May 21, 1922.

Sun. Fair in A.M. With shower in P.M. Went with J. C. Barlow in his car to Lower Terrech Church 11 A.M. and preached to fair crowd from Nahum 1: 7. The Lord is good. Did not have good liberty. Had intended to use another subject, but changed. Heard Bro. Turner Carlton has been missing from his home near Hibiten Academy since yesterday morning. Left his wife very sick. Took dinner with Bro. Barlow. Came home and late in P.M. heard Turner Carlton has been found in woods near Jua Laxton's with top of his head shot off. He carried gun with him when he left home. He no doubt killed himself. Thinking at times, had apparently been off for some years. It is very sad.
May 22, 1922.

Mom - Fair and warm with little rain in P.M. Bro. J. A. Boldin took me to L C. 12 M. in his car. and I conducted religious services at funeral of Bro. Irwin Carlton who shot himself last Sat. night near his home. He was 30 years old and a member of L C. Church. He seemed to be a Christian, sometimes led in public prayer, but troubles seemed to unbalance his mind. I trust he was saved as he was possibly irresponsible. I am sorry for his mother, his sisters and his sick wife and 4 little children. The crowd was large and serious.

May 24, 1922.

Wed. Little rain in P.M. Went to First Bap Church in Lenoir to Pastors Conference. Only the present. Had prayer and adjourned. Took dinner at Clyde Allen's visited Granville Presnell and came home.
May 26, 1922.

Friday Little rain in R.M. Early I went to town with Julius Dula and visited Bro. Sam Smith's family. He is not improving much, if any, in Charlotte hospital. At 10-30, the ministers of 6 different denominations met in First Baptist Church in Lenoir and organized a welfare and law enforcement league for Caldwell County. I was made Temporary Chairman. Had some good talks, elected Bro. Inker permanent chairman with other officers, and adjourned to meet in Mass meeting in court house. Sat before sea. Sun. in June. Took dinner at Gem cafe. visited Granville Presnell and came home. I feel my glowy tonight. Fear I will have to go back to hospital again for further treatment. I had hoped I would not have to go back. May the Lord help me to submit to whatever is best.
May 23, 1922.

Sun.—Cloudy. With cool, east wind.
Had fire in P.M. I preached at L. C. 11 A.M. To fair crowd from Mat. 12:12—“How much better is a man better than a sheep?” I felt the need of more of the Holy Spirit. People listened well, and I pray the Lord may bless our efforts.
Spent after noon at home.

May 30, 1922.

Ines.—Pleasant, with cool nights and mornings. Little frost yesterday morning. This P.M. I spent in town visiting Gran. Presnell and Sam. Smith. The former is very feeble and the latter is just home from Charlotte hospital where two of his toes were amputated. He seems to be doing somewhat better. Edwin Davis came to visit us today. He sweet potato slips this P.M.
June 6, 1922.

Sunny, fair and warm with thunder showers at night. I preached at 11 A.M. from 2 Kings 5th—Healing of Naaman the leper. Had some liberty. Came home and had company—Hill Swanson and family, Lizzie Barlow, Easons and Allena. Ethel came home from Hendersonville late P.M. Late P.M. yesterday here at home, I united in marriage W. T. Warren and Martha Campbell, young people of Valmear.

June 5, 1922.

Mon—Warm with heavy rain in P.M. Enoch Davies left for his home at noon to day.

June 10, 1922.

Sat—Warm and fair in P.M. It has rained more or less every day this week except to day. Yesterday I attended E.S. association in Mett church in town. A Bro. Sims and a Miss
Davis were. The conductors. Both are good talkers. I enjoyed the exercises. Took dinner with Myra Allen and visited Granville Presnell. He is very sick. Sid Dulla brought me home in car. Kent Thomas came to-night from Chapel Hill. This morning at 11 A.M. in court house. I attended a mass meeting of Citizens Welfare League. Dr. Tyree delivered a great address and a good crowd was present. I am sure a good cause (law enforcement) was set forward. I visited Bro. Sam Smith and Granville Presnell—both very sick. Heard Bro. Wade Loyd of Lenoir died last night. I am sorry. He was a good friend. He will be missed.
June 11, 1922.

Sun—fair and pleasant. At 11 A.M. I made a talk at S. C. on Our Duty as citizens. Did not have good liberty, but the people were attentive and I hope some good was accomplished. Had church conference but no very important business transacted. Agreed to invite Bro. W. N. Johnson to begin a meeting 4th Sun. in July, came home and late P.M. went with Bob and John Barlow to visit Bros. Smith Barlow. Pleasant visit. W. H.loyd was buried this P.M. in town cemetery. He was probably 73 years old and was a member either of the Meth. or Presbyterian Church.

June 12, 1922.

Mon—fair and windy. Kent began cutting rye and wheat. It is fairly good. The Lord be praised for his goodness. Heard of a great electrical storm yesterday in and around N. Y. City. Many were killed and injured.
June 16, 1922.

Friday - fair and warm and has been all this week. One year ago today I underwent an operation at Charlotte Sanatorium and am not scene of it yet, but I praying and trusting to get well. In A.M. I visited Sam Smith, Dr. Tyree and Granville Presnell in town and went to Lodge meeting at night. Kent finished cutting wheat this day. Lizzie Davies went to Wilkes Co. to day to visit Aunt Jane Howell. She went with J. A. Boldin.

June 18, 1922.

Sun. - Warm with rain at night. I preached at L.C. 11 A.M. to fair crowd from Luke 18:11-13 - prayer. Had some liberty. Attended prayer service at 4 P.M. John Allen came home from Thomasville Orphanage to day. He has finished 9 years there. Hope he may become a good and useful man.
June 21, 1922.

Warm and some rain. P.M. Attended Pastor's Conference in Lenoir. Only six present. Dr. Lyce read a paper on The Gospel very good. Some ladies conferred with pastors relative to a Miss Michael's work in our association among the women and children for a few weeks. She is from Louisville Training School. I trust she may be enabled to do a good and much needed work.

Visited Gran. Presnee. Came better.

June 24, 1922.

Sat. Fair and warm with cool nights. Finished putting wheat and rye in barn. Safe P.M. Invited in marriage, here at home. Geo. Corley and Christine Kemp, parties from Valmead, or near there.

June 26, 1922.

Sun. Fair and warm. At 11 A.M. I preached at S. C. to good crowd from 2 Cor. 5:10 - The Judgement.
liberty and the people seemed to enjoy the service. Took dinner with Geo. and Bessie Bowman in East Lenoir. It was the occasion of birth days of Frank, wife and mother and father of Bessie Bowman. Several present, good dinner and a pleasant occasion June 30, 1922.

Friday - Fair and warm. In P.M. went to town, transacted some business and visited granville Presnell. Found him slightly improved. Sam Smith has gone back to Charlotte sanitarium. Met Ora Triplett, a Baptist minister, whom I used to know very intimately. He is conducting a meeting with S. E. Bap. church in Morganton, N. C.

July 2, 1922.

June - Warm with light shower in P. M. I preached at 8:00.
11 A.M. from Sealing and Ernest of The Holy Spirit. Had some liberty. Took dinner at J. A. Buldin and attended prayer services at church at night, conducted by Bro. Geo. Steele.

July 4, 1922.

Tues. Heavy rain about noon, washing land more or less, Hiram Gilbert went with Joe Warren to Wilkes Co. And, no doubt, will have trouble getting home.

July 5, 1922.

Wed. Warm. Went to town P.M. Heard over phone this night that Hiram Gilbert was right badly hurt about noon today by a trench at Joe Warren's. She phoned Dr. Goodman to go see him.

July 6, 1922.

Thurs. Warm and cool nights. I began taking treatment of Dr. Goodman for after effects of my operation
Went to Carl Gilbert this P.M. to see Hiram Gilbert. He don't seem to be very badly hurt, and I hope he will be up and out again soon. The Lord bless him.

July 4, 1922.

Sat. Rain in P.M. Went to town in a M. to take treatment from Dr. Goodman. Heard Hiram Gilbert is worse and Lenoir first Bap. church is thinking of sending him to hospital.

July 4, 1922.

Sun. Very warm with little rain in P. M. Bro. J. L. Lewis, pastor at Granite Falls, preached for us at 11 A. M. from 2 Corinthians 11. Had conference and agreed to have church conference in future 10-30 A. M. on Sat. before Sea Sun. in
each month. Heard Charley Stimson died this morning at his home in Lenoir. Heard Hiram Gilbert was taken to Hickory hospital this P.M. I was getting ready to go see him when I heard he was gone. May the Lord bless him. Conducted prayer service at 9:30 tonight. Several present and a good service. Bro. John Parlow took me in his car.

July 10, 1929.

Very warm. Little rain in P.M. At 11 C. M. I assisted Deleath Tucker and Jayree in funeral exercises for Bro. Charley Stimson at his home. He was a member of Lenoir Meth. Church, 67 years old and a good man. Bro. Tucker came for me in his car and brought me home.
July 12, 1922.

Wet - very hot with little rain. P.M. Josephine arrived home from Jersey City at noon today. Heard from Hiram Gilbert who is in hospital at Hickory. He is thought not seriously hurt, but right badly bruised. I hope he may get well.

July 14, 1922.

Friday - warm with showers. Earl Thomas came to visit us. His wife will be here later.

July 15, 1922.

Sat - cloudy with showers. In A.M. J.H. Isbell surveyed some lots for me on hill near John Bartons. In P.M. McEwanary threshing machine threshed our grain. Made 25 bu. of wheat and a bushel of rye. I thank the Lord for that much. Heard Hiram Gilbert is coming home from hospital today. I am glad he is getting well.
July 16, 1922.

Sum- Mostly fair with little rain in P. M. At 10 A. M. I preached at S. C. to rather small crowd from Acts 17:16- Paul's spirit was stirred in him when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Did not enjoy the subject as much as I had hoped to do, but did best I could.

Ed Barlow took us in his car to his home for dinner and then brought us home. We had a nice visit, seeing the highway down into Little river township.

July 19, 1922.

Wed. Mostly fair and pleasant. I attended Baptist pastor's conference in Leomin. Dozen or more preachers were present. Prayer was the theme for our consideration. Bro. Dyce made us a good address. Decided not to meet again until Wed. after Sec. Sun. in Sept. Took dinner with Milton Shearer. Visited Gran. Presnell.
July 22, 1922.

Sat. Showers off in P.M. Lizzie Davis left for Hagerstown, Md. on noon train this day. She has been with us since first of April last and has been company for us and much help. We regretted to see her go, and may she have a safe journey and find her husband well. I have tried to prepare a sermon on text, The Spirit and the bride say come.

July 23, 1922.

Sun. Fair and warm with little rain off late P.M. I went with John Barlow in his car to S.C. and heard Bro. Walter E. Johnson preach two great sermons on revival or revolution dangers that threaten and our need of power from God. Fairly good crowds and good attention. Heard Bro. Johnson again at night.
July 28, 1922.

Friday. Warm, except one night I have heard Bro. Johnson all week. He closed his meeting to-night. We have had 14 additions to church for baptism. It has been a great uplift to those who could appreciate his deep and profound sermon. We gave him $52.50 as a token of our love and appreciation of his services.

July 29, 1922.

Sat. Fair and warm. Read and rested in forenoon. Went to town in P.M. Visited Sam Smith and Gran. Present. Found both better. Heard Mrs. John Dows of Asheville died yesterday. At her home in Asheville and will be buried at Union Church this Monday to-morrow. I am asked to take part in funeral services, but can not. She was Clara Hartley before marriage. Bought suit of clothes.
July 30, 1922.
Sun. Rained early, fairing later. I preached in Senoir first Bap. Church 11 A.M. to fair crowd from Rev. 2:1, Christ walking in the midst of the churches. Had good liberty. All seemed to enjoy the sermon greatly. Bro. Jyree preached for me at L.C. Came home rested and went to L.C. and heard Bro. Jyree preach at night a good sermon on Preparing to meet God. Some interest and we decided to continue the meeting some days. His P.M. a young brother, John Crouch, called to see me. He is a baptist preacher, doing B.Y.P. W. work in several assos., and wanted to confer with me.

Aug. 2, 1922.
Wed. Fair and warm. Went to L.C. and found no one present. Bro. Jyree closed meeting last night.
Aug. 3, 1922.

This P.M. we had heard a hail storm I ever saw with hard rain. Our corn and all vegetables are badly damaged. Apples, peaches, grapes, and tomatoes are badly beaten off. The storm did not cover a great deal of territory but papers report hail storms in many places in state. The Lord knows best what to give us and what to take away from us. We need chastening for our sins and worldliness. The Lord has to speak to us some times in away that we can not help but hear him. “When his judgments are in the land then will the people learn righteousness may he bless this dispensation of his providence to our spirit...good. I thank the Lord that the visitation was not more severe.”
Aug. 6, 1922.

Sunny, fair and warm. I preached at 10:11 A.M. to a good crowd from 2 Cor. 5:20—Ambassadors for Christ. I had good liberty and all seemed to enjoy the services. Invited Bro. John Trench and Capt. Pope to organize a O.P. B.M. 3rd Sun in Aug. Came home and rested and read Recorder &c.

Aug. 8, 1922.

Rain—Little rain—mostly fair. Mother and I went with J. A. Boldin, J. R. Swanson and Ruth Boldin to Union Baptist Church in Little River township and heard Breth Dr. Gywnnsey and J. M. Shafer preach. Had good service. Several professed conversion. I was glad to meet the brethren and hear them preach again—also to meet Bro. Watts, the pastor. We had nice trip.

Aug. 10, 1922.

Thurs—Cloudy and cool with rain at
night. At 9 a.m. I conducted funeral services for Sis. Mary Lute McMillan at Valmee. She died yesterday in hospital at Hickory, after undergoing an operation for locked-bowel. She was nearly 62 years old, member of Blairs Fork Baptist Church and was a truly good woman. She leaves husband and little child. Burial was in town cemetery. I went to town on business and visited Gran Presnell.

Aug. 13, 1922.

Sun. - Partly cloudy and cool. I preached at 2:00 p.m. to good crowd from Mat. 15:12 — "Truth and serve. "Every plant which my heavenly father hath not planted shall be rooted up." Had some liberty, but preached too hard and too long. Felt very tired in a.m. Jos. Thomas came on moon train to visit us. Received a Mrs. Dot Beach at 7 a.m. today a candidate for baptism.
Aug. 14, 1922.

Mon. Rained in a.m. I went to town in a.m. to attend co. Dem. con., but it was called off. Attended to some business and returned home.

Aug. 19, 1922.

Sat. Fair and warm. In p.m. went to town, and visited Gran. Present Rep. Co. Con. Was to have met today but was called off. We have been recovering house stores and out buildings damaged by hail storm week or ten days ago.

Aug. 20, 1922.

Sun. Lovely fair day. Bro. John Keruch preached for me 11 a.m. at L.C. Took dinner with J. & Baldin and heard John Keruch and a Bro. Womack lecture on Bible and B.Y. P. U. at L.C. at 4 p.m. Met Dan Howell at L.C. to-day. He was born in this co. Also met Mrs. Anna Green of China, daughter of late J.W. Greene also Joe Smith and wife.
Aug. 25, 1922.

Friday—Rained early. This is my 74th birthday. I thank the Lord I have been spared through another year, and I thank him for all the mercies and blessings vouchsafed to me during the past year and all the past of my life. My general health is good and my mind reasonably clear, but I am not entirely well of the operation I underwent in Charlotte Sanatorium more than a year ago, but I am praying and hoping to get entirely well, if it is the Lord’s will. I pray that I may be spared a few more years more to try to preach the Gospel and to be used of the Lord to do good, if it be according to his holy will.

Jas. Thomas returned to Jacksonville yesterday on noon train.

Aug. 26, 1922.

Sat.—Rain in P.M. Went to town in A.M. and Dr. Triplett brought me home and ate dinner with us. Also met J.J. Beach and I sang. Roxie Reunion was here today.
This Diary was begun
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Dear J. W. Howard,

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My dear Brother Thomas:

It has been some time since I have heard from you, but some of some little sketches I have noticed in The Lenoir News, copies of which I think the

I noticed you was up in the western part of the state. I

and that we had a little unsettled business after you

moved to Lenoir, N.C., and in that settlement you doubt

that I am not mistaken—will if you'll think for a mom.

sent that I want you to write in remembrance of me not for

the great value, but I thought you would appreciate it.

I am so nervous I can hardly write. This is a Christmas

gift from one you are not expecting anything I know

from the home from which this comes. I am now the oldest
man in Boone that been since Capt. E. L. Coffey, left us. I am

now in my 85 year. Knowing you and your family we all

well. My health is pretty good and I am feeling as pretty

I guess, owing to circumstances, would be glad to hear from

you at your convenience. I am as ever your friend.

W. L. Bryan