into the Chapel to Subbath School, heard Sublim music. We read the 25 chap. of the Act. Bro. Millis lectured on the chapter. At 11 o'clock, Bro. Wingate preached, text: “I am doing a great work, and cannot come down.” He did not do as well as I have heard him. In the afternoon I wrote my first letter home. At night I went to hear Bro. Wingate again, text, “When Paul saw the city wholly given to idolatry, his spirit was stirred in him.” He preached with unusual power, I thought. I feel a great deal more like staying here now than ever. I hope I have grown in grace to day and to night. Oct. the 28, I spent the most of the day in reading, and in making preparations to enter my classes.
To night we have stood an examination before the faculty. They examined us on doctrinal points of Scriptures. We do not know their decision yet. I feel rather gloomy to-night. I have not spent time enough in prayer. Oh! may the Lord give me a better heart. October the 29th, I select my classes, have gone into the resolution rooms. This evening my eyes are very sore to-night. This evening bro. greenly and I went to the grove, engaged in prayer and did not feel much relieved, until I came back to my room and read my Bible awhile. I have been to lay a great deal about returning home in the spring, but the good Lord knows what is best. October the 30th, nothing unusual has occurred to-day. To night I went to prayer meeting in the 7th street chapel. Dr. Wingate urged the Chris-
To be alive to their duty. He said the strongest evidence of our Chris-
tianity, was a strong desire for the
Salvation of Sinners, and that evry
Christian ought to try to save at
least one soul. I felt greatly relieved
This evening we retired for prayer.
Oct. 31. This day has been
a pleasant one. This morning we
arose early, and read the Bible and
Hymn book. We have had good
lessons to study. We believe the Lord
has aided us in preparing our lessons.
This evening, as usual, we retired for
prayer. To-night we went into the
chapel to hear Dr. Wingate lecture
Subject: Moral Science, and Polit-
ical Economy. But the Subject was too
deep, and the Language too high.
December the 1st, nothing unusual
has occurred to day. We have enabled
to get good lessons to day. This evening
we took our accustomed walk for prayer. We are in great spirits to-night.

Nov. 2, I have spent the day in reading, writing and preparing our Latin lessons. This morning I wrote a letter to my Lover, for the first time while here. This evening we retired for prayer, and felt greatly benefited. To-night, we had a minister's prayer meeting, concluded by Bro. Dixon. It was very interesting, indeed. The young brethren expressed their feelings one to another. I hope the Lord met with us, and blessed us with his Spirit. Sabbath, Oct. 3, this morning after reading and prayer, I went into the Sabbath School. We read the 26th of Acts. At 11 o'clock I heard Bro. Taylor preach. Text, ‘The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.’

On the after noon, Bro. J. and myself went to an old field, and spent a portion
of the evening in reading a book titled “Jubilee Scenes” and also engaged in prayer. So night, in company with some other brethren, I went to Friendship Chapel, an African church. Bro. W. J. Davis preached, text, “The Lord is good.” The actions of those sons and daughters of Zion are very peculiar indeed. — We have read the Gospel by John the past week, and hope we have profited greatly by so doing. My heart is rather bold to-night. Blessed series, give me a better heart. But the H3 nothing unusual has occurred to-day. We have had good lessons this evening we retired for prayer, felt relieved. To-night a young man has used some very unbecoming language; he seems to be an enemy to us. May the Lord have mercy upon him. 1st Tim. 5. 19. We have recited no lessons to-day; it has been election day. We have spent
The clergy in preparing our lessons, and in reading the Bible and Ezekiel on "Singing in Sheaves." I hope we have profited much. To-night, we went into the chapel to hear an Italian perform on a harp resembling David's. It reminded me of days in which David lived. To-night, we have adopted the psalm of having prayers in our rooms. May the Lord bless us, and enable us to carry out the resolutions adopted. Let us the 6th, nothing unusual has occurred to-day. We retired, as usual, this evening for prayers. It is plain we have adopted to retire as soon as we finish our preparations to pray. Oh! if it were not for prayer, what should I do? To-night, we went to the chapel for prayer. We have finished to-night reading the Proverbs of Solomon. We have learned, I trust, some profitable lessons from them.
Oct. 7, every thing has gone on smoothly to day. We have heard good lessons, and performed our religious duties. To night we have finished reading Paul's letter to the Romans and went to a minister's prayer meeting, and enjoyed it very much, but may the good Lord enable me to enjoy them more. I have received my first letter from home to day, and it filled me with joy. I did not know how dear friends were until I came here. Oct. 8, another week in school has closed. I hope we have gained useful knowledge this week. Nothing worthy of note has occurred to day. I for the first time since I have been here, attempted to preach out in the woods to myself, the theme, "The practical Son." To night we have read a portion early work on bring in sheepes. I hope his instructions will be
useful to me in after life. It is now between 9 and 10 o'clock, and we have just returned from an old field where we retired for prayers. We have returned with lighter and warmer hearts. The Lord is good indeed. 6th. The 9th, we have spent the day in reading, prayer, writing and recreation. In the night, we heard to the minister's prayer meeting. I enjoyed it splendidly. I believe the Lord was with us, and blessed us. May his goodness humble us, and make me a better man.

We have just finished reading Drury's first letter to the Corinthians. It contains excellent instructions for the Christian. — But the 10th, I have been to three sermons to day. In the forenoon I went Forestville to hear men preach. The text, "For forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ." In the afternoon, went to the African
Church to hear by Crown. They, "I am the Lord and change not." He was so weakly that he did not get along well. I have not received my Bible to carry as much as I ought. I have been home sick this week. There are some things here which I do not like but I must try to bear them as best I can. Every the good God help me. At the 11, I have been enabled to repute good lessons to carry. Every thing has gone on smoothly to carry. This evening I retired for private devotion and felt relieved. To night we have read an essay on "home" and the "Great one has said" "there is no place like home" and indeed it is the truth. Oh how vividly has my mind been carried back to my beloved home. I did not know how dearly I loved home until to night. At intervals, I could feel my eyes fill with
tears, but oh! blessed thought. There is a home far above the fleeting
vanities of time for those who love
the Great Redeemer of mankind, and
may the good Lord enable me to
live and rest there. I may reach
that happy home.—I have used the
name of the month incorrectly. Nov.
the 12, nothing unusual has occurred
to-day. We have been enabled to dis-
charge our duties honorably to-day.
This evening we retired in order to
read and pray, and felt relieved.
To-night and to-day we have finished
reading Paul's letters to Galatians
and Second to Corinthians. They
are very instructive. We have also
read a little book titled "Myrtle
Leaves." My eyes are very weak to
night, but hope they will better to
morrow, so I must retire. May the
Lord give me sweet repose.
Nov. 19, nothing unusual has
obstructed to day. We have been enabled
to repeat good lessons. We have read
an account of 3 sacred mountains,
which are mentioned in the Bible.
Mt. Carmel, Lebanon, and Zion. Many
sacred thoughts in my imagination,
cluster around them. The Lord revealed
his power on the first; the second represents
his goodness and mercy; and the third,
the Church. We have also read Paul's
letters to the Ephesians. I feel moderately
well in a spiritual sense to-night.
Nov. 14, I have, I trust, enjoyed
religion to-day, but not as much as
I desire. I want clearly to grow in
grace, and yet to be a better man.
May the good Lord help me. We have
recited our regular lessons, and finished
reading a book, titled, "Sacred Mountain"
and have read the "Epistles" of Paul
to the Philippians and Colossians.
Nov. 15, nothing unusual has occurred to day. We have recited our usual lessons, and performed our regular duties. To night, we have joined the Philomatheian Society. I am extremely delighted with the society, and hope it will prove a great blessing to me. I have held considerable liberty in prayers to day, though I am retiring to night, feeling rather gloomy, but I hope to arise in the morning a better man. Nov. 16, this morning, we went into the society, and learned some profitable things, I trust. This evening, went into the, and received the religious books, and read some interesting pieces in one, titled, "Sermon on..." In the evening, the brethren met in our room for prayer. I enjoyed myself finely in the meeting. I believe the Lord was with us. I now hope the Lord will grant me...
Nov. 17. This day has been very cold. In the forenoon I went into the chapel to hear P. W. Ingraham preach; he did not do as well as I have heard him. This afternoom, we wrote to our friends and to night bro. Sweetney and I held a prayer meeting in our room. I felt dullly before engaging in prayer, but have been greatly relieved. The Lord be praised for his goodness. We have read an account of the "women of the scripture," and bro. Early exposition of the "Joys and Trials of an evangelist." May the Lord take care of me through the shades of this night. Nov. The 18, nothing unusual has occurred to day. We have been enabled to prepare and recite good lessons to day. I have to regret that I have not spent more time in prayer to day. I pray the Lord forgive my ingratitude, and help me to live a

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Letters life. We have read Galatians 4th letter. to Timothy and a portion of
Scripture history to Edward. On Thursday I have been rather cold and indifferent
to stay, but bro. G. and myself went
this evening to end a field and engaged
in prayer, and were greatly relieved.
The Lord revealed himself unto us by break-
ing down our cold hearts. Let his name
be praised forever more. We have recited
our regular lessons. To-day and to-mor-
row, we have read Galatians Second letter
To Timothy and his letters to Titus. We
found them very instructive. After
the 20th, we have recited our regular less-
ons to-day, and this evening the
religious books in the hall. This evening
after supper we retired for prayer, and felt relieved. We have read Galatian letter
to Philemon, and the plains of Parris
ever have learned some profitable lessons
I trust. May the Lord help me to treasure them.
Nov. the 21.

We have been enabled to prepare and recite good lessons to day. We have as a portion of old, adopted the plan of retiring three times a day for prayer, and find that we do not lose any thing by it. We also adopted the plan of taking exercise before going to bed. We walk and run about a half mile. We have read a portion of "Hebrews," and the "Plain of Sharon." I will now retire hoping a sweet night's rest. Nov. the 22, nothing unusual has occurred to day. We have recited our lessons as usual. To night we went into the Society. We were not so highly entertained as we desired, owing to some improper conduct upon the part of a young man. I came to my room feeling rather badly, but I have just finished reading the "Epistle to the Hebrews," and now feel a great deal better. May the Lord give me a stronger desire to read his word. I will now retire hoping a sweet night's rest.
We arose this morning, dressed, made a fire, bought water, and read the Epistle of James. went to breakfast, returned, and wrote a letter, then into the chapel to prayers, after which we went into the hall, and remained there until 12 o'clock, then wrote part of a letter until dinner. Then went to the Mrs. Stick, our new boarding house, and took dinner. Returned and finished a letter, then prepared a portion of our Rhetoric lesson, then went to supper, then took our accustomed walk for prayer and meditation, then returned to college and went to Rev. Denman's room, and spent one hour in a prayer meeting. Then returned to our room, and wrote another letter, and worked on a set of pocket buttons, then prepared a portion of our Latin lesson, and now I have to black my boots and then I will retire, hoping a sweet night's rest. I bless the Lord that
He has enabled us to perform our duty.  

The 24th, this has been a pleasant day with me. At 11 o'clock Dr. Minguta preached, text, 'I have a baptism to be baptized with.' At 3 o'clock Bro. Swainey preached at the African Church. Tonight we communed in the chapel. I hope the Lord will continue to bless me with spirit. Oh may He give me a better heart.  

Nov. 25, nothing unusual has occurred to day. We have been enabled to get and recite good lessons. I have had to grieve over my sins and heart. I have tried to give to give my self refresh to the Lord and to try to do more for my blessed Savior than I have done here to fore. I am suffering to night from a sickness, but hope to be better soon.  

Nov. 26, nothing unusual has occurred to day. We have read the second epistle of John and the epistle of Ephesians. I have not enjoyed religion to day as much as I desire, but the want is in me and not in the Lord.
Nov. 27. We have recited our regular 27 lessons to-day, and have learned some important things. We have read the 26. Third Epistle of John; psalms and a portion of Revelations also the first of Moses, and the lives of Mary and John. They found them very instructive and interesting. I had considerable liberty in prayers this evening. I trust, by the help of the Lord, to live a better life. May He help me.

28. This has been a pleasant day with me. I have been enabled to learn many things to-day. We have had a prayer-meeting to-night in my room. The young brethren spoke of our examination, here in school, being a representation of the examination through which we have to pass at the judgment seat of Christ. I hope to profit from the remarks, and that the Lord will enable me to think seriously about that day.
This has been the coldest day we have had, since I have been here. I have been rather sick in my studies.

To-night I made my first speech in the Philomatheian Hall, and was very much embarrassed, but I hope it will not be worse any more. I have not enjoyed myself spiritually as well as commonly; for it has been too cold to retire for prayer, but I hope to enjoy those precious privileges very soon.

This is the last day of emeritus 3d. rising month. I am another month nearer the end of life. How swiftly time flies! At 11 o'clock Tuesday Dr. Hurd, a Quaker minister, delivered a lecture in the chapel on the subject of "Peace." It was as sublime an oration as ever I heard. The weather has been so bitterly cold that I have been permitted to retire for prayer as often as I desired. I long to be a better man and to live nearer my Savior.
Dec. This has been a pleasant Sabbath. This morning, I went to Sabbath school, and had a very interesting lesson. We read a part of the first chapter of Romans. At 11 o'clock, went to prayers meeting in the chapel. Prof. Taylor delivered a warm exhortation. This evening, I took a long walk alone, and had many pleasant thoughts. To-night, went to a missionary meeting in the chapel, but did not enjoy myself much. Oh! for a better heart. We have finished reading Revelations to-day, and began to read the Book of Deuteronomy to-day. Nothing unusual has occurred to-day. I have been rather gloomy to-day. This evening, I got entangled in my lesson in the recitation room and have been very solemn ever since we retired for prayers about eight o'clock, and I felt relieved. Oh! that I could be a better man, and heal a better heart.
Dec.

1. We have been very busy to day. This evening we stood our first examination. It was a very strange proceeding to me, but we got through alright, I think. This evening, after supper, we retired for prayer. Still I feel privileged to retire at the close of the day, to return thanks to the Lord for his mercies, and to pray for our loved friends, who are far away from me. May the Lord grant me a sweet night’s repose.

4. Nothing unusual has occurred to day. The weather has been fine. We have spent the day in close study. I have been so busy that I am almost wearied out. I have spent a portion of the day in prayer, and have felt greatly relieved. I hope the time will soon come when I shall be freed from literary halls, and be permitted to go preach the gospel. May the Lord give me contentment while it is his will for me to remain in school.
Dec. This has been a pleasant day with me. We have been enabled to prepare and recite good lessons. I have enjoyed religion to stay more than I did yesterday. My heart and strong heart has not been so rebellious. We have received letters from our own beloved homes to stay, and our hearts have been much glad. What a blessing it is to have kind friends! To-night Prof. Simmons delivered a lecture in the chapel. Subject: "Steam Engine." The lecture was good. Nothing unusual has occurred to-day. Every thing has gone on smoothly. We have made good recitation to-day.

To-night the Society met, and the discussion in our hall was very interesting. I hope I am learning a great deal, which will be interesting (I mean useful) to me in after-life, and oh! may I be enabled to consecrate it all to my Heavenly Father.
Dec.

7. This has been neither a gloomy day with me. Tonight I have felt so severely that I went up to the old field between 9 and 10 o'clock and engaged in prayer, and felt greatly relieved. It seems to me that one of my friends at home are sick but I hope and pray that it is not the case. I hope to hear from home in a few days. I will now retire, hoping a sweet night's rest.

8. I arose this morning feeling better than I did last night. The Lord be praised for his goodness. This morning I went to Sabbath School, and had a pleasant time. At 11 o'clock, Rev. Rogers preached in the Chapel. At 1 P.M. I tried to the Africans at their Chapel. I believe the good Lord was with me. Text, "Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him," "We went to the wicked, it shall be spoil with him."
I am sorry to record that we have not spent the night as we ought to have done. Some young brethren came in to see us, and we got into a discussion upon some subjects that ought not to have been discussed on the Sabbath night; if we have sinned, may the Lord forgive us. We are now going to have prayers, and then we will retire.

I have been enabled to prepare and recite good lessons to day, but I have shed tears over my sinfulness and cold heart. The Lord is merciful and kind, or He would not let such an unthankful being as I live. I have resolved, the Lord being my helper, to try to be a better man and may the good Lord help me to keep this resolve. — It is reported that the small pot is in 5 miles of this place, if the report is true, I do not expect I will get to stay here long.
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10. This has been a very busy day with me. I have missed one recitation for the first time. It was occasioned by the mail boy forgetting to take my letter to the office, and I had to take it myself. I have received the likenesses of two friends from my own country. They brought vividly to my mind, the recollections of the past. I could not refrain from the time, when I cried in their baptism. I have enjoyed myself spiritually better the day than I did yesterday.

11. It has rained all day to day. We have been very busy to day in preparing for an examination. My heart has been neither bold nor indifferent. Notwithstanding the unfavourableness of the weather, we have retired for prayer. I have felt relieved to some extent. I have been enabled to overcome temptation. Oh! may the Lord help me to overcome the temptations with which I have to encounter.
Dec. This has been busiest day,
12e and not only the busiest, but
the most laborious that I ever wit-
nessed. I have stood an examination
ation to stand. I slept without my clin-
iner, and became so worned before
I got through that I had to quit. I have
not scarceley had time to pray.
Oh! how much longer shall I have to
remain in college. I long to be at
home engaged in preaching the gospel.
13th. We have spent a portion of the
day in reading and preparing
our lesson for next week. In the af-
ternoon, the juniors spoke in the
chapel. In night, the seniors spoke
after which, the mostly were throw-
ing over open fire. and the audience
retire to them for amusement. There
has been a great deal of gaiety
and foolishness here to night. I have
tried to be as thoughtful as possible.
14. This has been a very busy day with me. This morning, we went into the Society, but our meeting was not interesting. This afternoon, I had an examination. Tonight, we went to the African church, and had a prayer meeting, after which, we went into Prof. Mills room, and had a deliberate concerning pulpit affiliation. Our debate ran rather high. We never agreed whether it is right or not to invite Deleobaptist ministers into our pulpit until we get nearer the cross.

15. This has been a pleasant day with me. In the forenoon, I went to Sabbath School and to preaching. Bro. Virginia Bevird preaching. Text: "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." He represented the theme of mercy and grace, power and majesty. He exhorted us to come to
The throne of grace to enable us to overcome temptation, and to bear up under afflictions. To-night the same minister addressed us, Text: There is one thing needful. First, the religion of Jesus is needful, because we are sinners. Second, in order that we become Christians, we must choose for ourselves. Third, the religion of Jesus is supremely good. Fourth, it cannot be taken away. The speaker closed by exhorting sinners to except this one thing needful.

No. 9: Nothing unusual has occurred to-day. We have been enabled to prepare and recite good lessons. It has been very rainy to-day, so much that I have not been permitted to retire to pray as often as I desired. The Lord is good in blessing us with rain for it has been dry for some time. I will now retire, hoping a sweet night's rest.
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17. This has been rather a gloomy day with me, but I went ungrumble. I expected to have received a letter from home, but was disappointed. I have not heard from home in a month. I fear none of them are unwell at home, but they are in the hands of the good Lord. We have recited our regular lessons to day. I have been somewhat unwell, and disheartened this morning. This after noon, I read a chapter in "Grace Drummon," and it relieved me. "In the morning bow thy deeds." I have this as a theme for Sabbath School Dec.

18. Nothing unusual has occurred to day. I have been a called to day. I feel very solemn to night. Rev. Will Davis is going home tomorrow, and I will see him. I have been thinking about returning home next February, but I will leave it all in the hands of the Lord.
Dec. 19. This has been another cold damp day. I have read my regular lessons. I have felt a portion of the story like I did the story I left home and it relieved me greatly. I heard not heard from home in a month. This evening, we will left for home, and I am very lonesome. I have heard an opportunity to seed time to day. To night we have been talking about Jesus. The then we could talk more about Jesus and love him more, and serve him better.

Dec. 20. This has been another wet day. We have been enabled to prepare and recite our regular lessons. To night we went into the hall. Our meeting was very uninteresting. The young members misbehaved. I mean some of them. I have read my Bible time to day. We will now retire hoping a sweet night's rest.
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21. This has been a very busy day with me. Nothing unusual has occurred to day. Our affairs in the hall were transacted with more ease than we expected on last night. We retired this morning, and prayed that the Lord would help us. I believe the Lord. This evening, we have studied our Latin and Rhetoric. To-night we have had a prayer meeting in our room. I believe the Lord met with us and blessed us. I have been trying to pray all night that my heart might be prepared to the study.

22. We heard a subdeacon on the text: this morning by Prof. Mills. From Romans 3:1-20. He dwelt especially upon the deep depravity of our hearts. Oh! may I be able to keep his remarks. At 11 o'clock, Dr. Wingate preached an excellent sermon from 5 chapters of 2 Kings. He dwelt upon the necessity of sinners coming, as did the leper, to the prophet, to Jesus, and be

made whole of the leprosy of Sin. I was so sorry that he could not get the attention of a great many of the unconverted. They seemed to be given over to a hardness of heart. It is extremely dangerous for Sinners to act thus. May the Lord incline their hearts to wisdom's ways. At 1 o'clock, I went to hear Mr. White at the African church, text, “Behold, I bring you good tidings.” At night, D. Wingate preached in the Chapel, text, The prayer of Daniel, 9 chapter of Daniel. He preached with unusual power. I don't think I was ever more interested in life. He urged the Christians to pray for each other, and for the congregation to whom he was then speaking, assuring them that God would be as good as His word, and if the blessing tarry wait for it, and continue wrestling Gebobo-like.”
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23. Nothing unusual has occurred to-day. I have been unwell a portion of the day, and have also been depressed in spirit and have had to deplore my sinfulness. May the Lord give me a better heart. The weather has moderated, and we were permitted to take our usual walk for prayers and meditation, for which I am very thankful.
24. This has been another cold day. I have suffered some from the tooth ache. To-night, there was a large crowd of persons assembled in the chapel to see a Christmas Tree. I think it cost 75 dollars. Oh! how foolishly some persons do spend money. If it had been given to the mending cause, it would have done good. I gave nothing to Christmas Tree, and I am glad of it.
25. This has been a lonesome Christmas. It has snowed all day, and is still
Snowing to night. In the forenoon we recited our lessons. This evening we read, and Mr. Steed reviewed our Latin. To night we finished reading "Greek Tragedy," and some of the young brethren came in, and we have had a general talk. No doubt but this unfavorable day has disappointed many, but I am perfectly resigned. The Lord knows what is best. I have no doubt, but this unfavorable day has prevented much sin, perhaps many soul crimes would have been perpetrated, and this been a pleasant day. The Lord be praised for his goodness. I am thankful that I have been permitted to see another Christmas. Twelve months ago I did not know that I would ever be permitted to see this time. "Gracefulness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life."
Dec. 26. Nothing unusual has occurred to day. We have spent the day in close study. We have read our Bible, one of Spurgeon's Sermons, and our Text books. I began the duties of the day by prayer, and have closed them in the same way. The Lord is good and kind unto us.

27. This day has been very cold. We have studied very closely. We have read two of Spurgeon's Sermons, and a few chapters in the Bible. It is so cold and there is so much snow on the ground that we have not been permitted to retire for prayers for a few days. I am feeling very cold and tired tonight. May the Lord give me a better sleep. My eyes are hurting me sorely.

28. The sun has shone to day, and it has been more agreeable. We have studied our lessons for Monday, and read the Bible and one of Spurgeon's Sermons. This I went to the African church for prayers, and was greatly relieved.
28. I arose this morning feeling badly.

At 11 o'clock Dr. Wingate preached in the Chapel, Text, "Art Thou the Christ, or do we look for another?" The Minister dwelt principally upon the doubt, to which Christians are subject in this world. The sermon was full of interest, but I was not in a condition to enjoy it. In the afternoon, I took a long walk for exercise. To night, I am almost prostrated. If I do not get better soon, I shall have to leave here. We have finished reading the book of "Deuteronomy" and began the book of "Joshua".

29. Nothing unusual has occurred to day. To night, it has been reported the "Smallpox" is raging within a few miles of this place. My mind is greatly agitated about returning home. I think I will start in a few days. I will try to commit it all into the hands of the Lord.
Dec. 31, 1872.

This is the last day of the year. One year ago to night I slick not know where I would be, but by the mercy and goodness of God I have been kept alive. Many of my fellow men have been taken away during the past year, and I am made to wonder why, such a sinful being as I, have been spared. The Lord be praised for his kindness to me. I hope to live through another year, and to live nearer my Savior and to do more for Him.

The report of the “Small Fox” has not been so prevalent to day. I have concluded to stay a few days longer. We have begun the study of Political Economy to night.
January 1, 1878.

Nothing unusual has occurred to-day. I have been enabled to prepare and rehearse good lessons. I have spent a portion of the New Year's Day in reading my Bible and in prayer. I have tried to resolve, the Lord being my helper, to live nearer my Savior, and to try to do more for Him this year, if I am permitted to live, than I did last. My prayer is: That I may be enabled to preach the Word of the Lord successfully, and that I may see and hear of many souls being brought to Christ this year. And oh! that I may grow in grace, and increase in the knowledge of my Savior, and, if I am a deceived man, may be undeceived.

Bro. Garvey has visited us to-night, and we have had an interesting conversation concerning a school at Taylorsville in our own country. I will now retire, hoping a sweet night's repose.
January

2. This has been a lonely, damp day. We have recited our usual lessons, and finished reading the book of "Joshua." It is very interesting, and instructive: it gives an account of the burial of Joseph's bones. Joshua died talking of the goodness of God. Tonight Prof. Royal delivered a lecture on Greek literature. It was fine and interesting.

The small fox is said to be nearing this place. May the Lord deliver us from it.

3. This has been a pleasant day. I have recited our lessons as usual. Tonight we went into the society. The meeting was more pleasant than heretofore.

We have received several letters from our own beloved country. May the Lord bless our friends, and take care of them.

(If) This has been a pleasant day. Nothing worthy of note has occurred. We have retired for prayer, and felt relieved. The Lord be praised for his goodness.
January.

5. This has been a rainy day. I thought it rained as hard this morning as I ever saw. In the forenoon, I went to prayer meeting in the Chapel. Prof. Royal lectured on Christ healing the leper. Tonight, Bro. Underwood preached in the Chapel, text, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." The text was one from which I have tried to preach. The sermon brought many recollections of the past to my mind.

We have read one of Spurgeon's sermons to-day, in connection with our Bible lesson.

Nothing has occurred during the past two days worthy of note. We have recited our usual lessons, and read a portion of the Book of Judges. Found it very interesting and instructive. I have tried to engage in prayer as often as I could. My heart has been cold and heavy. May the Lord give me a better heart.
8. This has been a pleasant day. We have recited our usual letters lessons. Read the Bible. We are just finishing the Book of Joshua. Went some time, prayer, felt that the Lord was with me.

9. The weather pleasant. Recited regular lessons. I have tried to comment my weakness and sinfulness. I have tried to give myself refresh to the Lord. "Much of my time has run to waste, and perhaps I am near my home," says the poet, and this may be my condition. I know much of my time has run to waste. May the good Lord help me to spend the remainder of my days in his service.

10. Nothing unusual has occurred to to day. I have recited no lessons today. Went into the society to night, and returned with a cold and heavy heart. Lord, help me strive my poor heart.
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12. This has been a pleasant Sabbath. In the morning went to Sabbath school. Read in part of Rom. Our teacher talked to us of the plan of Redemption. At 11, Bro. Grey preached on the text, the Parable of the Ten Virgins. He told us of the necessity of being ready to meet the Bridegroom at his coming, and to have our lamps trimmed and burning, and that prayer is the great fountain, at which to replenish our lamps. In the evening Bro. Veum preached in the chapel, text, “He who prepared a place for you.” My heart has been cold and he has not been. We have just had prayers and I now feel better. We have concluded this night to spend a few moments in prayer every morning directly after we get up. May the Lord bless us in our attempt to worship Him. Read a portion of Jeremiah.
13. A pleasant day. We have recited our regular lessons. I have been impressed heavily with the work of saving souls. I bless the Lord for the blessings I have to work for Him. May He increase them daily. Prof. Martin speaks of going to Taylorsville to teach for us. May the Lord direct him there if it is His will.

14. Have been enabled to prepare and recite good lessons today. This has been a beautiful day. We retired as often as we could, for prayer. Considerable confusion in school. Mr. J. M. Heickney has been sent home on account of missbehavior.

15. A pleasant day. Recited our regular lessons. I have enjoyed negligence to play more than for a few past days. I hope I may be enabled to overcome temptation, and to be a better man.
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17. It has rained to day. Reated regular lessons. We finisheed Rhetoric yesterday. We student go into the Helle to night we have remained in our room Studied and had prayer I have had considerable liberty in prayer. I hope a sweet night to rejoice.

18. A damp day. About 9 o'clock I started to the Neuse river. Arrived at the bridge about 11 o'clock. The bridge is near 100 yards long, about 50 feet above the water. It is supported by two immense pillars near the middle of the river. The river is about 60 yards in width. The soil along its banks is not so fertile as I expected to see. After having taken a good look out the river and the bridge, we started to the college, and revisited our room about 6 past 2 o'clock P.M. Dined without dinner, except a few
persimmons we found and eat on the way to college. To night there was a show in the chapel. It began about 7:30 p.m. and ended about 9. The most important scenes of the Bible were shown first. They seemed like real transactions taking place before my eyes. I learned some important truths, I trust. David prevailing over Goliath, represents truth overcoming sin. The flames arising from the altar of incense is an emblem of the prayers of the righteous arising to heaven. Moses' being hid in the flags, is a representation of the flight of the Davids into Egypt. The next represented the earth as turning around, and some other things not of so much importance. I am suffering with the head ache. I have walked about ten miles to school. I have finished reading first Samuel.
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20. This has been a pleasant day.

In the morning I went to Sabbath School. Had an interesting lesson in Romans. At 11 o'clock Dr. Wingate preached, text, 'And she brake the box, and poured the ointment on His head.' He taught us an excellent lesson about marking sacrifices for our Master. I think the Lord being my helper, that when I get home, I will lay aside my pipe, and give at least 5-65. a week to the Lord. May He help me. The afternoon I spent in reading a book titled "The Hand Writing of God."

22. I have finished reading "2 Samuel" to day. It contains the history of David: his sins; his trials and troubles. This evening, I retired alone for prayer. I believe the Lord met with me. I have been requested to preach in the chapel. It seems that I am excusable under circumstances.

22. A damp wet day. We have made only one recitation to day. I have given the Lord being my helper, to preach in the chapel next Sabbath night. May the Lord help me. I have just returned from Vernon's room. He read a letter from bro. Brown stating that a young lady had died in his neighborhood a few days ago. He stated that the head damaged all night about Christmas being overheated took cold and died. Dancing injures persons physically as well as morally.

26. Sabbath morning. I have arisen with a heavy heart. Expect to have to preach 2 sermons to day, one of them in the chapel. Oh! how heavy the task appears. May the Lord help me. At 11 o'clock bro. Swarthy preach a half hour for Dr. Wingate in the chapel. Text, what shall it
profit a man if he shall gain the whole world."
As I in the afternoon I tried to preach at the
African church, text, "Behold what manner of love." I believe the Lord was with me. After I returned
to my room, I thought I never could
go into the chapel to preach, but
I tried to commit it all into
the hands of the Lord, and I believe
He directed me to go, and did the best I could. About 7 the
bell began to toll, and I felt
that the Lord was going to go
with me. I went into the chapel
with as much composure as I think, as
general I fell into a pulpit in my life,
text, "Prepare to meet Thy God, oh:
Israel." I had as much liberty in
speaking, I think, as I ever had in life.
I know I never can be as thankful
as I ought. The good Lord be praised!
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5 By the mercies of the Lord, I am safe at home. Arrived at home the first day of this month, and found all my people well. My prayer was when I left home for college, that I might get back home and find all living and well. The good Lord has answered my prayer. I have visited quite a number of my friends, and found them well. I left W. J. college last Wednesday night, and stayed with Dr. Van. I felt very sad on having to leave the dear people of Wake Forest, but I was anxious to get home, and see those from whom I had been separated so long.

On Thursday morning, I took the train, and was soon in Raleigh. Paid 15 cts.

After warming a few minutes in the depot, Bro. Gwaltney and myself went to the State Prison. Paid 25 cts each for admission. Capt. Hall conducted us to the most important parts of the prison. There were about 300 prisoners.
in the Prison. About 2,400 negroes, the remainder were whites. Most of the whites are guilty of stealing horses. A few are in for a lifetime. I found things much more neatly arranged than I expected. The men were all dressed alike, wearing coarse garments with large stripes interwoven. The females were washing and ironing clothes for the prisoners. I hope and pray that I may live and yet that I may never be shut up in that dungeon. We next went to the Asylum, but, being strangers, and no one to conduct us through the building, we did not enter. It is a magnificent edifice. I think it is 360 yards in length and about 50 feet high. In the afternooon, we visited the Capitol; went into the Senate and Commons Halls, and on top of the Capitol. 40 minutes after 7 P.M. we took the train for Salisbury. Paid $100 for my ticket. Got to
Greensboro at 2 a.m. on account of a bridge being broken down, we had to stay in Greensboro until 4 the next evening. I couldn’t bear to stay, but I tried to be content. We went between 2 and 3 in the night to the hotel and paid 75 cents each for about 14 hours. Next morning we retired for prayer. We tried to commit ourselves into the hands of our Heavenly Father and asked Him to take us home safely at 4 p.m. We took the train for Jamestown. I don’t think I ever saw a train run more rapidly. We got to the river at Jamestown, and there they took us across the river in a boat. There was a train on this side waiting for us. We arrived at Salisbury at 9 in the night. Paid 75 cents each for 
a meal; at 5 in the morning we
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took the train for Statesville, and got there about sunrise. Found my people waiting for us. Thus the good Lord has brought me safely home, and now I went to give myself more entirely to Him. I went to love my savings more, and do more for Him. This year them prayers have done. May He help me.

I have gone to church, and tried to preach. Text, “For I determined never to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” It seems that I did very poor preaching, but the result is with the Lord. May He bless my feeble effort for the advancement of His cause. We called Bro. R. L. Steele for our pastors. Since my last slate, I have visited two sick persons, a little boy and girl. I went to see them because it was my duty and in order to learn more about
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The afflictions to which we are all inimical in this life, and that I might think more about the sufferings of my blessed Savior.
11. I have been plowing to early, sowing oats. I enjoy myself tolerably well at work. Nothing of much importance has occurred since my last date. On last Sabbath I did not preach. I went to Sulphur's Spring. Bro. Steele preached. I closed by prayers.
17. Since my last date, I have been to a wedding. There were so much gaiety and inclining, that I became too much excited, and I have not enjoyed religion as well. Since, may the good Lord help me hereafter, when visiting such places to think more about Jesus and souls.
To-day I am unwell. On last night I
visited a family, and during the night
I took sick. I am feeling better this af-
ternoon. I have been reading Bro. Earl's
experience this evening. He says, "He long-
sees to know more of Jesus and His
love. And oh! how I long to be more
like my Savior. That I may be more
successful in winning souls, and
that I may enjoy the fullness of the
love of Christ. I have concluded, the
Lord being my helper, to adopt this con-
secration now, with a slight change
in one place." This day I make a new
consecration of my all to Christ.
"Jesus, I now and forever give myself
to Thee; my soul to be washed in
thy blood, and buried in heaven at
last; my whole body to be used for
thy glory; my mouth to speak for the
at all times; my eyes to weep over
lost sinners, as to be used for any
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purpose for Thy glory: my feet to carry me where Thou shalt wish me to go; my heart to be burdened for souls, or useful for Thee anywhere; my intellect to be employed at all times for Thy cause and glory." I give to Thee "those who are nearest and dearest to my heart; "all my property that I now possess and ever shall possess. I will obey Thee in every known duty." P. W. J. O. Blessed Services, help me keep this vow. I have written this upon my knees. Since my last slate, I have adopted the plan of giving unto the Lord weekly. I give $5.00 a week. If I have not the change I will write a due bill, and put it in the box until I get the change. May the Lord help me to do all within my power for the advancement of His Cause.

25. Since my last slate, I have been enjoying myself tolerably well, spiritually, though I have been cold a portion of the time
Since my last entry, I have tried to preach three sermons. On Saturday I went to Bethel. The day cold, but quite a number present. Text, "The Lord is no slack concerning his promises." I felt rather hard-hearted, but trust the Lord was with me. The church elected me as moderator, and transacted the usual business. I went home with Bro. Brown and took dinner. After meditating on the parable of the ten virgins, I went to Bro. Rakers, found him shedding tears. His beloved wife had died in the morning, and he, with his three little children, was left alone. I sympathized with him, and tried to console him the precious word of God. I thought, if I should ever be placed in his circumstances, that I could hardly bear it, but the good will sustain those who put their trust in Him. I read the 23 and 34 Psalms, and level
in prayer. I tried in my weak and sinful way to ask the mercies of God upon us all, and especially upon the bereaved family. Sabbath. The sky being so cold, I concluded not to preach from the parable of the ten virgins went to the church and found a very good congregation. Text, "For He determined not to know anything save Jesus and Him crucified." I believed the Lord was with me. Monday. I arose with a heavy heart, knowing the solemn duties which were before me. I went to the grove, and tried to pray for aid. It was a cold day, and Dr. Swallow and myself had to try to preach the funeral of the deceased one, of whom I have spoken. We went to the Brother's house, and remained a few minutes, and then retired to the mountain side, and as the soul to be with us on that
peculiarly solemn occasion. We re-

turned, and tried to preach from

the text, "There Shall be a resurrection

of the dead, both of the just and un-

just." I have many reasons to be

thankful; for I believe the Lord was

with us. Our remarks seemed to con-

sole the bereaved husband. The deep

sisters said before she expired that

she only had to lament over her

little children and her two wick-

ded brothers. She was conscious in

her dying hours, for sinners. Oh! how

we should all be concerned for poor

sinners. May the Lord help me to be

more anxious for the salvation of sin-

ners. Oh! I arrived at home, but I

have had to lament over my extreme

sinfulness. Oh! that I could be

a better man. But the Good Lord

knows my sinfulness; He is willing to

forgive us, if we will trust Him.
March 11: 1878.

The weather very cold. Nothing of particular interest occurring. It snowed the past Sabbath. I had an appointment at Sulphur Spring. I went to the church about 11 A.M. Found about 50 persons present. I had prepared a sermon on the parable of the ten virgins, but did not attempt to preach from it. I did not go into the pulpit. I delivered an exhortation from James 5: 16. I said, some one goeth, Lord bless my effort for the advancement of thy cause.

Since my last letter, I have been called upon to solemnize the site of marriage between J. E. T. Thomas and J. M. McIntosh; the first time I ever did such a thing. I felt very solemn. It embarrassed me some. May the Lord bless the couple united and make them a blessing to each other.
March 7

The weather has moderated. A beautiful day. Br. Gwaltney and I have spent yesterday and today in study. We have read two lectures by Proclus, a portion of Latin and the Bible, also debated. Visited sister M.—last last night. Had much religious conversation. Had prayers with the family. I enjoyed my visit. I feel strengthened tonight. I hope the good Lord will bless us still. Been reading "Pilgrim's Progress." March 10

The weather is fine. I have been trying to examine my heart. Have been plowing. Kneel by my flow in prayer. I have been trying to realize that Jesus is my personal Savior. Yesterday was Sabbath, but I did not preach. I think I would have felt better, if I had. Br. Steel preached at 11 A.M. and Br. W. G. at night.
March 17. I have just returned home from preaching on yesterday Sabbath. I tried to preach two Sermons. Deut. 32:11. Text, "therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord." I felt that the Lord was with me. May He bless my effort for the advancement of His cause. Met many warm friends. In the afternoon went to the new school house, found a large congregation present. A great many Sinners both old and young present. Oh! how I felt the responsibility that hon. Text: The wicked is driven away in his wickedness; but the righteous hope in his death. Heed considerable liberty in speaking. I hope & die June 26th in the name of my Redeemer.
March the 19

The weather fine. Spent yesterday at Court in Taylorsville. No important cases tried. I have been working a little on the farm. I must now begin my preparations for next Saturday and Sabbath. Oh may the Lord help me. I have neglected my weekly contribution. I must attend to it this morning. I will put in 10 cts. My next the fifth Sabbath.

March the 25

The weather damp and cloudy. I have been working on the farm. Whatever my hands find to do, I try to perform in earnest. Last Tuesday evening, I started to Mt. Olive. Spent the night with Bro. Stephenson. We read, sung, and had prayers with family. Retired for repose, but did not rest well. Arose Saturday morning with a
heavy heart. I went to the grave early for prayer. I tried to give my heart to the Lord refresh. I could sweep ones my ungratefulness and sinfulness. Reached Mt. Olive about 12. Tried to preach from text: "Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast." I trust the Lord was with me. Everything passed off smoothly in church conference. In the afternoon, I went on sugar loaf mountain with some young ladies. Had a pleasant time. Sabbath morning, I arose and began to make preparations for the duties of the day. 10 1/2 delivered a lecture on Sabbath schools. Deeply interested in the work. At 12 tried to preach. A large congregation. Then parable of ten virgins. It considered liberty. The people very attentive. Almost tilled down. May the Lord bless my effort to declare his Christ.
March 31, 1878

Weather fine. I am working on the farm, feel weary and tired.

On yesterday, I attended the funeral of a little child, br. Annie's. I tried to preach, text, the "Resurrection." Br. Gwaltney followed with some remarks. It was a serious time.

I hope we did good. Br. W. R. Gwal-
tney preached at S. Spring yest-
erday at 11, and W. A. Powell at 10.

Ly's text: "Father forgive them, for they
know not what they do." W's text:
"It is the spirit that quickeneth." They both preached good sermons.

I have spent the past few days
with brethren J. P. and W. R. Gwal-
tney. We visited from house to house.

Have prayed with some of the families.

Have much religious conversation,
talked much about preaching. Have
prayed meeting and preaching three
nights last week.
April 2, 1878

The weather fine. I have noticed in covering a house. Went to Bro. Davis. Learned that Willey Jukeley was very unwell. I am anxious for him to get well. I have been trying to pray the Lord to restore him to health but I want to be resigned to the will of the Lord. I have just finished reading a book titled, "Ten nights in a Bar Room." Oh! The fearful consequences of intemperance. May I not fall a victim to its grasp. I have been reading the "Psalms." I am trying to live a better life. Lord help me. I want to more fully give myself to the Lord. Oh! Lord help me.

April 5. A pleasant day. I have just returned from visiting Willey Jukeley. He is very low, but is better now. I trust. I hope the Lord is restoring him to health. Bro. Jewellney and I have spent the two past days together in
Sticky. The first night we had a prayer meeting at Bro. Simmons. We chose the parable of "The Ten Virgins" for our lesson. Had an interesting time. Hope the Lord was with us, and that we did good in His name. We went to the meeting feeling cold, but returned feeling better.

Before we started to the meeting, we knelt in prayer by the fireside. We felt very solemn. Yesterday evening we went to Bro. Brown's to spend the night but having learned that Willey Sackey was thought to be dying, we went to see him. We arrived there about 6 o'clock G.M. Found him very bad. I rode about 6 miles for a medical instrument. Did not retire until after 1 o'clock. I feel very sleepy. I hope to be permitted to go to preaching tonight. I dyed go with me and do as the President of Sabbath School.
April 6

 Sabbath. A warm, lovely day. I went to Macedonice to fill an appointment for Bro. Jewettney. I found a large congregation present. Tried to preach from the parable of the ten “Virgins.” Had considerable liberty in speaking. Hope the Lord will bless my weak effort to advance his cause. I then went about ten miles and tried to preach again at H. Same theme. Had more liberty then in forenoon. Returned home weary and tired. Spent the night and in sweet repose, feeling I had done what.

April 7. Opened school at Sulphur Spring with 12 students, both male and female. I interceded my school by prayer. I felt that it, not only needed the example, but the blessings of God upon me in my understanding. Etc. my school had increased one in no. May the Lord help me do my duty.
April 11

Left home in afternoon and went to bro. Meadows and tried to preach to a house full of people. Let your light shine in. I trust the good Lord was with me hope I died good. 12 left bro. ellis and went to Zion Hill found quite a number present. Text, let your light shine in. Had considerable liberty. Bro. J. and 3 accepted the care of that church. At night I tried to preach at bro. Carlson's. And he preached unto him Jesus. Jesus was a precious theme to me. Oh that I could love Him more. 18, a beautiful Sabbath morning. Attended all at the church. A large congregation present. Text, I am not ashamed of the Gospel. I believe the Lord helped me preach. I found kind friends. Oh may the good Lord bless us there this year. I came to bro. Stephens. They told me that Willey Seckey was killed. Fous young men
he suffered extremely, but he is well to-night. Iff. & Emma, before breakfast. Had p. b. yorl until 12. We then went to the burial. Immense crowd present. Dn. Gueiltnay preached from the resurrection and the life. He preached with power. The congregation is melted to tears. He tells that the young man was concerned for sinners. I felt not feel so serious as I desired. To-night I have Tylenol over my sinfulness. Oh that I could be a better man & make vows and then break them. The Lord is kind & merciful. Hear me. Such an ungrateful person. Good Lord, from this time keep me be a better man. Oh! That I could overcome those sore temptations. Surely other Christians do not sin so often as I do. Blessed Jesus, I will try to commit all into thy hands.
April 21.

The weather pleasant. I have been engaged in my school. School increased in size. I have visited a man to-day. I feel that is the duty of Christians to visit the sick. Since my last visit, I have been in a strange community. "Lambert's Fork." Bro. J. and myself left home on Saturday morning, and arrived at Bro. Walker's a little before night. We passed beautiful dwellings, streams, groves, orchards, and mountains, and through fertile valleys. On Saturday night, had prayer meeting at Bro. W's theme, parable of ten "Virgins." Had some liberty in speaking. Subsequent morning was beautiful. Retired for prayer and meditation. Met at 10 for Sabbath school lectures. At 11 I read the text, "And he preached unto them Jesus." Bro. J. followed, text, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"
congregation present. Good attention at the close, we presented the claims of education, and the endowment of W. H. College. We took dinner, and start home. I arrived at home half past 9 o'clock. I was almost wearied down, but tried to feel that it was all for him who suffered so much for me. Now obey the Good Lord, help me prepare for next Sabbath. I went to keep working for Jesus.

April the 27.

I have just returned home from my appointment. I am weary and tired. I left home yesterday to go to my appointment. Spent the night with H. Ponm. I arose this morning, and began to make preparations for preaching. After breakfast I went to the grave for prayers and to think over my sermon. (Heed prayer with the family night and morning). At 11, went to Concord Church a good congregation present.
I tried to preach from: “There remaineth the rest for the people of God.” The congregation was very inattentive: they seemed not to want to listen. I tried to tell them by what means they might know whether or not they were Christians. Oh! how ignorant some of them are. How badly we need education. We must have education, and may the Lord help us in the great work. In the afternoon, I preached at Liberty. A good congregation. Text, “Let your light shine!” Had great freedom in speaking, and good attention. It is so much easier to preach when people want to hear. May the good Lord bless my weak effort to advance his cause, and may he keep me through this week, and help me to prepare for the duties of next Sabbath.

May the 4. I have just returned from Mt. Olive. Had a good meeting. I believe the Lord was with us. I tried to preach yesterday; text, “Belon..."
if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. I felt rather cold, but I hope the Lord will bless my effort to advance his cause. In the afternoon we went on Hodge's Knob. Had a most excellent view. We could a hundred miles distance in almost every direction, and a beautiful scenery. This morning, Bro. G. went up and I arose early, and went to a school house, and had prayers. Went to Church at 9 for Sabbath School. We made little talks into the children and parents. At 11 Bro. G. preached to a crowded house. Text, "I have a Baptism to be baptised withal." He preached an excellent sermon, the sufferings of Christ. In the afternoon, we commemorated the Lord's Supper. It was a solemn time. I felt so unworthy to partake. I returned home very weary, feeling I had done what I could. May the Lord help me to be a better man.
134. May the 11.

This has been a lovely day. A portion of the past week has been wet, but beautiful weather now. I have been engaged in school this week. Yesterday I tried to preach at Sulphur Spring. Text, “Let your light shine.” I felt rather cold. Oh! how sinful my heart is. This morning Mr. Gwaltney and I were returning from prayer, we met a messenger requesting Mr. Gwaltney to go to see a young man who was about to die and who has no hope. This morning, Mr. Steele and myself baptized 3 ladies in the creek at 3:30. At 11, we met at the church to talk about Sabbath schools. At 11, Mr. Gwaltney preached. Text, “I have a baptism to be baptized with. He preached an excellent sermon in the afternoon we communed. Oh! how solemn I felt, and how unworthy. My heart is so sinful and here. It is so hard to keep my poor sinful self out of the way.”
May the 18

I have returned home from Zion Hill. I left home Friday evening, and spent the night with a friend. On Saturday, I passed through a beautiful country and over mountains. At 12, I tried to preach a text, “By grace are ye saved.” I felt rather cold-hearted. I felt I didn’t pray enough. In the afternoon, Bro. G. preached at neighboring house of worship. I closed by prayer, and found my cold heart subdued. I felt that it was good to be there.

We spent the night with Bro. Howell. On Sabbath morning, Bro. G. married Mr. Webster to Miss Howell. At 10, I tried to talk about the importance of Sabbath schools. At 11, Bro. G. preached text, “Therefore, go to the righteous.” Then presented a few thoughts on education, and took up a collection for the endowment of W.J. college amounting to $5,000. May the 19. A house has burned down, and left home poor negro destitute. I have given 50 cts. to aid in getting a pair of shoes for the negro girl whose house was burnt.
186. May 25

I have returned from Bethel, weary and tired. I tried to preach yesterday for the text, "Let your light shine." I feel that I don't let my light shine as I should. I often stand in my own light.

In the afternoons, in company with two young men, I went on two mountains, where we saw the beauties of nature. This morning I tried to address the Sabbath school and the young people. It was a hard time to speak; so many coming in. At 11, I tried to preach, text, "And he preached unto him, Jeems." I had as much liberty in speaking as usual, though my heart was rather cold and bare. Bro. E. followed, text, "I am the resurrection and the life." After a short intermission, we reassembled, and administered the "Lord's Supper." It was a solemn time.

Oh! how unworthy I felt. Blessed Lord, give me a better heart. I want to live, by the blessing of God, a better life. Oh Lord, help me to live nearer to Thee. J. W. Thomas. 1673.
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J. W. Thomas' Journal.

April the 8, in the year of our Lord 1872.

"I can do all things through Jesus Christ, who strengtheneth me."

Wake Forest College
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November the 22:

1872.

J. W. Thomas.
Carolina
Alexandres County North.
Alexandres County South.
May the 26, 1878.

This morning, I finished

my diary in this book. I have

written this for my own use, to look

at in after years, if I should live.

This book contains my travels, sermons

preached, my feelings, trials and trouble

for a little more than a year.

J. W. Thomas.
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