J. W. Thomas' Diary, began
Sept. 22, 1920. Lenoir, N.C.

Thurs. 23: Began raining about
10 a.m. and rained most of day
and into night. I went with Geo.
J. E. Hoyle, in his car, to Piney
Grove church to Caldwell
Asso. Not many present. I tried
to preach annual sermon from
Neh. 6:8—'I am doing a great
work.' Had liberty. I was re-
celected Mod. and J. E. Swanson
deer. Spent night with Will
Sullivan.


Friday. Rained early and again
late and into night. Attended
asso. I spoke on two subjects.
Bro. W. A. Bradshaw spoke on missions. It was a great speech. Spent night with
Clarke Steele in company with J. W. Watts.

Sept. 25, 1920.

Sat. Fair except light show e23 in P.M. Attended Assr.
Finished session in P.M. Had
Good session considering small
attendance, rainy weather and
bad roads. Next session will
convene in Center Grove
Church, 3 miles from Hudson.
I came home with J. W. Watts
in his car. Had to plow car out
of mud only and get a team
to pull it once. Took supper
with Bernice Watts at Patterson
and got to Lenoir at 8 P.M. and
home about 8:30 P.M., feeling
tired. This makes 32 sessions
I have attended without missing
one. Thank The Lord.

Sun. - Fair and hot with shower off.

Heard Gypsy Smith at tent 11 a.m.

Great crowd. Subject: Potter's clay.

Great interest. Heard him again
at night to great crowd on sowing
and reaping. There were around
100 who came to front for prayer.

Meeting closed and Smith goes to
Greenwood & Co. to begin another
Meeting Tuesday night. May the Lord
bless him there as he has here.

Sept. 27, 1920.

Mon. - Fair and hot with thunder
showers in P.M. and at night. Pulled
seed fodder and did writing. Heard
of death of Mr. S. quick of Le-
moine, a mason who will be bu-
ried at Granite Falls tomorrow
and of Milas Jordan who died at
Connally Springs and will be bu-
ried at Lower Creek tomorrow.

P.M. I am asked to take part
in funeral services of Bro. Jordan.

Mostly fair and hot. South Adelaide, tram to station. Left for N.Y. on noon train. In P.M. attended funeral of Milos Jordan at L. C. He was buried the masons. He was 83 years old and was a member of Connely Springs Baptist Church and was one of my best friends. He was the first person that gave me any compensation for preaching as well as I remember.

Sept. 29, 1920.

Wed._- cloudy with rain at night. Hauled wood and worked with fodder.


Thirs._- Partly cloudy with strong north west wind. Turning cold. Have fire tonight. Hauled wood. Gilbert cut tops and I mowed grass in P.M.


Mostly clear and cool with northwest wind. Thermometer was down to 40 this

Saw clear with little frost.


Saw clear with little frost. I
preached at 8:30 A.M. to fair
crowd from 8:40, 1 Cor. 3:17—Carnal and spirit
ual mind. Good service. At night
I preached to small crowd from
Acts 3:22-23. Christ that prophet
whom you would raise up. Had
some liberty.


Mon.—Fair and pleasant, growing
cloudy late. Went to town in a.m.

And worked in hay and feeding P.M.

Gilbert flawed. Donoughon and Parker have
joint discussion in town to-night.

Fair and pleasant. I mowed peas and Gilbert plowed.

Oct. 6, 1920.

Partly cloudy late P.M.
I mowed peas most of the day.


Fair and cool. Worked in peas and topholder.

Oct. 8, 1920.

Friday. Fair and pleasant, growing cloudy. Hauled wood in A.M., and gathered corn and hauled and stacked pea hay in P.M.

Oct. 9, 1920.

Sat. Fair and pleasant. Tried to study some in A.M. Had to work in P.M. Stacking pea hay, hauling wood for Gilbert, going to town & C. Robert Thompson brought me in P.M. a nice horse and buggy, a gift from L.C. church, buggy a gift from J.C. Bolden and horse from the church. The Lord be praised for his goodness.

Sunny, fair and pleasant. I preached at 2 p.m. to good congregation.


Had liberty. Held conference. I preached at night to fair crowd from what shall I do with Jesus, who is called Christ? Mat. 27:22. Had liberty.


Mon. Fair and warm. Mowed peas in A.M. and in P.M. Wife and I visited Sis. J. S. Baldin who is sick but found her somewhat better.


Tues. Fair and warm. Repaired fence, made hog pen and stacked peach hay.


Wed. Fair and warm. Mowed peas.


Thurs. Fair and warm. Worked in hay.


Friday. Fair and warm. Worked with pea hay till noon and I nearly gone out.

Went to town in P.M.

Sat. Fair and warm. Went to town in a.m. In p.m. Married, here at home. Poley Price to Annie Read. Hauled in corn and hay. Have not had time to study much to day. Feel poorly prepared for service tomorrow.


Sun. Fair and warm. Preached at 11 a.m. to fair crowd of 100s. Had some liberty but felt lack of preparation of mind and heart. At night I preached to good crowd from Mark 6:12 — Repentance. Had liberty. A brother, Greenhow, and a Miss Reeter sang beautifully. Alfred Helton and wife were present. Kelly Thompson and wife were present with Church by letter. Called to see Mrs. J. A. Bolden who is very sick, but I hope slightly better.


Mon. Fair and warm, growing cloudy. Went to town for material for motorcycles.
boiler, fertilizer etc. In P.M. did some work on boiler. Wrote card of thanks for horse and buggy.

Oct. 19, 1920

Tues. Fair and warm. Worked on molasses boiler and went to town for material. This is the 45 anniversary of our marriage.

Oct. 20, 1920

Wed. Fair and warm. Worked on molasses boiler and mill. Sold Eph. Smith a cow for $50.00.

Oct. 21, 1920

Thurs. Fair and warm with cool nights. Began grinding cane. Granville Pressnell is spending the night with us.

Oct. 22, 1920

Friday. Fair and hot. Ground and boiled molasses. Went to mill.

Oct. 23, 1920

Sat. Fair and warm. Helped Gilbert get load of wood. Rested and studied some.

Sunny—Partly cloudy and cooler. I preached at 2:30 P.M. to fair crowd from Heb. 3:1—"Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession did not have good liberty. I was unprepared in mind and heart, celebrated the Lord's Supper. Took dinner with John Barlow and had short service in house. I talked short while from Col. 2:10—"Ye are complete in him." Pleasant service. Wife and I came home by way of town. Our new horse acted badly. Tried to scare and shy at a lot of things. Think I will get some of the brethren to sell him or exchange him for something safer.


Snow—Partly cloudy with drizzle of rain. Prepared cane to grind.


Fires—Mostly cloudy with little rain and more at night. Made molasses.
Well—cloudy with some rain. Plowed out sweet potatoes and did writing in A.M. In P.M. I married Russell Shiffrd and Bernice Harless at John M. Crisp in Lenoir. Shiffrd gave me $5.00.

Fair and turning cold. Finished making molasses—about 30 gal.
Gathered seed peas.

Friday—fair with ice. Went to station for barrel of glass jars sent by Janie Dries. While in town I sold old Joe horse to Mr. Crawford from Lenoir for $5.00 down and a promise for $5.00 more later. He was 24 years old. I hated to see him go away but was not able to keep him and another too. In P.M. I gathered peas.
I am worn down and roads so rough Bro. Joe Powell thinks we had better not try to go to Grandin tomorrow.
Sun.- Pleasant, growing cloudy. I am not feeling well. Remained home all day. Read gospel by Mark through, read Recorder and Charity and Children and S. S. lesson. Phoned J. A. Buldin to conduct services at 2 o'clock tonight as I feel too unwell to go. Read 91 Ps. and had prayer tonight.
Nov. 1, 1920.
Mon.-Warmer, growing cloudy with little rain at night. Phoned and prepared land for wheat. Bro. Hoyal came to see me a short time. I am feeling very tired and worn but think I am some better.
Nov. 2, 1920.
Tres-stormy with little rain. This is election day. Wife and I voted in forenoon and Myra in P.M. Heard tonight county has gone partly republican. Sheriff Triplett and reg. of deeds J. M. Brisp, are probably re-elected.

Nov. 3, 1920.
Wed. Fair and pleasant. Gilbert plowed some and I went to Dulaz for some apples to send Kent and took them to town in P.M. Heard Harding is elected President, beating Cox heavily and defeating League of nations. N. C. is democrat by large majority. Morrison is elected Gov. I am sorry Mark Squires is defeated for legislature in this county. Blanchwelder was his opponent, I trust all will be well.

Nov. 4, 1920.
Thurs. Fair and frosty. Did farm work. I am not feeling well.
Nov. 5, 1920.
Friday—Fair and warm. Gathered corn, picked peas, Gilbert harrow in fore-moon. Have sowed no wheat yet, I am still feeling worn and worn.

Nov. 6, 1920.
Sat.—Fair and warm. I have rested today and tried to study except I helped Gilbert haul in two loads of corn and saw a little wood. I hope I am better except my stomach is giving me some trouble.

Nov. 7, 1920.
Sun.—Fair and warm, growing cloudy. I preached at 9:00 A.M. to fair crowd from 2 Pet. 1:4—The promises had arrived. Not feeling well, did not have night service. Came home and rested, read Recorder etc.

Nov. 8, 1920.
Mon.—Fair and warm, growing cloudy. Gathered in sweet potato and peas, went to see Pink Powell to get him to drill wheat for me and went to see
Dr.Kent to get medicine. My stomach is in a bad way. Heard of the death of Sir. Zeno Beach at home of Olive Smith in town. I am asked to conduct funeral services at Kings Creek tomorrow P.M.

Nov. 9, 1920.

Tues.- Warm and partly cloudy. Sowed rye in A.M. and in P.M. I went in car with Wat. Ernest to Kings Creek Church and conducted funeral services for Sister Lizzie Beach, widow of Zeno Beach and mother of Rev. W.H. Beach. She was 67 years old and a member of Kings Creek Church and a good woman. The crowd was large and sympathetic.

Nov. 10, 1920.

Wed.- Cloudy with rain in P.M. and at night and much needed. Pink Powell drilled wheat for me. First I have sowed. I went to see Dr. Kent. I am still unwell. Gilbert
finished digging sweet potatoes.
Nov. 15, 1920.

Fires—Partly cloudy. Sowed rye.
I am unwell. Do not feel like work
now study. Armistice day.
Nov. 12, 1920.

Friday—Clear and cold. Hauled 2
loads of coal and a load of wood.
Nov. 13, 1920.

Sat—Clear and cold. Remained in
doors most of day. Gilbert plowed some
Nov. 14, 1920.

Sun—Growing cloudy with rain at night.
I am feeling real unwell but I went
to D.K. 11 E.M. and tried to preach
to smaller crowd than usual from
Came home and rested.
A Bro. Barlow came to see me
to get me to go to Kingslee to
morrow to attend funeral of his
another, wife of Thos. Barlow. But I
told him I was too unwell.
Nov. 15, 1920.

I went from east all day. I stood in doors. Too unwell to be out.

Nov. 16, 1920.

Tues.- Rained all day. I am unwell and remained in doors. Bay St. Convention meets in Asheville today but I am too unwell and the weather too inclement for me to attend.

Nov. 17, 1920.

Wed.- Clear, windy and cold. I helped Gilbert haul 2 loads of wood. Dr. Kent came out to see me. He says I have a case of grippe with bad indigestion. I pray that I may soon get better. I am under promise if the Lord is willing to be at Hiddenite 4th Ann. in this month to help in a meeting.

Nov. 18, 1920.

Thurs.- Clear and cool. I have remained in doors most of the day. Gilbert planted.
Nov. 19, 1920.

Friday — clear and pleasant. I have remained in house most of day. I am very unwell. Have indigestion and had case of grippe. Every thing tastes so bad. I pray the Lord to help me and restore me to health and help me to be patient. Wife is also unwell with grippe. Gilbert is preparing land for wheat.

Nov. 20, 1920.

Sat — fair and warm. I walked up to John & Barlow's and got bottle of lanolin. I hope it may prove helpful to me. I have such a bad taste in my mouth. Gilbert fowled. Mrs. Harris called in Par. Robert Thompson and wife at night.

Nov. 21, 1920.

Sun — warm growing cloudy. I have remained home all day. I could have gone to L. C. but...
was not well enough to preach, so did not go. Bro. J. R. Johnson, J. A. Powell, Rev. Swam. J. A. Baby and wife called to see me in P.M. I have tried to read some but can not read with much interest.

Nov. 22, 1920.

Mon - Rained good part of day. I am still sick and have remained in door and slept some. Gilbert worked in wood.

Nov. 23, 1920.

Tues - Fair and cool. Helped Gilbert put away sweet potatoes in chaff at barn.


Fair and pleasant. I am feeling some better. I worked some. Rob. Thompson killed a hog for us. Gilbert dragged wheat land and acted badly threatening to kill the the horse and I talked plainly to him and I think got mad.
Nov. 25, 1920.

Thanksgiving—clear and cool. I remained at home. In a.m. I helped to put away few sweet potatoes and cut up a hog and salt it away. In p.m. pulled and hauled in corn. Our new horse acted badly but we made him work. Received letter from Rev. W. P. Beach, enclosing $5.00 for conducting services at his mother's funeral. It is very kind of him. I am feeling improved some what, but wife is real unwell with cough & grippe.

Nov. 26, 1920.

Friday—fair and pleasant. Pulled and hauled load of corn in a.m. Went to town to mill and for fertilizer in p.m. and hauled load of corn in p.m. I had not been to town in two weeks. I am improving some. This the day I was to go to Hiddenite or rather tomorrow.
Nov. 27, 1920.

Sat. Rained all day and much of the day night. I remained in doors and tried to read some. Slept some. Gilbert did my work for me.

Nov. 28, 1920.

Sun. Rained little in a.m. and some sunshine in p.m. It was so damp and I was so feeble and waters probably swollen. I did not go to L.C. I do not think many went to the church and if I had gone, I was not mentally or physically prepared to preach. My stomach is still averse to taking food. I am free from grippe I think, or I seem to be, and if my stomach was normal, I think I would soon be myself again. I pray the Lord to help me and give me back my health again, if it be His holy will. I have tried to read some in Recorder, Bible, Bible-looking glass and did little writing or doing.
Nov. 29, 1920.

Storm cloudy with cold east wind and rain at night. I am still sick and have remained in doors except to help haul 2 loads of wood and to do feeding. Bro. J. A. Swanson called and told us his Grand child Hays has pneumonia and that Bro. Lehar Hays has pneumonia in his family-a daughter. May the Lord be gracious to the sick ones. I shall letters from several of our children to-night. Janie is sending me medicine for my stomach, which I trust will be a means in the hands of the Lord in restoring me to health.

Nov. 30, 1920.

Inez—Cloudy with rain. I am still unwell and have remained in doors. Gilbert went to P. O. for me but medicine has not come.


Thursday—Bright sunshine. I remained in doors till noon, not feeling well. In P.M. I helped haul wood and load of corn. Did some writing.


Friday—Grewing cloudy, stayed in doors most of A.M. P.M. helped haul manure. I hope I am getting some weller.


Sat—Cloudy with rain at night. I stayed most of day except to cut few corn stalks in P.M. I am still unwell.


Sun—Fair and pleasant. Went to L.C. Had L.C. and I made a few remarks on 37th. of Ex. Waters flowing out from under temple and from south side of altar & gospel, came home and rested and read some. Inc. Barlow called.

Dec. 6, 1920.

Mon—Mostly cloudy with little rain at night. Pink Powell drilled...
With the best of Christmas Wishes

John W. Cheevey, Jr.
2 Peckst.
came home from a Statesville hospital yesterday. Mother spent part of the day in town with Inyra.

Mar. 1, 1922.

Week--It has rained, sleeted, snowed and frozen today. I am not feeling well and have remained in doors.

Mar. 2, 1922.

Thurs.--Heavy ice on timber. Rained some in a.m. fairing in p.m. J. J. Baldwin called to see in p.m. Heard Bro. J. P. Robbins was brought home dead from a Baltimore hospital where he underwent two operations. I am sad. He was a good friend of mine. He was a member of the Adventist church and a good man. His body will be buried tomorrow.

Mar. 3, 1922.

Friday--Sleet has melted and pleasant.

in p.m. Bro. Baldwin called.

Mar. 4, 1922.

Cat--Pleasant. Dr. Goodman came.
to see me, I am troubled with an inflamed tonsil.

Mar. 5, 1922.

Spring-like day. I am not well enough to go to D. C. and I am sorry to disappoint the people. Sir. Allie Coffey. Sir. Carlton. Ernest Kirby and wife with John Barlow and Bob. Barlow called to see me today. I trust I may be worse again.

Mar. 6, 1922.

Monday. Beautiful day, growing cloudy. Think I am feeling a little better. Robt. Thompson, J.R. Boldin, Mrs. Boldin and Mrs. Texie Barlow called to see me. Trent writer he has been sick at C. H. but is better.

Mar. 10, 1922.

Friday, the weather has been cool, cloudy and rainy. I am staying in doors. I am feeling a little improved.
Mar. 12, 1922.
Sun. mostly cloudy. Could not go to B. B. Bro. E. D. Bridge promised to preach for me which I hope he did. I am feeling some better and pray I may go to B. B. next Sun. Have had company today. Have tried to read in Rom. It tires my eyes to read much. I am thinking of going to Charlotte Sanatorium before very long for an examination. May the Lord direct.

Mar. 13, 1922.
Mon. mostly fair and warm. I am feeling some better. Hope I may soon be well again so I can do some light work, fill my appointments and visit some Brethren J. A. Baby and W. C. Trypto called to see me.

Mar. 16, 1922.
Thurs. Have had rain and is cool. I am feeling better, can walk some, but have to stay in doors good deal. Gilbert and Sumpter are doing some farm work.
Mar. 18, 1922.
Sat. Pleasant growing cloudy. Planted Irish potatoes yesterday. Mrs. Elisha Powell visited us this P.M.

Mar. 19, 1922.
Sun. Cloudy with rain in P.M. and thunder shower shower at night. J. A. Ruby sent his car out and wife and I went to L. C. and I tried to preach to fair crowd 11 A.M. from Gen. 42:36 “All these things are against me”. I had expected to talk on sitting and commend the Biblical Recorder to the people but decided to postpone these till more of the older members could be present. I talked sitting on a chair on platform. I did it to keeping from getting so tired, not being fully strong from present sickness. It was not embarrassing and I had some liberty came home by way of Bob Thompson’s and eat birth day
Dinner with Mrs. Betsey Thompson. She will be 75 years old tomorrow. She is well in body and mind. Several present and a nice occasion.
Mar. 22, 1922.

Wed. Fair and pleasant. Have had high wind, ice and frost. I was afraid it was too cold for me to go to Pastor's conference in town and so stayed home but I hear they had a good meeting and I am sorry I did not go.
Mar. 23, 1922.

Thurs. Fair and pleasant. I am not feeling quite as well as usual. I went to town in A.M., first time in over a month. Our horse acted badly. Scared at an ant. He is not safe and will have to try to dispose of him if we can. I transacted some business called to see Granville Prescott. He wants to join R.C. and be baptized as soon as he can. Joe Powell brought me home.
Mar. 26, 1922.

Sun. cloudy with rain at night.
Bro. Boldin took wife and myself
to S. C. where I tried to preach to
a fair crowd at 11 A.M. On Tithe,
or giving a tenth of our income
to the Lord. I sat and preached
and had some liberty. I also made
a short talk for the Biblical Recorder.
The church received Granville
Presnell as a candidate for bap-
tism to be baptized later, if
he gets well enough to be baptized.
We took dinner at J. A. Boldin's
and he brought us home. This
has been a pleasant day.

Mar. 29, 1922.

Wed. Partly cloudy and very warm.
Thermometer is up to summer heat.
Fruit trees are blooming. We are
having so much rain, we cannot
see oats and do farm work, but
may we be able to exercise pa-
tience and resignation.
April 2, 1922.


April 4, 1922.


April 5, 1922.

Wed. Cooler, beginning to rain in P.M. Finished planting Irish potatoes. Apple trees are blooming.
April 8, 1922.

Sat. fair and warm. Wife and I spent afternoon in town. Visited Gran. P. Seems to be improving. Heard Bro. J. W. White of Taylorsville is dead. He was 73 years old. We were at Wake Forest together. Heard Bro. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children is very sick.

April 9, 1922.

Sun—Warm, partly cloudy and windy. Bro. Baldwin took us in his car to L.E. and I preached to fair crowd from Nunn. 10:24—The Christian’s invitation to the dinner. Had liberty, two boys asked prayers. Had conference. Came directly home. Am planning to Charlotte Sanatorium, next Tuesday. D.N. to see if any thing can be done to heal up incision made when I was operated on. May The Lord make Trip a safe and profitable one.
April 10, 1922.

Mom—Warm. Lizzie Thomas Denier came to day to stay with us awhile. We are so glad to have her. She will be much company for us.

April 11, 1922.

Tue—Stormy in A.M. but mild in P.M. At noon, I left for hospital in Charlotte, arriving there 6 P.M. Took room 126 on first floor at $3.50 per day.

April 23, 1922.

Sat—Cool and damp. Returned home from Charlotte Sanatorium after 17 days treatment for after effects of the operation I underwent last June. I hope I am benefitted some by the treatment but not so much as I hoped for unless it comes gradually later which I hope and pray it may.

Some of the treatment was very painful. I was treated very kindly by all in hospital, but am so
glad to be home again and I pray that I may not have to go back again for further treatment.

April 30, 1922.

Sun—fair and pleasant. Brs. Boldin took me to L. C. and we celebrated the Lord’s Supper. I did not preach a sermon, but made a talk on the ordinances of the church. It was a pleasant service. Raised about $75.00 for missions. Came home and rested.

May 1, 1922.

Mon—fair. Planted corn east of garden. I kept chickens off while mother, Lizzie Davis and Gilbert planted.

May 3, 1922.

Wed—It has rained good deal yesterday and to-day. I have had to remain in doors. I am feeling very well. I am reading some and writing letters. I hope my health is better.
May 6, 1922.


May 7, 1922.

Sun. -Partly cloudy and warm. J. H. Broghill came out and took mother, Lizzie and me to first Baptist church in town to hear Dr. Tyree. He preached a good sermon on happiness derived from doing our duty. Took dinner at Broghill's with Dr. Tyree and wife. Pleasant occasion. Had no services at L & C today by reason of singing convention at Sawmill.

May 8, 1922.

Mon. -Fair and pleasant. In P.M. I attended funeral of a little child of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg at the Clarke grave yard. Had services at the home. They sent a car for me. Late when I got home.
May 14, 1922.

Sun.- Warm, with shower off in P.M. Past week has been warm with showers off. To-day 11 A.M. I tried to preach at 11:30. To fair crowd from 2 Cor. 13:5- Self-examination did not have good liberty. I was not feeling very well and did not feel the Holy Spirit with me in any large measure. Hall Conference and adopted some financial measures. Came home, read Bible and Recorder.

May 15, 1922.

Mon.- Fair and pleasant. Went to town in P.M. with Henry Harris. Transacted business at bank, settled some accounts, went to court for an hour, and to new graded school, listed my taxable property, visited Granville Presnell, found him very ill. Joe Lingle brought me home.

May 19, 1922.

Friday- It has rained much since Tuesday and considerable hail late this P.M., but I hope no great damage.
wheat for me in A.M. In P.M., I helped hand manure. Robt. Thompson brought another horse and exchanged him for the one we had. I am to use him for a week and, if I like him, I am to keep him. I hope I will be pleased with him.


Tues. Cloudy with rain late P.M. and much at night. Helped hand manure and went to town late P.M.

Dec. 8, 1920.

Wed. Snowed good part of the day. The snow is 3 or 4 inches deep tonight, but not very cold. I have staid in house and tried to read and write some. Gilbert has chopped wood in wood house.

Dec. 9, 1920.

Thurs. Partly fair and snow melted fast. I remained in doors in A.M. and went to town in P.M. I have felt rather more
unwell to day than for a day or two. I pray the Lord to help me for Jesus' sake. I have written my Bro. John to send me few gallons of sulphur water from Hiddenite. Our spring water seems so cold and hard to my stomach. A Mr. Watters called to get me to help him fill out application to get his children in orphanage at Kings Creek. J. C. Gilbert has worked in wood.


Friday—Fair and cool. In P. M. I helped Gilbert haul 3 loads of wood. I am weak in my legs and my stomach and digestion are both poor. Janie sent me more medicine today but the capsule I have taken tonight does not seem to help.

Dec. 11, 1920.

Sat.—Fair and pleasant. I remained in doors most of A. M. and went to town in P. M. and had Dr. Calla at dairy.
has sent $10.00 as Christmas present and Adelaide sent a $50.00 bond.


Sun. cloudy and cold with rain andleet at night. I preached at 6 C. 11 a.m. to fair crowd from Luke 12: 13-21. I did not have good liberty. Was not prepared well neither in mind nor body but did best I could. Bro. Greenhart was present and sang for us. He will teach a class in vocal music beginning tomorrow 9 a.m.

Dec. 27, 1920.

Mon. cloudy and cold. Nearly every thing is covered with ice, but melting.

I went to town in P. M. Gilbert worked in wood and husked corn. I am feeling weak and tired today. I am not getting stronger as fast as I would like, but am thankful I am gaining some. I trust.
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to examine me for my sickness. She was very thorough and will prescribe for me early next week. I trust she may be directed to the right treatment.

Dec. 12, 1920.

Ann—Partly cloudy with rain at night. I tried to preach at 5. 6. 11 A.M. To fair crowd from Christ School in the midst of the churches. 15 pupils of Rev. Haddix. Liberty but I felt weak and still unwell. I was reconciled to the pastor and salary to be increased first of April 1921. As I was starting home I visited my marriage near the church a Mr. Kirby and Miss Walker. Found Anna Lee Allen here from Charlotte. When I got home.


Mon—Rained most of the day and more at night. I stayed in as I felt so unwell and it was so indelent. Helped Gilbert saw few sticks of stone wood.

Fine--fair and pleasant. Went to town in a.m. to station, roller mill, and to see Dr. Callie McNairy. In p.m. I rested. Am weak. Dr. G. promised to send med. tonight. Gilbert worked in wood.


Wed--fair, turning cooler. Staid in doors most of a.m., and helped Gilbert fill in corn. Began taking treatment today from Dr. Callie McNairy. I trust it may be blessed to my restoration to health.


Thurs--fair with cold west wind. In a.m. helped pull some corn and in p.m. helped to haul in 2 loads. Finished gathering corn crop today. Don't remember even being so late. John Isbell of Lenoir was buried yesterday at Grandin. He was 62 years old and an Adventist.
Dec. 18, 1920.
Friday—Fair with cold north west wind. I remained indoors except to help gin
to up load of wood. I am not
feeling hardly as well as I did yesterday.

Sat—Fair and cool. Went to town
at noon. Got sulphur water
at Ex. office, sent from Hidden-
ite by Bro. John Thomas.
I love the water and it used
to aid my digestion. Josephine
came to spend holidays with us.

Sun—Fair and cold. I preached
at Lenoir 11 A.M. to good crowd from Luke 12:13-
21. Not rich toward God. Had
some liberty. Bro. Higgins
preached for me at L. C. Came
home and went to see Bro. Pink
Sudduth who is sick with pneu-
monia but not dangerously ill. I hope
Kirt came home for holidays today.
Dec. 21, 1920.

Mon. Fair and pleasant. In a.m. Went to woodland for dry wood. In P.M. Gilbert plowed in rye. Bro. John Barlow came to ask me to go to Mrs. Kelley Thompson’s next Wed. 10-30 a.m. to unite in marriage Frank Barlow and Kelley’s daughter.


Wed. Rained most of the day. Wife and I went to Kelley Thompson and at noon I united in marriage Frank Barlow and Minnie Thompson. Took dinner at Thompson’s. Came home and about dark I united in marriage a Mr. Anderson to Mrs. Sada Kirby. Heard Bud Deal died suddenly in Little River town ship yesterday. I am sorry. We served as frown last spring. He was picture of health.

Thursday—cloudy or foggy in a.m. and fair in p.m. Went to town at noon to do Christmas shopping and to confer with Dr. C. McNary. She gave me some additional treatment. Deposited gifts as follows—Earl $25.00, James $30.50 and Edwin Davies $50.00. We are grateful for these tokens of love and respect.


Friday—fair and cool. Went to town to do shopping for Christmas. Gilbert prepared wood. John O'Neill engaged me to marry him to Mamie Clark tomorrow 11 a.m. here at home.


Sat. Christmas—Beautiful day. About 10:30 I united in marriage John Hass and Minnie Brown and 11 a.m. John O'Neill and Mamie Clark. Several present. The day has seemed more like Sunday than Christmas. Sam Dries.
Trea—Fair and cool. Staid in door most of forenoon. In P.M. two colored men butchered a hog for me and I went to mill and to express office where I got crate of oranges sent us by Earl from Jacksonville.

Wed—Fair and pleasant. In A.M. I cut up a hog and in P.M. wife and I visited sisters Hattie, Beach and Avery Powell. The former is very low with tuberculosis and the latter is recovering from pneumonia.

Thurs—Fair and pleasant. In A.M. I visited Pink Andeleria. Found him very unwell. In P.M. I attended Singing class at L.C. Found a large number present and every thing going fairly well except some division and contention about books being used.

Friday - fair and pleasant. Helped Gilbert come with wood. Went to town taking A. Lee Allen to see Dr. Kent. She has a very sore throat. I spent some time paying debts. I am almost out of debt. Thank the Lord. Looking over my diary today and tonight I find as result of 3 years work that I have preached 50 sermons; made about 100 visits; attended 20 funerals united in marriage 16 people; Baptized 5 persons. I wish I could have done more and done it better.

Jan. 1, 1921.

Sat. New year day. Fair and warm. I thank the Lord I am spared to see the beginning of an other year. I praise the Lord for all his goodness and mercies to me. Finished sowing rye. I have felt so weak I have had to rest and sleep some. Tried to study some.
Jan. 2, 1921.

Sun.—Little rain early. Warm. I took Josephine to town to return to Graham to her school work. Stopped and prayed with Mary and Nancy Adams. Stopped at Victor Beach's short time.

His wife, Hattie, died yesterday P.M. of tuberculosis, leaving 5 children. She will be buried tomorrow P.M. at Lower creek.

I preached at L.C. 11 A.M. to fairly good crowd on How we should enter upon the New Year. Dec. 11:12, I had liberty. Came home and rested.

Jan. 3, 1921.

Mon.—Rain in A.M. and fair in P.M. In P.M. Wife and I attended funeral of sis. Hattie Beach at Lower Creek Church. Bro. J.E. Hylle led in the services. She was a member of Lenoir First Baptist Church. I think I baptized her at Kings.
Greekt church when she was 12 or 14 years old. She was a good woman. She leaves her husband and 5 children here. The crowd was large and solemn. May the Lord bless Bro. Victor Beach and his children. Kent Thomas left this morning for Chapel Hill.

Jan. 4, 1921.


Jan. 5, 1921.

Wed. Fair with high north west wind. In a.m. I went to woodland to show Dave where to cut wood on Shores and in P.M. I went to town. Settled graded school tax - $6.14, St. Co. tag is $18.35 making $26.04 in all. I am not feeling quite as well to night; I pray the Lord to restore me to health again if his will for Christ's sake.
Jan. 6, 1921.

Shore—Mostly fair and pleasant. Wife and I went to town, taking chickens and butter and I going to mill. Gilbert worked in woods and ditch. I am not getting well as fast as I wish but I trust I am gaining some.

Jan. 7, 1921.

Friday—Mostly fair and pleasant. Did various things.

Jan. 8, 1921.

Sat—Pleasant, growing cloudy with little rain. Took A. Lee Allen’s trunk to station to return to Charlotte. Tomorrow I have not felt like studying though I have tried to prepare a sermon for tomorrow.

Jan. 9, 1921.

Sun—Rained early, turning to snow and sleet. I have remained at home, being too indolent to go to S.C. I am not feeling well. Read life of Cary, Bible and papers. Began taking Black Drought.
Jan. 10, 1921.

Iron--Nice snow 2 or 3 inches deep but melting and not very cold. At noon I took A. Lee Allen to station to return to Charlotte. I called to see Dr. Callie McNairy. She gave me other med., which I trust will help me. Had horseshoeing done, tried to make settlement with J. P. Robb, but we are apart and will have to wait to compare accounts.

Jan. 11, 1921.

Fog--Cloudy and mild. Did little work in a.m. and went to town in p.m. and had horse shod and made settlement with John P. Robbina.

Jan. 12, 1921.

Wed.--Cloudy with little snow and sleet in p.m. and more at night. Read some and went to town at noon and Gilbert dropped and hauled wood for me, himself and Jay Barklow. I am still feeling weak and unwell.
Jan. 13, 1921.

Thurs - Snowed and sleeted and
rained Most of day. Heaviest ice in
long time. I remained in doors most of
day. Gilbert hushed and shelled corn.

Jan. 14, 1921.

Friday - Snowy and icy, melting
some.

Jan. 15, 1921.

Sat - Heavy ice and sleet melting
I went to town and Gilbert worked
in wood. I tried to prepare a sermon,
but I find it hard to read and study
while I am weak and unwell.

Jan. 16, 1921.

Sun - Mostly fair and pleasant.
I tried to preach at 2: 00 P.M. to a
small crowd from 2 P.M. 2: 30 Chist
people a spiritual house. Had
liberty. Had conference. Took din-
ner at J. A. Poems and came home
Second meal I have eaten from
home since I have been sick. I
enjoyed it and feel better.
Jan. 17, 1921.

Mon.—Fair and cold. Staid in doors in a.m. and went to town in p.m. Gilbert chopped wood at mountain land.

Jan. 18, 1921.

Tues.—Partly cloudy and cold. Did writing and went to town and visited Robt. Thompson in p.m. Gilbert chopped wood.

Jan. 19, 1921.

Wed.—Partly cloudy and cold. Did some writing in a.m. and went to mill and to town in p.m. Gilbert chopped wood.

Jan. 20, 1921.

Thurs.—Fair and pleasant. Remained in doors most of day. Helped Gilbert with load of wood & c.

Jan. 21, 1921.

Friday—Fair and warm. I am feeling weak and tired. Remained in doors most of a.m. In p.m. went to town.

Gilbert chopped wood. Heard my good friend and brother Jas. H. Johnson died this p.m. near Whitnel.
Jan. 22, 1921.

Sat.—Fair and warm. In P.M. I went with Frank Mundy to Harper's Chapel and conducted exercises at funeral of Gertrude Sunday Livingston, daughter of John Mundy. I think she went to school to me at Dula School House. She was about 40 years old, member of Methodist Baptist Church and a good woman. She is survived by husband and 5 children.

Jan. 23, 1921.

Sun.—Fair and pleasant. At 11 A.M. I preached at L. C. to a fair crowd from Matt. 20:16—Sending laborers into the vineyard to have liberty. Took dinner with Salliearlton. At 3 P.M. Bro. J. E. Hoyle and myself conducted funeral exercises at L. C. Church in memory of Bro. Jas. H. Johnson, aged 77 years and member of Whitner Baptist Church. He was truly a good man and a good servant of Christ.
Jan. 24, 1921.

Mon—...air and pleasant. I rested in A.M. and wife and I visited Frank Dinicz family in P.M. Gilbert chopped wood.

Jan. 25, 1921.

Fri—... grow cloudy with little snow in P.M., increasing at night. Remained in doors most of day. Gilbert began to break land for corn.

Jan. 26, 1921.

Wed—...snow all day and into the night. It is 6 to 8 inches deep.

Jan. 27, 1921.

Thurs—...snow is reported 8 inches deep, but warm and melting. Went to town in P.M. Gilbert hushed corn and made paths to barn, wood house etc.

Jan. 28, 1921.

Friday—...air and pleasant. Snow has melted some. Went to town for mail. Heard my sister Amanda who lives with Bro. John is right sick and I ought to go see her as soon as I can.
Jan. 29, 1921.

Sat. Mostly cloudy with little rain and sleet. Helped Gilbert saw some wood and went to town for mail.

Jan. 30, 1921.

Sun. Mostly fair and warm. Snow has melted fast. I have remained at home. I had headache in A.M. and roads are so muddy I did not go to S. C. Robt. Thompson called in P.M. and told me some few assembled for S. S. Then I almost wished I had gone. I regret to disappoint even a small crowd. This is a fifth Sun. And I am not expected to preach unless I feel inclined to do so. I have read life of Gen. Wm. Booth of the Salvation Army. Some in History of the Reformation. Some in Titles applied to Christ—"I Am," &c. Made some notes on sermon—Paul's vision of Macedonia man, saying, come over, and help us.
Jan. 31, 1921.

Mon—fair and cool. In A.M. I visited Mrs. J.H. Johnson to get material to write an obituary of her husband who died recently. Had prayer with the family. Conversed with Dr. Honch about my illness. He gave me small dose of calomel which I think I have needed ever since I have been sick.

Feb. 1, 1921.

Tues—cloudy with snow in P.M. I have stayed in doors to day. The calomel I took yesterday has acted freely and I have felt sick and weak at times. I wrote a rather lengthy obituary of J.H. Johnson to be published in the News Topic.

Feb. 2, 1921.

Wed—ground hog day. Little sunshine about middle of day. I helped prepare a box of things to eat for Sam and Janie Bevis and took it to express office in P.M. Gilbert husked corn and worked in wood.
Feb. 3, 1921.

Hills- Fair and pleasant. I went to town P.M. Gilbert chopped wood.

Feb. 4, 1921.

Friday- Mostly cloudy. Wife and I went to Jake Powell's and took dinner and had a pleasant visit. Roads from home to town are very muddy but from town south are very good with few exceptions. Gilbert worked in wood.

Feb. 5, 1921.

Sat- Rained some, with little sunshine about noon. I remained home, feeling tired and weak.

Feb. 6, 1921.

Sun- Fair and springy like. I preached at 2 P.M. to small crowd from Act. 16:9. Paul's vision - man of Macedonia saying come over and help me. Took a collection for Armenians. Took dinner with Russell Barlow. Wife and I want to go to Hiddenite Tuesday. 4th. V.
Feb. 7, 1921.

Mon—fair with some rain at night, went to mill and town and rested in P.M., trying to get ready to go to Hiddenite to-morrow.

Feb. 8, 1921.

Tues—mostly fair with rain in P.M. Left Lenoir at 8:30 A.M. and reached Hiddenite at about 5 P.M., stopping at Statesville with Bro. Geo. Church and wife for dinner. Found my sis. Amanda very sick.

Feb. 9, 1921.

Wed—cloudy with rain in P.M. I spent the day with Bro. John in Hiddenite. It was 50 Anniversary of his and wife's marriage. In P.M. I read some scriptures and we had prayers in sick room.

Feb. 10, 1921.

Thurs—very rainy. Late P.M. Wife and I left Hiddenite and went to Stony Point and spent night with my Bro. Henry. Prayed with family.
Feb. 11, 1921.

Friday fair, turning colder. We arose at Stone Point at 4 A.M. and went to Statesville and remained there till 10:30 A.M. and wife went to Greensboro to spend a few days with Ethel. And I came on home about 9 P.M. I am feeling tired and weak, but have had a safe trip. Everything has gone well at home.

Feb. 12, 1921.

Sat. Mostly fair and cold. I felt so tired and weak I remained in doors, slept some and tried to study some on sermon for Thursday. Gilbert worked in wood.

Feb. 13, 1921.

Sun. Fair and pleasant. At 11:30 I tried to preach at 1:6 to fair crowd from Phil. 2:6. Did not have good liberty. Had conference. Took dinner with J. J. Ruby and came home feeling very weak and tired. Heard
Mrs. Wm. Hearty died yesterday and will be buried tomorrow at Labernacle Church. She was an Adventist, good woman I trust and was done 60 or 70 years old. She was a bottrell before marriage.

Feb. 14, 1921.

Snow - Rain and pleasant. I have felt very weak and sleepy today. Stayed in and wrote letters in a.m. and went to town in p.m. and got a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking tonight and pray that it may do me good.

Gilbert plowed this p.m.

Feb. 15, 1921.

Free - Fair and warm. At 3 p.m. I met mother at station, returning from Greensboro. Gilbert plowed and Geo. Collette (col) died yesterday of pneumonia. I am sorry. He was a fairly good negro. He was about 60 or 65 years.
Feb. 16, 1921.

Wed—fair and warm. I am so weak I have to remain in doors. I have to day pruned a few fruit trees. Gilbert has plowed some. He is not well.

Feb. 17, 1921.

Thurs—fair and warm. I trimmed fruit trees some and Gilbert plowed.

Feb. 18, 1921.

Friday—fair and warm. I am very weak but helped Gilbert haul manure on garden in a.m. and he plowed in garden in p.m.

Feb. 18, 1921.

Sat—Rained and sleeted some during day. Early in day I got a telegram that my sister Amanda Miller died yesterday p.m. at my brother John's in Hilderbrant and that she will be buried tomorrow at 11 a.m. But owing to the weather and my weak health I do not think it wise for me to go. I wish I could
Feb. 19, 1921.

Snow - Heavy snow on timber but melted by noon. I went to S.C. and doors being locked I repeated 23 Ps. and tried to pray out doors and tell them something of my sisters death and burial at Liberty Methodist Church not far from Hiddenite. I told the few present that she was about 75 years old and a good woman. We took our collection and came home.

Feb. 20, 1921.

Fine - fair and pleasant. I stayed in doors most of day, writing letters and a communication to the New Tropic and some letters. Gilbert hauled wood.

Feb. 21, 1921.

Fine - fair and cool. In A.M. I did some writing. In P.M. I went with Pink Powell to value a lot for Mrs. Holloway so she may sell it. Gilbert helped work on S.C. Grave yard.
I rode horse back to see my timber land, having let Benge cut some on shares. Found all right so far as I could see. Felt very tired when I got home.

Feb. 22, 1921.

Wed. Mostly cloudy with little rain. Wrote letters and went to town in P.M. Gilbert helped work on grave yard at L.C.

Feb. 23, 1921.


Feb. 24, 1921.

Friday—Fair and pleasant. Panned fruit trees. Gilbert handed load of wood and chopped wood. I went to town.

Feb. 25, 1921.

Sat—Fair with rain at night. Staid in doors most of day. Gilbert handed wood and plowed.
Feb. 27, 1921.
Sun—cloudy with light rain and cold in a.m. Did not go to church. Visited Frank Stone and Ann Powell in p.m. Heard Stone was sick but found him better. I am still weak.

Feb. 28, 1921.

Brown—fair and cool. Pruned fruit trees. Gilbert hauled wood and ploughed. Wife and I visited Miss Betsy Thompson who fell and hurt herself last Saturday morning but I hope she is only bruised.

Tues. March 7, 1921.

Fair and warm. Pruned fruit trees in a.m. and went to town in p.m. I am feeling weak and tired. I consulted with Dr. Honest. He prescribed blue mass and my comadre for me. Gilbert plowed and hauled wood.

Our Court is in session.

Mar. 2, 1921.

Week. Little rains early, fairing cooler later. I went to town and mill p.m.
Mar. 3, 1921.

Things clear and cool. I am weak. Am taking blue grass and therefore weak. Gilbert is plowing and hauling wood.

Mar. 4, 1921.

Friday—fair and warm. This is the day for Mr. Harding, the new Republican president to be installed. I hope he will make a good president. I believe Woodrow Wilson is among the greatest men that has ever occupied the white house. May the Lord bless Mr. Harding and his cabinet so they may give us a good administration.

Mar. 5, 1921.

Sat—fair and warm.
Set cabbage and onion plants and sowed lettuce seed. Gilbert hauled wood and manure and planted in garden.
Mar. 6, 1921.


Mar. 7, 1921.

Mon.—Fair and warm. Did farm work.

Mar. 8, 1921.

Tue.—Light trains in a.m. Pruned grape vines. Cross.

Mar. 9, 1921.

Wed.—Fair and pleasant. Did farm and garden work.

Mar. 10, 1921.

Thurs.—Fair and pleasant. Did farm and garden work.

Mar. 11, 1921.

Friday.—Fair and cool. Killed a hog. Colored man helped.
Mar. 12, 1921.

Sat—fair and warm. I tried to rest and study. Gilbert worked some.

Mar. 13, 1921.

Sun—fair and warm. I tried to preach to good crowd at 2:40. 11 A.M. on what Christ is doing for His people. Had conference. Took dinner at Bill Swanson's and came home.

Mar. 14, 1921.

Wed—very warm. Thermometer to summer heat. Heard Maj. Geo. Harper of Lenoir die this P.M.

Mar. 15, 1921.

Friday—very hot and fair. Attended funeral of Maj. Geo. Harper at Presbyterian Church in Lenoir. He was 63 years old, good man and much of our chm. and will be missed.
Mar. 19, 1921

Lent cooler and pleasant. hammeshell crowing often.

Mar. 20, 1921

Sun mostly clear and very warm. I tried to preach 11 A.M. at S.C. to fairly good crowd from Rom. 6:13. The wages of sin is death. etc. Came home and rested. I am still very weak. I wish could be strong again.

Mar. 21, 1921


Mar. 22, 1921

Temp. is up to summer heat and I see in papers there is snow in Texas and Arkansas. We have had nice rain here to day. Fruit trees are blooming and every thing is very early. I fear things will get killed yet.
Mar. 27, 1921.

Sun. Fair and summer heat to day and much of the time since my last entry. I tried to preach at L. C. on resurrection of Christ. Did not have good liberty. Took dinner with Will T. McGown. Came home and rested.

Mar. 29, 1921.

Fnea Fair and warm. Planted Irish potato and corn.

Mar. 30, 1921.

Wed. Real cool and cloudy. Saw little ice at Wilson's Mill.

Took dinner with Monroe Wilson Read in Charlotte Observer. That Bro. J. P. Huffman, a Baptist minister 88 years old, died at Scotland Neck about last Tuesday. I feel personally bereaved as I knew him well and heard him preach and speak often.
April 3rd, I tried to preach at 11:00 A.M. to a good crowd from Matt. 11:28—Come unto me + c. Had some liberty. Took dinner with Lindsy Meltin and came home feeling real unwell. My back and abdomen hurting me. Some members of the church are of the opinion that I should have half time given to me to rest and recuperate and salary continue at what it is. I think it is possible I ought to accept.

April 14, 1921

Thrus. At noon today Dr. Good man, Robt. Thompson, Janie Dries and Josephine Thompson took me to the New-Charlotte Sanatorium for treatment. I was so sick I hardly knew anything. Dr. Crowell and Thompson treated me for 4 weeks and got me well.
enough to operate on me June 15 and removed my prostate gland so my urine could pass and July Janie came home after an absence of about 12 weeks. Janie stayed with me and waited on me all the time. May the Lord richly reward her for her kindness to me. All my children were very kind and helpful to me. My Drs. were kind to me, donating me their fees. I am so glad and thankful to be home again. The Lord has been very good to me. Blessed be his holy name. Lower Creek has been very good to me in keeping my salary paid. I am not entirely well yet. The incision made in operation is not all healed yet but I hope it
will be in a few weeks, I am healthy. I sit up some, walk some and lie down some.

July 12, 1921.

I set July 12, 1921, at 11:30 I ministered to one in marriage here in our home. Earl F. Thomas and Pauline J. Lanthan both of Jacksonville, Fla. Earl gave me a $50.00 bill as a marriage fee.

July 19, 1921.


July 24, 1921.

Sun. Warm with rain in P.M. J. A. Boldin came for me in his car and took me to Lower Creek and I heard Bro. Wallace preach. The church is beginning a series.
of meetings. The Lower Creek people seemed mighty glad to see me and I was very glad to see them. It had been nearly 4 months since I had been there. The Lord be praised for His goodness.

July 31, 1921.

Sun—Fair and warm. Attended services at S. C. and heard Bro. Walls preach. Theme was Mary Annointing Jesus. Good interest. Brethren and Sisters of S. C. gave me their hands in token of their love for me as their pastor. It made me feel happy. Bro. Baldwin and family took dinner with us. This is 7 days I have gone to services at S. C.

Aug. 17, 1921.

Thursday—To-day we visited Mrs. Mary Avery Powell at S. C.
She died yesterday of paralysis.
The funeral services were conducted at her home by Bro. W. H. Walls and myself. She was 65 years old, a daughter of the late
W. J. Powell and a member of L. E. Church. She was a good woman and will be missed.

Aug. 7, 1921

Walls baptised for me 14, all very young boys and girls. Ida
Mable joined by letter. She has been a good meeting
and the people love Bro.
Walls. I have taken dinner
this week with Russel
Barlow and Geo. Richardson.
Jas. Thomas came today to visit us. Glad to see him.
Aug. 14, 1921.

Sun-Shower to day and much of past week. I have spent most of week at home, reading and resting. I am not well yet of the operation I underwent, but think I am making some progress.

I went to Lower Church to-day and heard Bro. W. H. Wall preach a good sermon. Had Church conference and I acted as maid. There was apparently some reluctance in pledging to Bro. Wall for his support while he supplied for me. I stated, if I were financially able, I would donate what the church is giving me. To Bro. Wall and release the church from any obligation to me until I can take up the work again. I am afraid some misunderstood me and I may have done harm; if I did may the Lord forgive me, I meant well.
Aug. 15, 1921.

Mon.—Cold east rain. Have had fire all day. I finished reading “A Corner in India” by Mrs. Clarke, missionary. Last week I read “Activities of Jews in M. S.” How they are trying to control in many things. It is a strong arraignment and we as Americans ought to be on our guard.

Aug. 18, 1921.

James—Dr. Cullom and Bro. Boldin came to see me. Heard Mrs. Galvin Tripllett died suddenly early today.

Aug. 19, 1921.

Friday. Fair and hot. At 3 P.M. I assisted Bro. J. E. Hogle, at First Baptist Church in Lenoir, in funeral exercises for Dr. Nealy Tripllett. Large crowd present. Dr. Tripllett was 69 years old, member of First Baptist Church in Lenoir. She was a good woman.
Aug. 21, 1921.

Jim— I went to L. C. and heard Bro. Walley preach a fairly good sermon. Bro. Alex Thomas with part of his family and my sister Catherine came to visit us yester day and returned to their home today. They brought the news that my Bro. John Thomas of Fielderite, was taken to the Charlotte Sanitarium last Tuesday for an operation for rupture. He stood the operation well.

Aug. 23, 1921.

This— Little rain. J. H. Thomas left to-day for his home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Aug. 24, 1921.

Wed—talk with Brethren. J. A. Baldwin and W. B. Cullom called to see me in P. M. Bros. Cullom is interested in getting help from Aged Ministers' Relief.
Board for me, as I am growing old and have been afflicted. He thinks the prospects are good although I am not asking it. He thinks I ought to give up the pastoral care of churches and give my time to visiting the churches in the Caldwell ASS. May the Lord direct.

Aug. 25, 1921.

Thurs.— Fair mostly and warmer. Today I am 73 years old. I thank the Lord for his great and abundant goodness and mercy to me in sparing me so many years, and may he still be with me to bless, guide and help me.

Aug. 24, 1921.

Sunn.— Rained. I went to L. C. and heard Bro. Nall preach on testifying for Christ. Pleasant Service. I. Lee Allen is visiting us. Came yesterday from Charlotte. It has been cool past week.
Aug 29, 1921
Mon. - Began saving fodder.

Sept. 1, 1921

Thurs. - Very warm. Wife and I visited Sidney Stokes, taking dinner with him and Smith & Arnold, going over new road up Back's Fork. It is a fine road.

Sept 4, 1921


Sept 5, 1921

Mon. - Warm and partly cloudy. I attended opening of graded school in Lenoria. Large crowd present. Building is too small. Are preparing to build larger.

Sept 11, 1921

Josie and Ethel left last week for their schools, former for Graham and latter for Hendersonville.

Sept. 18, 1921.

Sun. Warm with shower in P.M. At 10 A.M. I invited marriage at Stewart Hass', Horace Hass to Valda Layton. Attended services at L. C. and heard Bro. W. T. Wall preach. He said some good things and said some that I wish he had not said. Looked dinner at Stewart Hass', spent P.M. there and returned home at night.

Sept. 21, 1921.

Wed. Stormy in P.M. Kent had planned to go to Chapel Hill to-day but was notified school will not open till Oct. 4th on account of scarcity of water. It is very dry in middle and eastern N.C.
Sept. 23, 1921.

Friday—Fair and warm. In P.M. I visited Pink Sudderith. Found sick boy better and away from home.

Sept. 25, 1921.

Son—Warm with shower at night. Wife and I attended religious services at Lower Creek Church 11 A.M. Heard Bros. Wall preach. I announced that, with the help of the Lord, I would try to conduct services there second Sunday in Oct.—that it had been 6 months since I had tried to preach a sermon and that I wanted to get back into the ministry again. I am not entirely well of the after-effects of my operation—a small part of the incision is still unhealed and I am troubled with passage of some pus, but I trust the Lord who has helped me in my past afflictions will still help me until I am entirely well. We
came home for dinner and found
Myra, A. Lee and Roberta Allen
were here. Glad to see them. Jas
Isbell put in a telephone for
us yesterday. Hope it will be of
d service to us.

Sept. 26, 1921.

Mon. - Warm with rain at night.
A Bro. Roberts called to see me to
day. He feels that his wife, some
of his children and other members
of Clark's Chapel church have
been unjustly excluded from the
fellowship of that church and
he wanted to know if the Caldwell
asso. could give them any relief.
I told him he might ask the
asso. to investigate the matter
through a committee.

Oct. 1, 1921.

Sat. Fair with a little frost. I
am just home from a 3 days ses-
dson of the Caldwell asso.
held in Center Grove church 3 miles from Hudson. Had good session. I was made moderator and Jas. Swanson, clerk. Came and went each day. J. E. Hoylendar. I feel tired but hope I am not worsted. The brethren were very good and kind to me and rejoiced to see me improved in health and able to be with them again. This was the 33 session I have attended without missing a session. They gave me $5.45. The Lord be praised for all his goodness and mercy to me. Brethren L. Kessler, J. B. Farmer and M.R. Brayshaw were with us first day. Next session goes to Kings Creek church. Oct. 2, 1921.

Sunny. Rain late P.M. In P.M. I went to Blair's Fork church in Valmeyer to hear Bro. J.W. Watts preach. But he was so tired and worn out that he bespe
Oct. 3, 1921.

Monday—Rained hard early. Took Kent to station to go to Chapel Hill to enter school.

Oct. 7, 1921.

Friday—Growing cloudy. I attended and conducted funeral of little Nora Seehour, daughter of David Seehour, at Tabernacle Church. She was about 4 years old and died of diphtheria at Gastonia. I am sorry for the parents and relatives. The Lord bless them. I slept and returned in a car.
Oct. 8, 1821.

Sat. Rained some last night and it is clear, turning cold with high north west wind. I cut off some late corn and went to town.

Oct. 9, 1821.

Sun. Clear. Heavy frost with some ice. This morning, I went to L. C. 11 a.m. and preached to fairly good crowd from Matt. 7:21. Not every one that saith to me Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. I had some liberty to thank the Lord for permitting me to preach once more to the good people of Lower Creek. All seemed glad to hear me preach again. Had conference. Jane Poarch united with the church to be re-baptized, having decided she was not converted when she united with the church as a girl. Took dinner with Hill Swanson. Wife is 65 years old today.
Oct. 16, 1921.

Sun.—Fair, warm and dry. I preached at Lower Creek 11 A.M. to fair crowd from Gal. 6:14. “God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” I did not have the Holy Spirit as I wish I had. I was to have baptized Sister Jane Porech but there was not water enough to fill the pool and had to postpone it. We have had very little rain this week. Wife and I took dinner at J. A. Boldin and came home. The moon is in eclipse tonight, I began reading sermon by Billy Sunday on the Second Coming of Christ. He holds that Christ's Second Coming will precede the Millennium. He seems to have a good knowledge of the scriptures. The sermon is calculated to do good.
Oct. 19, 1921

Wed. Fair and warm. I attended Baptist Pastors' Conference in First Baptist Church in Xenia. There were 11 present. I was chairman and Bro. J. E. Hoyle, Sec. It was first meeting and we had no regular program, we talked a bit tent the Ex. com. had bought for evangelistic meetings by direction of our assoc. at its last session. It cost $300.00 and we talked about how to use it, how to pay for it and etc. We discussed several things, sang and had prayers. Bro. W. H. Wall furnished us all a free dinner at the Carlheim hotel.

Oct. 23, 1921

Sun. Fair and warm. I preached at Lower Creek 11 a.m. to fair crowd from The Worthiness of Christ Rev. 5:12. Had some liberty. Had Lord's supper after sermon.
Took dinner with Robt. Thompson and came home feeling well but tired.

Last Monday (10 inst.) about 6 miles west of Lenoir, Harden Mabe killed a Mr. Winkler, wounded a Mr. King, his brother-in-law and then killed himself. It was an awful tragedy.

Mr. Mabe was a good man, a member of a Baptist church. He must have been temporarily insane.

Oct. 24, 1921.

Sat. Warm, partly cloudy with rain at night. Have had hardy my rain in nearly 4 weeks. Very thirsty.

I visited Levi Ernest who is very sick. Read 34 Ps. and prayed for him. Took dinner at Steele Barlow.

Came home by way of town. Heard a Mrs. Clark and a Mr. Shacklespread of Lenoir are dead.

Oct. 30, 1921.

Sun. Rained most of the day and some times very hard. Wife was
to have gone with J. A. Ruby to the singing convention at Hudson but he did come for her. We remained at home and read and the hand work on a sermon outline. At J. H. Broghill came for me to attend a service for Masons in Methodist Church in Lenoir. Bro. Welch, a Methodist minister, delivered a lecture on Jerusalem and presented Hibernian lodge with a gavel made in Jerusalem. The lecture was good. There was a thunder shower while in church.

Oct. 31, 1921.

Mon. Thunder showers—very rainy.

Nov. 1, 1921.

Tues. Rained most of day.

Nov. 2, 1921.

Wed. Fair, windy and cool. Did some work on our new road and lowered and lowered water piping.
Nov. 6, 1921.
Sun. Pleasant, growing cloudy. About 10:30 a.m. I baptized Sis. Jane Poarch into fellowship of Lower Creek church. Then I preached to fairly good crowd from 1 Cor. 9:25—Temperate in all things. Spent afternoon at home.

Nov. 7, 1921.
Mon. Warm and growing cloudy. Bro. J. H. Hylle visited us in a.m. He thinks the Baptist of Lenoir ought to have a new and larger house of worship.

Nov. 11, 1921.
Friday—Fair and cool. Armistice day. It was celebrated in Lenoir by thousands of people. I heard Dr. Hyde Pratt make an address. Had a nice parade and fine dinner for soldiers. Col. B. M. Hallaway brought us home in his car.

Nov. 12, 1921.
Sat.—Fair and cool. The international Disarmament Convention convened in Washington D.C. today.
Nov. 13, 1921.

Sun.—Cold, growing cloud with a little sleet, turning to rain late P.M. I conducted religious services at funeral services of B.R. Levi Ernest at L. C. 11 A.M. House was crowded. I used for a subject, Let me die the death of the righteous, Num. 23:10.

I had good liberty. After burial we had church conference. Took dinner with a B.R. Land.

Nov. 15, 1921.

Mon.—Rained part of day. I went to town in A.M. and in P.M. I conducted funeral exercises for a sister,ipes at home of Wm. Prestwood near Vailmead. She died at Morganton hospital. She was 46 years old and member of Lenoir first Bap. church.

Nov. 15, 1921.

Tues.—Fair and pleasant. I wanted to attend Masonic meeting tonight but felt too tired. Bap. St. Con. met
this P. M. in Rocky Mount. I wish I could have gone but trip is too long for me. Our Court is in session. There was an election in town today to choose a state Senator.

Nov. 16, 1921.

Wed.--Cloudy with rain at night. Pink Powell drilled in my wheat today. So night wife and Elisa both went to Wat. Ernest to birthday party for Elbertha Allen. She is 19 years old.

Nov. 20, 1921.

Sun.--Cloudy, cool and little rain. At 11 A. M. I preached at S. C. to fair crowd for the day from 2 Tim. 8:16--The profitableness of the Scripture. Had some liberty. Wife, Bettie and I took dinner with Bro. J. E. Hough and had pleasant afternoon. Came home feeling tired.

Nov. 23, 1921.

Wed.--Attended Caldwell Bap. Ministers' asso. in First Bap. Church. Lenoir
Bro. W. N. Johnson, who is preaching for pastor Hoyle, was present and made us a good talk. We took dinner at the Gem Coffer. In P.M., Bro. W. N. Wall made a report of our Bap. St. Con., and we heard Bro. John. son preach a good sermon.
Nov. 24, 1921.

Thurs. Thanksgiving Day. We had a service at L. C. I made a short talk, and Bro. W. N. Johnson, being present, I asked him to talk, and he did. Took collection for Orphanage at Thomasville, amounting to over $40.00. Took dinner at Bro. J. A. Baldin in company with W. N. Johnson. At night, Bro. J. H. Braywell came out for wife and myself in his car and took us out to town to a Masonic banquet. It was very enjoyable.

Nov. 27, 1921.

Sun. - Cloudy and rainy. Did not go to L. C. Read and made some notes of
Sermon on "Every plant which my Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up."
Pref. W. E. Johnson was to have preached at 2:30 P.M. but it was too damp. We had prayers tonight.

Nov. 24, 1921.

Tues.-Fair and pleasant. Snow on mountains.

Dec. 4, 1921.

Sun.-Little rain early, fairing in P.M., I preached at 2:30 P.M. to fair crowd from "God is love." I did not have good liberty. Stayed with wife for missionary meeting. Came home.

Dec. 6, 1921.

Tues.-State legislature convened in call session today.

Dec. 8, 1921.

Thurs.-Blondy with rain in P.M. J. A. Balding called to talk with me about the work at S.C. He and others are of the opinion...
the Church ought to have a younger and a more progressive pastor than I am, and they are probably right. They seem to hold nothing against me personally. I told him as soon as they could agree on one, I would resign. Bro. Baldin thinks if I would resign the ministerial board for the relief of aged ministers would help me to the amount of $300.00 and the Caldwell Association with the help of individuals would give me $200.00, and that I could preach anywhere and at time I wanted to. May the Lord direct. 

Heart of the Deacon of J. D. Shavshary of Lenoir yesterday.

Dec. 4, 1921.

Sat. Fair and pleasant. G. W. Presnall took dinner with us to day. First time I had seen him since last April.
Dec. 10, 1921.

Em—Partly cloudy and cool. I preached at 8:00 a.m. to good crowd from Rev. 2:1—Christ walking in the midst of the church. Did not have good liberty, but people seemed to enjoy it. Had conference. Appointed a com. to study best interest of the church and report at conference. Postponed election of pastor till next conference and asked the com. to take into consideration change of pastors.

Dec. 16, 1921.

Friday—Cool, growing cloudy with rain at night. Finished planting onions and set 100 cabbage plants. Breth. J. M. Watts and I. E. Miller visited us in forenoon. They are engaged in a meeting with Leminster Baptist Church. In P.M. Bros. J. E. Hogle called to see us and at night Bros. J. A. Baby and family spent 2 or 3 hours with us. Glad to see them all. It is a great to have friends.
Dec. 19, 1921.

Sunny, fair and cool. I preached at L. E. at 11 a.m. to a fair crowd from Jer. 31:3. I have loved thee, O. Did not have good liberty. Bro. J. E. Hoyle resigned at Lenoir First Church today, so I am informed, and will move to Wingate this state next week. I regret his going. He is a good preacher and a good all around man. We will miss him much.

Dec. 20, 1921.

Very pleasant. Wife and I took dinner with Bro. Z. M. Wilson and had a pleasant visit. He came for us in his car.

Dec. 21, 1921.

Wet and cloudy mostly. I attended Pastors' Conference in Lenoir in A.M. I read an outline of a sermon on Stewardship and we transacted some miscellaneous business. I met Josephine and Ethel at station. They are home for holidays.
Dec 24, 1921.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Kent came home from Chapel Hill for Christmas. Bro. W. L. Bryan of Boone sent me a present of $12.27. I had discounted a note to that amount some 25 years when he was unfortunate. I appreciated much, though I never expected any return from him. Adelaide sent me and another a war bond for $500.00. I united in marriage in Clerk's office in courthouse in Lenoir, Mr. Setzer to Miss Bean. He gave me $200.

Dec 25, 1921.

Sam—Partly fair, growing calmer. This is Christmas day. I tried to preach at 10:00 A.M. to fair crowd from 11:15—Christ coming into the world to save sinners. Didn't have good freedom. Church settled with me in full and some more. Bro. Aug. Del Baxley and family took dinner with us. Island Holder is home from Army service called to-night.
Dec. 26, 1921.

Monday—Cloudy and cool. In P.M. I went with Brethrs. J. E. Hoyle, J. T. Beach and Joe Powell to Clarke's Chapel Bap. church and heard complaint by Bro. S. C. Roberts and others as to healings of the church with them. We thought the complaining brethren have some grounds for complaint. I acted as chairman for the com. but do not know what report the com. will make.

Dec. 31, 1921.

Sat. Fair and cool. Bro. Baldin called to see me this morning to confer about report of com. to make suggestions as to spiritual advancement of S. C. church. We agreed to keep within bounds of church covenant would be safe. I trust the com. may be so guided as to make no mistake and that no division will occur in the church.
January 1, 1922.

Sunn, hirving very cold. I thank the Lord that I have been spared and preserved to see the beginning of another New Year. The Lord has been very good and merciful to me during the past year and may he be with me and bless me this year also. At 11 A.M. I went to Tabernacle Adventist Church and heard Bro. Irwin, the pastor, preach a good sermon after which he baptized 4 candidates, it being the close of a protracted meeting. I took dinner with Wade Beach and preached at 2:00 P.M. To a good crowd from 1 Cor. 15:58. Be ye steadfast. I had good liberty and enjoyed the service. Took a collection for Russian relief. The people there are freezing and starving. Col. $15.00.

Jan. 2, 1922.

Mrs. Mostly cloudy and cold. Ethel
Left by jitney early this A.M. for Hickory to return to her school work at Hendersonville, N.C. John Barton came down to night and sawed our wood for us, using his machine.

Jan. 3, 1922.

Fraya cold. Josie left by jitney for Hickory to return to her school work at Graham, Kent left after supper to spent night with Myra Allen in town, so as to get early train for Chapel Hill to-morrow. We will be lonesome for a few days.

Jan. 3, 1922.

Friday—fair and pleasant. Lula Garthing who is teaching at last tree Hill spent the night with us.

Jan. 8, 1922.

Sun.—cold and rainy with ice on trees. I preached at L.C. 11 A.M. To good crowd for the day.
from Eph. 4:1—walking worthy of our vacation. I had good liberty. Had conference and postponed calling a pastor till Sec. Sun in Feb. Came home.

Jan. 13, 1922.
Friday—Little blowing snow today. First this winter. Most of this week has been cold. I am staying in doors good deal.

Jan. 14, 1922.
Sat. Cold. Heard of the death of Will Mayz. He lived in next burhoud of Lower Creekchurch. I had not heard that he was serious by sick.

Jan. 15, 1922.
Sun. —Partly cloudy and turning warmer. I preached at L.C. 11 A.M. to large crowd from Rev. 2:10 “Be ye faithful unto death.” During past week I tried to prepare sermons from two other texts but could
not get interested in them. Sat. night I got my Bible to look for an other text and had barely opened Bible when above text came to my mind. I had some liberty in preaching. At close of sermon I conducted brief funeral services for W. P. May. He was 56 years old. He had a hope in Christ but was not a member of any church. He was a good citizen, neighbor and friend. I came home for dinner, rested and read Biblical Recorder. Read Bible and prayed before retiring. I am still troubled with leakage and floss from my operation. I am not sure of my pain but at times a burning sensation. I may have to go back to Charlotte Sanitarium for treatment but I pray I may not have to go. My health is very good.
Jan. 16, 1922.

Mon. - Cold east rain with little snow.

Heard of the death of Robert Courtoye of Lenovo. He had been sick a long time. He was probably 70, or 75 years old—never married. He is to be buried this P.M.

Jan. 17, 1922.

Am. - Cloudy and damp. Staid in doors. Began making notes of sermon on the judgment—2 Cor. 5:10. Mr. Hall of near Marion, N.C. spent night with us. He is out looking for work and is headed for Mt. Holly.

Jan. 18, 1922.

Jan. 20, 1922.
Friday—Cloudy with rain in P.M. and most of night. I visited sis. Joan Stine in A.M. and sis. Betsy Thompson in P.M. Both are sick but better.

Jan. 22, 1922.
Snd. Cool with a little sunshine. I preached at L. C., 11 a.m. to fair crowd for the day, from I Mal. 3:16-17. Speaking one to another had some liberty. Had conference and adopted resolutions that we would try to live up to our church covenant and appointed a commit. to revise roll of church members and asked deacons to map out a systematic program of financing our church work. Resolutions were almost unanimously adopted. Two sisters moved and second. The adoption of the resolutions. The men would not move and the sisters had to. I felt we had a good service.
Jan. 26, 1922.

Snow - Cloudy, cold and snowing in P.M. Been cloudy all week.

Jan. 27, 1922.

Friday - Snowed all day. Snow is from 5 to 10 inches deep and warmer.

Jan. 28, 1922.

Sat. - Fair and pleasant and the snow is melting.

Jan. 29, 1922.

Sun. - Warm with sunshine. Snow is melting fast. I preached at 11 A.M. to a very good crowd for the day from 73 Ps. ver. 1 - Surely the Lord is good to Israel &c. Had some liberty. Pleasant service.

Feb. 1, 1922.

Wed. - Cold east rain all day and into the night. I am not feeling well today, but hope I will feel better soon.

Feb. 4, 1922.

Sat. - Growing cloudy with rain and snow at night. Pink Powell and wife were called to Statesville to see Shelby who is very sick.
Feb. 5, 1922.

Sleet - cold rain almost all day. I remained at home. Did not go to S.C. I have a cold and thought it best to stay in doors. First appointment I have missed in two or more months. I have read some and made notes of a sermon from "Increase our faith. Read and prayed in our home tonight. Tried to hear from Shelby but failed. Wife is unwell with cold.

Feb. 10, 1922.

Friday. Changeable weather. Very little sunshine so far this month. I am feeling some better but have been right sick. Dr. Goodman has been to see me once this week and prepared medicine for me. I have heard to day that Granville Price is paralysed in one side. I want to visit him as soon as I can.

Feb. 11, 1922.

Sat. Warm. Heard a daughter of W. C. Newland is dead.
Feb. 12, 1922.

Gum—Mostly cloudy with little sunshine in P.M. Early J. A. Raby sent his car and took me to L. C., but I did not feel well enough to preach. I conducted devotional services and called conference. The church proceeded at once to ballot for pastor, which resulted in casting 1,020 votes and I received 94. It was very gratifying to me. I accepted and promised to do my best I can. The church unanimously voted to increase my salary from $500.00 to $600.00. The church transacted some other business and adjourned. I took dinner with J. A. Raby and came home feeling tired.

Feb. 13, 1922.

Mon—Warm and pleasant. Mrs. Bosie Runion came to stay with us awhile. Think we will like her. She will stay at 50c per day. Gilbert slowed some.

Feb. 14, 1922.

Tue—Cold east rain. Freezing. Heard Lawrence Greer of Lenoir died suddenly.
Late yesterday. He was more than 50 years old, a good man and member of Meth. church.

Feb. 15, 1922.

Wednesday. Heavy ice with rain most of day. I was asked to take some part in funeral services of Lawrence Greer, but it was too inclement for me to go out. I am staying in doors most of the time.

Feb. 17, 1922.

Friday. Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Pink Presnell's in town to visit Granville Presnell who was moved from Valmead to Pink Presnell's. Found Granville apparently better. In P.m. I visited Lily Moore. Found her better composed at death of her brother, Lawrence. Than I expected. The Lord is sustaining her. Prayer with her and came home.
Feb. 19, 1922.

Sun. Warm and pleasant. I preached at S. C. 11 A.M. To good crowd from Luke 17: 5—“Increase our faith.” Had some liberty and pleasant service. I fear I exerted myself more than my strength justified. Returned home for dinner. Heard Pink and Shelby Powell are doing well in hospital at Statesville and are expected home soon.

Feb. 22, 1922.

Wed. Spring like day. I attended Pas. Tois Conference in Lenoir. Not many present but enjoyable meeting. Bro. W. C. Tyree, pastor of Lenoir First Baptist church, was present in P.M. and made us a good address on what subjects should be most emphasized in our present day preaching. He emphasized the fear of God. We were delighted to meet Dr. Tyree. I visited Granville Pressnell and Bro. Joe Powell brought me home.
Feb. 23, 1922.

There was little rain early and high winds later. I went to see Frank a little early. Found him better. Did some garden work.

Feb. 24, 1922.

Friday—Very warm for February. Pruned grape vines. Gilbert worked in garden.

Feb. 25, 1922.

Sat. — Warm, growing cooler. I tried to study some. Mr. Lee and Frank Solar with Ingra and Bettie came in P.M. and stayed for supper. Their coming prevented me from making the preparation of my sermon I had hoped to make.

Feb. 26, 1922.

Sun.—Cool with rain in P.M. I preached at 2:00 P.M. to fair crowd from Feb. 10. 24—Consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. Had some liberty. Looked dinner at Pink Powell's.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WEST HARPER AVENUE
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Our Invitation: To all who have sinned and seek forgiveness; to all who
mourn and need comfort; to all who are weary and need rest

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MISS ANNIE BELLE MOORE, Organist
DEDICATORY SERVICE---11:00 O'clock

Organ Prelude
Doxology
Invocation
Anthem—"Praise Ye the Father" (Gounod)
Hymn No. 161
Scripture—Psalm 107.
Historical Address—Rev. I. W. Thomas
Hymn No. 562

Pastor:
I will pay my vows unto the Lord, now in the presence of all his people.
In the courts of the Lord's House, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord. Psa. 116:18-19.

Congregation:
For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psa. 84:10.

Pastor:
They that be planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psa. 92:13.

Congregation:
I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of our Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Pastor:
And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the Earth which he hath established forever. Psa. 78:69.

Congregation:
And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my name there forever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. I Kings 9:3:

Pastor:
Surely goodness and loving-kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever. Psa. 23:6.

Offering
Anthem—"I Will Feed My Flock"—Psalm 34:3-8-10 (Caleb Simper)
Sermon—Rev. J. O. Fallsbright
Dedication (congregation standing)

Pastor:
To the glory of God our Father, by whose favor we have built this house; to the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Savior; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of life and light:

Congregation:
We dedicate this house.

Pastor:
For worship in prayer and song; for ministry of the word; for observing the Memorial Supper.

Congregation:
We dedicate this house.

Pastor:
For comfort to those who mourn, for strength to those who are tempted, for help in right living;

Congregation:
We dedicate this house.

Pastor:
For the sanctification of the family, for the guidance of childhood, for the salvation of men;

Congregation:
We dedicate this house.

Pastor:
For the fostering of patriotism, for the training of conscience, for aggression against evil;

Congregation:
We dedicate this house.

Pastor:
For the help of the needy, for the promotion of brotherhood, for the bringing in of the kingdom of God;

Congregation:
We dedicate this house.

Pastor:
As a tribute of gratitude and love, a freewill offering of thanksgiving and praise, from those who have tasted the cup of thy salvation, and experienced the riches of thy grace;

Congregation:
We, the people of this church and congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire building in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastor:
Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest. Let thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and let thy people shout for joy. Put thy name in this place, sanctify it by thy presence and thy constant abiding. Give power to thy gospel taught and preached in it. Let thine eyes be opened toward it; and hearken unto the supplications of thy people when they pray in this place, and hear them in Heaven, thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, forgive. And from this outer court of thy holy sanctuary bring thy people and thy children into the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man; the heavenly temple, of which the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light.

Prayer of Dedication—Pastor J. Edwin Hoyle.
Hymn No. 521
Benediction
EVENING PROGRAM—8:00 O'clock

Organ Prelude
Hymn No. 56
Invocation
Response—Choir
Hymn No. 407
Scripture
Prayer
Offering
Anthem—“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
Sermon—Rev. W. R. Bradshaw
Scripture Reading by Pastor and People.

Pastor:

The temple of God today is builded not of stones, but of Christian lives.

Congregation:

Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye. I Cor. 3:16-17.

Pastor:

According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus. I Cor. 3:10-11.

Congregation:

But if any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay stubble; each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire: and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. I Cor. 3:12-13.

Pastor:

If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire. I Cor. 3:15.

Congregation:

Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you, which ye have from God? And ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body. I Co. 6:19-20.

Pastor:

For we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. II Cor. 6:16.

Congregation:

So then we are no more strangers and sojourners, but we are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, being built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. Eph. 2:19-22.

Service of Ordination of Deacons
Charge to Deacons—Rev. J. O. Fulbright.