

DIARY OF HENRY SHELDON**1870**

January 1: The new year opens quite pleasantly and finds us still in Vineland. Self & wife went home to Gouv in April, absent about 6 weeks. I went again in Oct, absent about same length of time.

2: Rained all day today Sunday & all last night. Communion this AM Monthly Missionary concert this Evening. A china Boy present.

3: Rain all forenoon & warm afternoon began to clear up & get colder. Mr. Litchfield here from Gouverneur – a young Chinaman lectures this Evening in the Bap church. I consented to be elected a Trustee of the Bap Society here to try & help them along If I could do any good they are in such a bad fix oweing \$4500 & no means to pay a cent have expended about \$13000 besides the debt they owe.

4: Cold & Strong west wind freezes nights, attended the Lecture, not much.

5: Cold but pleasant freezes in Shade & thaws in the Sun. Visited some of the church members on ch business but all to poor to live comfortably.

6: Cold & froze some strong cool wind. Mr. Litchfield started for home this morning. Talked with Mrs. Holden about trading my place in the Village for her farm of 10 acres E Gouv.

7: Friday. Rained last night cold nw wind this Morning had a spell of nose bleed last night and again this morning must see some of our church people today about paying ch debts.

8: Nothing new, weather bout as usual cold & windy.

9: Sunday. Cold but not a bad day. A good congregation at ch and the collection for the 1st time in 2 Months meets the expenses of the week. Sermon Morning & Evening by Pastor Brittain, Sunday school Elected its officers for the Year, Mr. Brittain Supt & Bro. Kimball Ast. Sup.

10: Monday. Cold NW Wind & Some Snow – very unpleasant, have a hard cold & of course doing nothing.

11: Fine Mild & Pleasant, but snow not all gone. Thaws some but ground a little frozen. Went to Mill with 3 pecks Corn fixed coal Box & had a kind of Ague that took all my Strength away.

12: Very Warm and pleasant all Mercury 60 to 65. Self & Wife went up east avenue to see Mrs. Holdens farm of Ten Acres have some talk of swapping for My house in the village, wife likes the place very well. It will bring us 1¼ Miles from Meetings would like a Near location. My price is \$3500 her price \$550, she asks \$1000 difference.

13: Thursday. A cold N East Wind quite a contrast from the 2 last Mild pleasant days. Think I have the Rheumatism in the Stomach & region of the heart, cant attribute my lameness soreness & pain with trouble of breathing & shortness of breath to any other Cause. Makes Me at times and especially nights when I can neither lie down sleep or keep still even but feel as tho a fire was shut up in my bones.

14: Milder & Rainy but an unpleasant day.

15: Warm cloudy some wind from the south bringing a rain at 4 PM. Visited some of the church members to get (or try to) aid to pay the debts on the Meeting house with but poor encouragement or success, all are at their wits end to know how to get along with their own private affairs.

Note: The phrase "or try to" is in parentheses in the diary entry.

16: A delightful sunny warm day much like May north, this suits me & I am not anxious to see much Cold weather, got to Meeting late this AM Mistook 1 bell. Near 150 in Sunday School today, they have established an infant School for those too small to read and our lessons commenced 1st January with the life of christ.

17: Monday Warm & pleasant but am doing nothing about Sick feel like going to Gouv for My health but then I think of the Cold & Snow & shrink back .

18: Cooler today, but comfortable, lazed round town forenoon PM went to Bro Wilbers to See him on church Matters did not find him at home. Evening Trustees of Bapt Soc. Met at Bro. Linnikins, talked about Money & Meeting house but took no action & concluded they could not raise funds to pay amt \$4500 now in debt for the House are in a bad fix none but God can help & I believe he will in due time come to their relief.

19: Very pleasant. Theodore Sawing wood at Mr. Judds, worked in My compost heap. Recd letter from Sister Cordelia & Emma one from Henry Mills Daughter in Lawrence Kansas. Attended Mr. Chubbucks Exhibition at Merchants Hall proceeds towards paying exp of Evening School for colored people.

20: Went this AM to Phila to see Dr. Earl, did not find him at home, thence to Burlington to see the place with a view of Settling there. Day pleasant.

21: Day mild & pleasant again. Spent the day looking at the farms & country in the vicinity of Burlington & Beverly, do not like Burlington as a city or its immediate surroundings, no signs of improvement. Farms good out and well cultivated. Mostly truck & fruit land from 100 to 400 \$ pr acre, they Say it pays. Beverly a new modern well built thriving Yankee Style village of about 2000 inhabitants.

22: Day pleasant left B at ½ past 6 AM for home, nose bleeding hard cold headache lashed hurting & all together about used up, arrived home ½ past 10 AM, lost My Gloves taken from my seat in the car & no time to look for them, cars off. Laid abed all day, got some sleep & rest, not having Slept any last night so nervous.

23: Very pleasant day all at church. Theodore some other ch arriving.

24: Pleasant colder wind N.E. Wrote to Julia to come home or write. Another degree added to the District School & begins today in Plum St. Hall.

25: Rain last night and till 4 PM today quite hard but warm. Saw a few on Church Matters and the Trustees concluded to get together and see what could be done.

26: A mild pleasant morning. Theodore commenced going to School this AM at the new advanced District School.

27: Mild & pleasant, no snow or frost say peach buds begin to start. A Fire in town last night about 10 oclock (Bakery) building Bricks Carpenter Shop & Linikins Lime office & Sims house, he will be the greatest loser. No insurance on his Hauled Manure & bran poles from the lot I worked last year, have a very hard cold am so hoarse can hardly speak and nearly sick. Told Theodore to go to School today but he has not minded me, considering himself to wise to learn & to big to Mind. Will undoubtedly repent when it is to late. Would that he was wise & good and afraid to disobey his parents or God.

28: Pleasant but some cooler & going to Storm. To unwell to work or do anything but putter round the house. Sold Calf for 3 cords wood.

29: Commenced raining last night & continues to increase 1 oclock PM just after dinner when we have dispatched one of the roosters we have been saving till Aunt Maggie & Julia came so Maggie lost her chicken.

30: Cleared up pleasant & cool a fine day. Mr. Brittain gone, Mr. Worthington a Presbyterian preached for us. Sunday School at noon. Attended a Quaker Meeting at 3 PM. The Spirit moved a preacher to give us a good gospel exhortation and another to make an appropriate Christian prayer. Attended a good prayer meeting at our ch in the evening tho I was in such pain all over that much of its benefits were lost to me. The new Soc of Free Methodists comd holding a Camp Meeting in Reads Hall for all the week.

31: Another pleasant day a little cool. Thus closes the 1st Month of 1870 on the whole Mild & pleasant in weather, in politics Virginia admitted to the Union. Money nearing a gold basis. Grant doing about the fair thing secesh. Must succumb to right tho it is hard for some to submit. Mr. Peabodys remains have reached here from England the Heir to the Throne of England is

making a Tour in Canada and has visited Washington & N.Y. the past week. Religiously all is stagnant, christians hearts are cold and few comparatively are coming to Christ. The Catholics are making their death Struggle & the Pope is holding probably his last council but infidelity in all its forms is rampant and Spiritualism or Devilism is spreading over the world deceiving Many whom we thought were the elect of God but we know such shall be kept by the power of god through faith unto salvation & will not go away from Christ. Lord help thy people in the day of trial.

February 1: Cool & winday but snow melting off. Went with Mr. Delaware to see a farm on corner of Wheat & West Avenue, reasonable in price but not what I should want were I to buy.

2: A Man here 8 Miles out NE to sell Me a farm. Mrs. Gifford & Litchfield at our house this P.M. Went to Plum street Hall this Eve. To hear a Spiritual Clairvoirant lecture, Was deceived, the Most Blasphemous fellow I ever heard speak to an Audience and yet Many of his auditors drank down his lies & ridicule of things sacred & holy as they would rum if they dare & could get it.

3: Pleasant day during forenoon appears stormy cool. Saw Mr. Ingram, wants me to try his farm, cant see the profit from it. Attended a good prayer meeting at our ch tho few present – Nothing very new, times very dull & Money scarce & light.

4: Friday. Cold & wind North a little froze this AM. Wrote Mr. Cutting he can have my place at \$15 pr Month subject to sale & possession of the House & Barn if sold by giving one Months notice the party renting having possession & use of the garden through the season if planted or \$200 a year & possession for the year, any Manure Made on the place to be left on it.

5: Cold N Wind & Cloudy. Covenant Meeting this PM but few present, recd 5 Members & gave letters to 4.

6: Sunday. A Cool day. Communion AM. Collection of 100\$ got up in ch to pay for Bonds to issue for the indebtedness of the Bapt Soc, to give time to pay & collect. Pd 5.35 towards it.

7: Milder & pleasant. Nothing new doing. Nothing but chores. Storm brewing.

8: Snow wind & rain last night & today. Wind N.E. Strong. Dull day even for a fellow doing nothing any day.

10: Cold cloudy & stormy wind but not freezing.

11: Milder & pleasant a little snow north side. We have to record still Gods goodness to such ungrateful & unprofitable creatures as we prove ourselves daily to be. When will we learn to be wise.

12: Cold raw day not freezing. Sawing wood & doing Nothing as usual.

13: A cold freezing day wind North west pleasant. Sermon by Mr. Brittain, Cast All your Cares on God for he careth for you, good and practical & encouraging. Prayer meeting & Preaching at 7 PM.

14: Monday. Cold Wind NW some clouds & some Sun. Theodore still willfully fighting against his own interest, will not go to School because he cant have his own way & go where Mr. Chubbuck will let him slide along without getting his lessons & call him a good boy so as to get his 8\$ pr ½ term Bot Hay \$22 Ton Bran 175 pr cwt Flour 3.50 100 lb Coal 950 Ton.

15: Delightful. Mild & pleasant. Mr. Judd let us take his Horse & Carriage & self & wife, took a ride down Landis av to Malaga down Malaga to Sherman up Sherman to Main up Main to Walnut on W to East, East to Wood & home in the rain at noon. Theodore would not go to School this forenoon, have sent him into the School house this PM.

16: Pleasant but cool. Went up to see Hallecks place, corner Wheat & West Av, asks \$15 for 10 acres, to high, cant buy, can do better.

(no date): Commenced raining at night, rained & blew all day today the 17, most a gale.

18: Milder again today. Doing nothing.

19: Cold wet day out sawed wood forenoon with Theodore, attended Auction of wood & household goods this PM did not buy.

20: Cold but pleasant till 5 PM then cold rain & wind. All went to church heard Mr. Kingsbury from Bound brook preach. I was to sleepy to get all the good I ought to have recd from it. Not sleeping nights I am unfit for anything days.

21: Coldest day we have had & a cold N.E. Wind a scattering of Snow on the ground to cold for Me to go out Much.

22: Still cold but not as much wind as yesterday.

23: Milder & thawing some today, have bot 4 cords dry pine wood at \$2.50 pr cord adjoining My lot, am talking farm on corner of Wheat Road & West avenue. Recd a letter from Bro. Gray today saying he had pd cash to Sudds or Bank for the land in Hermon Pa gave Me amounting to \$358.50. Also My acct.

Note: Hermon is a village in St. Lawrence County, New York.

24: Pleasant but Cold North wind. Sawed Wood for Noon, after noon had the Nose bleed from 1 to ½ past 6 oclock everaging from 80 to 100 drops per minit, it gave Me a pretty good draining out of blood. Cant understand the philosophy of so Much blood letting from my nose.

25: Morning opens pleasant but cold as winter and fair prospects of a strong cold wind. Feel some the effects of the loss of so Much blood yesterday.

26: Milder Thawing, feel to poorly to do anything even to be about the village. Have a hard Cold from putting ice on the back of My Neck to Stop the Nose bleed and am about used up and so Many pull backs & occurring so often I hardly have a chance to get up at all. Bought 4 cords dry pine Wood for \$2.50 pr c. Theodore playing Ball this PM could hardly wait for dinner, has sawed less wood this forenoon than he would have sawed at 8 years old without urging. I sometimes look over the past to See if I am living to any purpose but the past is a blank as to any useful purpose for which I am living. Why is it thus with Me and why am I living at this poor dyeing rate and yet live. Grace grace.

27: Cool & some rain. Feel to poorly from the nose bleed & a bad cold to go to ch. All went but self & Theodore. Ma Julia & Theo in the evening, Emma reading Bible stories to James & Arthur.

28: Monday. Weather Mild ½ in Snow this AM but all gone at Noon. Cough cold & sick & lazy.

March 1: Tuesday. Cold & heavy wind. Am shut up sick cold taken last week & agueish sick & weak as usual at such times for it is No New thing for Me to be thus laid up and feeling so bad that the Christians rest looks inviting.

Note: A note is written perpendicular to the text in the margin that appears to belong to March 1. The note is as follows: 1st: My Sun recd dated "Mar 8."

2: Still Cold Strong NW wind. Feel no better today Catarrh sore throat sore lame stomach heart bad & troublesome cough & raise Much think Mostly from my head.

3: Cold Winday & Clear. Mrs. Davis our Neighbor returned from the North yesterday.

4: Still cold & uncomfortable weather. Am not improving as I see but pretty Miserably off.

5: A cold day but not as windy as usual. Am about the house but weak and a great Many pains with a tight hard cough & catarrh bad so that My head is Much like a rotten pumpkin only more painful. Covenant Meeting this PM, Wife gone, I am at home and My nose bleeding again.

6: Sunday. Quite Cool but a comfortably pleasant day. All to ch. but myself, it is communion day. May it be a blessed day to the ch on account of the presence of him whose dyeing love they celebrate. My nose bled till about eleven o'clock last night but not as fast as on Thursday.

7: Monday. Snow fell about 4 inches deep last night, damp & Solid quite a body of Snow for this place and is still Snowing today just on a balance between freezing & thawing. Makes sport for the children.

8: Snow still & holds its own, a few sleighs and bells out first chance they have had to display themselves this winter. The highest temperature here for January 1870 was 63 degrees & the lowest 12 degrees above zero, Everage about 40 degrees. Town Meeting to be held today suppose the women will make a great display to be talked about in the papers.

9: Getting Milder & Snow Mostly gone. Am weak & have still a hard cough.

10: Still getting Milder, hope for comfortable weather ere long & then to get better. Went to see Dr. Brown, gave Me Some Medicine for my cough.

11: Friday. Day pleasant & warm Wind fast drying up, hope our cold weather over. Spend My time Mostly in coughing & raising. The Dr. thinks My main trouble in My heart Valvular disease not forcing the blood into the lungs sufficient to give Me a healthy circulation, consequently general debility. Attended the High School exercises this PM Wife the Ladies Sociable at Mrs. Fullers.

12: Gathering for a Storm, Mild but chilly. Hope I am improving if but Slowly. Nothing New, only speculators are trying to raise the Wind on the probabilities of the Vineland Rail Road, they resort to any Means however dishonorable & dishonest to allure people here to spend their money and by property at prices never again to be realized from it should cease to be duped & emigration cease of Moneyed Men hundreds of turkey buzzards would have to flee to parts unknown or dig or beg.

13: Hard rain & wind from the east all last night & rainy all day, turned to Snow towards night. Ma & I at home, children at church. I am improving some.

14: Monday. A cool pleasant Morning, think this white sheet covering the face of Vineland soil will have to retire before the genial face of old Sol before night. Gave a colored girl 20c towards burying her mother.

15: Pleasant forenoon went to Post Office, clouded & cooled up this PM W SE a storm ahead. Am More poorly than usual today.

16: Hard cold rain & heavy wind most of the night and the same today, cleared up cold. The Trustees of the Bapt. Soc. Met here last night to perfect arrangements for issueing bonds on their

church, hope to gain time by so doing till they can pay their debts. Recd a letter from sister Lucia today. Well.

17: Cold frozen and strong cold north W Wind. It is said arrangements are made & work commenced yesterday on the new N.Y. Rail Road through Vineland, will be finished from here to Atzion or Winslow to intersect the Raritan road this fall.

18: Spent a painful sleepless night last night. Went to bed at 10, sit up & layed down till eleven, got up & sit walked & lounged in pain till Morning. Not quite as cold but Strong NW Wind, the Snow all gone at noon. Have felt to bad & lazy to get out today in this wind. Want to sleep to strengthen up. Recd a reply from Rev. P. Child of Troy O about his Catarrh remedy, feels quite sure it will cure Me. Recd the News in the Gouv. Times of the death of Aunt Olive Rhods. She lived at home & had the privilege of Attending & Careing for her Father & Mother in their old age & last sickness and Married a Mr. Comstock & had a kind hand & heart to attend & comfort her to deaths door I trust to her not dark, she will have her reward.

19: Day Mild & pleasant. Went down to the Post office & to Dr. Browns office & home and find I am weak enough, cannot tell why I keep so. Mrs. Gifford & Mrs. Litchfield at our house visiting Julia & Theo up to Chubbucks School this PM & have got to answer for it Monday.

20: Pleasant & comfortable. All at church but me, we thought it not prudent, had an extra Col. to pay up Bro. Brittain only partially successful.

Note: Col. abbreviation for Collection.

21: Monday. Mild comfortable pleasant day. Ventured out downtown but do feel weak & miserable enough was in hopes to feel better such a day as this. Bot 46 yds Sheeting at 14 & 16c pr yd 2 qual.

22: Feel some better today. Saw Dr. Brown who changed My medicine to run another week.

23: Cold Strong NW Wind all day. Did not venture out, am not improving much as I can see eating all I can to make up the blood I lost & give me strength. Am taking Medicine for my Heart ordered by Dr. Brown Homopathic.

24: Pleasant but cold wind still blowing. Would like to be out to work in My Garden. Wrote to Dea. Thayer & A.P. Killmer. Went to Mr. Kidders on ch. business, he had gone to Bound brook to look for a farm or place of business.

25: Pleasant North wind. Saw Linnikin about Bonds, Mortgage not made out nor bonds of Soc. Ready to issue. Wife at Bapt. Sociable at Bro. Brittain's this PM, she & Julia there in the evening. I am improving slowly.

26: Pleasant AM cold E Wind PM. Hauld Wood &c Mr. Creamer.

27: Sunday. An unusually hard Eastern Storm of Wind & Rain commenced about midnight last night & continued with unabated fury & force till after dark tonight – None of us went to church, indeed there was none till prayer meeting in the evening gave us a good thorough wetting down in our bedroom under the flat roof.

28: Cool & windy today only called on Mr. Brittain & Mr. Kidder on church Matters today.

29: Pleasant & Milder but a cold N wind today, to cold for Me. Tried to saw & split a little wood. Wife went up to Wheat Road with Mrs. Cone visiting at Mrs. Flints all day.

30: March is Most gone and has been a cold windy Month. Am poorly this Morning My throat bled considerable last night. Warmer this Morning and wonderfully pleasant.

31: The day has been cool Cloudy & Windy, Wind North. Recd letter from Elder Ames. Am feeling bad all day & cough More than usual with a very tender & lame chest sort throat head & eyes.

April 1: A cool unpleasant day Wind NE & towards Night rain all night wind & Rain. Have felt better than usual today & have looked it, about my garden & piled up my Bran plot, did not have much Apl. Fooling as the Children did not think of it till they went to school.

2: Cool & rainy misty after a hard rain all last night. Recd letter yesterday from Eld. Geo A. Ames at Mount Pleasant Pa, has just moved there. Recd letter today from Daughter Calista in Nebraska. She has been very sick at the birth of a little Daughter which they have lost. Seams pleased with the Country and is contented. Have felt very much out of gear today & My Nose had another spell of bleeding this forenoon. Is covenant & ch Meeting today, dare not go out tho I very much want to be there.

3: Sunday. Rainy all day. Mother & Thodore gone to ch the rest at home contributed for last Sunday & today.

4: Monday. Cold windy & Rainy all last night and today, some hail & Snow. Nothing going on unusual.

5: Rained & Snowed all last night, snow about 2 to 3 inches deep this AM, considerable rain & Snow all gone this PM has broke away & Sun visible through the clouds. Went to the Doctors today, keep on taking the Same Medicine Mostly designed to reach the heart. The world moves, Work has commenced on the Rail Road through Vineland to N.Y. designed as a line south from N.Y.

6: The day has been without a storm but cool damp & chilly. Have done nothing but go to the Post Office and to Mr. Turners office to sign a Mortgage of the Bapt Meeting House to raise money to pay for the house as President of the Board of Trustees.

7: Still pleasant & without a storm, spring coming. Recd a letter from Sister Julia Anna & Dea. Thayer. Usual time of health with the friends there. I am improving Some best I can judge. Another pleasant day.

8. Pleasant & warm. Rail road grading progressing. Mother to Mrs. Dodges visiting AM & to Mrs. Bailey PM Sewing circle. So they think the Vineland, N.Y. R Road a certainty after so Much talk & delay.

Note: The line starting with "Mother" and ending with "circle" is inserted between the other lines for the day's entry.

9: Pleasant still. All the City is engaged fixing up for Spring. Mr. Creamer Plowed My Garden today. Bot a chain at auction.

10: Sunday. Pleasant all day, cooler wind quite Strong from the east but No storm yet. All at church today but Theodore, the first time I have been out to ch since 20th Feb till today. Heard a Rev. Mr. from Mass preach, is going to settle here I learned, a very good discourse, Paul to the Athenians Unknown God. Not having rested or slept but little was poorly prepared to enjoy it or appreciate it. Am so uneasy or Nervous or pain all over me, soon as night comes that I lie down or Sleep but little till 12 to 3 oclock. Keeps Me down so that I get up but little & indeed sometimes I think I even go downhill.

Note: Name of Rev. Mr. is blank in diary entry.

11: Rainy & cool. Sauntering about town, am feeling better than usual, suppose temporary.

12: Cleared up but cool Strong NE Wind, to bad for Me to be out in, Makes My Eyes sore.

13: Cool Wind N East but not very hard. Fixing about front yard & garden what I can but I am so weak across my chest and so easily out of breath that I can do nothing only fit to walk about & very slow & not far at that.

14: A very warm pleasant day. Wife & Emma Washing, I worked all forenoon Staking & trimming my black & Raspberries and other work in Garden. Also consulted Dr. Parkinson Homopy who examined Me thoroughly as he could, pronounced My lungs sound & no Heart disease. My Bronical tubes considerable affected Scrofulous condition Nervous prostration & general debility, thinks I can be made quite sound & comfortable. My prayer is that guided by wisdom from on high I may be directed aright for our best good & his glory here and here-after. Have felt better & been able to do more today than yesterday.

15: Excessive warm & pleasant today. Worked about my house & visited with Mr. Kidder all forenoon, to hot to work, Mercury rose to 82 degrees forenoon and at 2 PM began to cool up wind from the east at 5 PM to cold to be comfortable. M. fell 44 degrees. Got some Medicine of Dr. Parkinson today, says he can cure me. Attended this PM the Closing exercises of the school at Plum St. Hall quite creditable to Teachers & Schollars Mrs. Wright & Miss Francisco.

16: A cold dry easterly wind all day. Fixed Posey beds in front yard forenoon. PM attended Auction bot Mar fort & Flat heater, bot Sugar Flour & Shoes for Theodore.

Note: Ma with superscript r is probably Martha.

17: Self & children attended Ch. Day cool & cloudy. Nothing remarkable, attended the Union S School concert at the Presbn house.

18: Cool but pleasant. Bot some Currant & Goose Bushes & 4 cherry Trees for 4.00, bot some early rose Potatoes to Plant 45c pr peck.

19: Has been Showery & Cold NE Wind all day. Shelled bal of My Corn. Saw Dr. Parkinson & Dr. Brown, shall not employ Dr. Brown more till I try Dr. Ps Medicine if it makes Me sleep all well. A letter from Maggy tells us they expect us home to Gouvrv this Spring. Attended a lecture showing up Spiritualism, no great affair.

20: A fine cool pleasant Morning but rain before noon fixing front yard, slept but little last night.

21: Comfortable rainy or Showery, doing nothing.

22: Pleasant all day but cool n wind. Working in Garden among My fruit trees. Mother & Julia gone to Mrs. Olins School exercises.

25: Day pleasant but a cool n Wind enough to chap my hands & face & take the skin all off of my eyes. Still at work in My garden set out 300 Willson Strawberry plants & have 500 More to set, planted a peck Early Rose Potatoes and Theo & I done various other garden work necessary whether I stay here or sell & go home. It is getting pleasant and people are as busy as bees in their hive posing gardening fruiting &c plenty of work but little profit only eye gratification. I have kept myself busy all day but so tired I can hardly stand up. Wife cleaning house.

24: Pleasant and warmer. All to church today. Sexton Made a fire in the Morning, flues so damp would not draw and house filled with smoke at ch. time made My head ake so I did not stay to S School. I learn about 160 present. When shall we (the ch.) get our debts pd and house finished. Lord help for vain is the hope for help from man unless God moves the heart to open the purse.

The intelligence has reached us of the Death of an old neighbor of ours from before I was born and a Dear Brother in Christ Henry B. Holbrook Died at his son in Laws Rev. Mr. Pyper at Unadilla Mich on the 5th of April with apoplexy aged 82 years, he has gone to his last rest, yes, a happy exchange the fruition of a hope of Many years, only one of My Fathers old Neighbors in all that section now living Benj Leavitt still lives on the old place with Mrs. L. and his son John, Jessee Kewey Elisha & Dea Colburn Barrell Mr. Willcox Mr. Morgan Persons McLean Austin Marble Waid Case Nobles Kimball Black Haile Hoyt Cole &c all gone and so it is fast being said of the generation after them.

Note: The phrase “the ch.” is in parentheses in the diary entry.

25: Day pleasant & cool. Set out bal Strawberry plants.

26: Looked like rain but blowed over cool. Choring.

27: Pleasant & cool. Nothing new. Many celebrations of the Colord people over ratification of the 15th Constitutional Amendment Making them All Voters, one of the grandest eras in the history of our Nation resulting from the War & abolition of Slavery.

28: Pleasant hot all day a thunderstorm & hard rain all night. Self & Theodore went to Philadelphia, he home at night & I to Beverly NJ on Boat.

29: Rained & cool all day. Did not look round Much, took some cold, eyes bad.

30: Pleasant. Saw Most of the City of Beverly & some of its Suburbs property to high for Me to buy to live & rent higher, hardly think we shall go there even if we sell here. Early Corn up & Many green things in the Market here.

May 1: Day pleasant but Wind north & cool. Attended Bapt Meeting good Sermon and Season at Communion Congregation & Sunday School small.

2: Day pleasant. Left B in the Morning Boat for Phila & in the afternoon by Rail home.

3: Pleasant forenoon, PM a quiet rain. Planted More Peas in Garden also onions cucumbers cabbage &c. Am not getting better as I can see, am getting thinner in flesh, cough some more & dont gain Strength, sleep a little more under Dr. Parkinsons Medicine but see no real improvement.

4: Rain Rain 5, 6 gathering Storms.

7: A heavy rain last nigh with constant & Sharp lightning very near a barn Struck & burned on Landis Avenue below Malaga R., has been clear & warm today Theo find sawing wood.

Note: Night is as found in diary entry. Find abbreviation for finished.

8: Sunday. Pleasant, went to ch, had the nose bleed, felt so bad did not Stay to S Sch.

9: Sunshine & rain. Work about house & Garden but feel to bad to move.

10: Rain & Shine today. Set out Sweet Potatoes. Heard of a heavy hail storm in Phila doing many thousand dollars damage in breaking glass &c worst ever known there.

11: Rained all last night & so far today 10 AM.

12: Day pleasant, fussing about my house.

12: Still pleasant tho rain last night – putting in Slop drain & puttering about. Julia Commenced work for Mrs. Brigham at the Dress business on trial.

Note: Starting with this diary entry, Henry misnumbered the dates until May 16. The above entry was actually on May 13, rather than the 12th.

13 (should be May 14): Day pleasant and hot. Planted beets & Carrots & put in sluice to road, am all out of time. Julia at Work yesterday & today for Mrs. Brigham & Miss Sturgis Dress Makers pd her 6/ day.

14 (should be May 15): Warm & pleasant all at ch but Julia. Had a long spell nosebleed last night & drizzling today. Sermon Evidences of a God, The fool hath said in his heart there is No God.

15: Monday. A cool Night but hot today. Made Bird house & fixed Doors & Window Screens.

Note: Monday was May 16.

16 (correct date): Monday. Day pleasant & extra hot, doing Nothing.

17: Pleasant but quite cool. No particular development in My case for the better, think I may as well stop doctoring.

18: Cool & pleasant, have my garden ground all planted, tried this PM to sell a The Priest and Nun but Vinelanders are so poor can't buy books. Nose bleed today. Wrote to Sister Julia.

19: Thu. Warm & pleasant this forenoon. Am all anxiety to know whether I ought to pull up & go back home or wait till I can sell or rent My place here.

20: Warm & pleasant. Theodore Shoveling on the road work in Garden. No news. Threatened rain PM. Storm around at night.

21: Very hot today, doing Nothing & am undecided about going back to Gouver.

22: A Hard rain last night very Much needed pleasant & Cool today. Mr. Brittain preached S School PM. A Mr. Potter preached in the evening, Subject the glory of God.

23: Not much rest last night and too poor to work today. A cool comfortable day. Missionary Union H.M. Soc Pub. Soc & Bapt (His) Soc Meet at Philadelphia this Week.

Note: Henry may have intended to write Mis, for Missionary, instead of His.

24: Went on morning train to Philadelphia to attend the Bapt. Missy Anniversaries, hot day, at 5 PM a heavy rain & some hail. Missionary Union Meeting today.

Note: Missy (y is in superscript) abbreviation for Missionary.

25: Bible & Pub Soc met today and United to be called the Bible & Publication Soc. Day warm & pleasant. Have been at least 4 years getting them United in one.

26: Home Miss Soc Met today, a good attendance & interest, a great work before them to carry out their plans & doubtless a good deal of good (Under God) will be done to the Country & world, God Speed them in the right. At evening had a bapt. Reunion Meeting in Horticultural Hall Phila the largest Hall in the City said to be over 2500 present – a good time & short Speeches from eminent speakers Bapt Presbyterians & others.

Note: “Under God” phrase is in parentheses in diary entry.

27: Rained all last night & today. Came to Woodbury at 11 o'clock stayed over till 4 PM train & got home safe & tired.

28: Heavy Wind with some rain all last night & Stormy and Windy today 10 AM.

29: But little rain today till night. Rev. Mr. Main preached full average speaker.

30: Rainy fore part of the day warm, is the day set apart as a holli day & appt. for decorating soldiers graves. Am not improving much, cant decide yet about going home, am still taking Doct Parkinsons prescriptions.

31: No rain yet today. Worked in my garden this forenoon and must go on church business this PM to prepare for soc meeting this evening. Rain some today. Soc. Met at the ch, voted to raise by Subn the amt of note due Newton about \$450.

June 1: Rainy again today, am trying to Make up My Mind to go home but it is very hard work to Start to Move. The Month has been one of violent changes of weather of hot cold & rain, a bad Month for invalids.

2: Rainy & cold again today, to wet to work. Covenant Meeting this evening quite a good number present and a good spiritual refreshing time.

3: Rainy & Cloudy this AM, rain last night, had a poor night & little Sleep Much pain last night. Hot & squally all day. Went to see a Spiritual Medium or clarvoiant Doctoress said I was a hard case in a bad state, would prescribe for me for \$5.00 & treat Me Magnetically for 2. pr treatment, have little faith, am skeptical and yet there is something about Mesmerism I can not understand.

4: Attended the Baptist festival last night, were many present & I should think it a success. Raining again this morning, have done nothing today. Mr. Gifford sold my office Desk for \$950 cost me \$13.50.

5: A Pleasant day all day, no rain, has rained every day for 10 days. Communion & monthly concert, cont to go to F M Soc from V__d ch \$1.00.

Note: V__d is the diary entry, probably for Vineland.

6: Very hot & afternoon hard rain & thunder. Bot Mr. Stephens Street hay Season for 1.50 pick his Strawberries to halves. Wrote to Dr. Hamilton about curing Me.

7: Hot & PM a hard rain. Went about with Bro. Kidder trying to get Subscriptions to pay Bapt. Soc. Debts for which the Trustees have been sued having given their personal obligation.

8: Mercury at 11 oclock 90 degrees so hot expect rain before night. Bot 100 lb Sugar 11c 13c & 14 lb. Strawberries Selling here from 5 to 10c qt.

9: Day pleasant & hot. Hoed some in Garden AM. PM Mr. Kidder & I rode about on church collections to pay debts, a good prayer meeting in the evening.

10: Comd raining last night again, have had 2 days without rain in 2 weeks, hard rain all day.

11: Pleasant all day. Children picking Strawberries at Mr. Stevens on halves. Kidder & My Self out on ch. business today. Trustees of Bapt Soc Met this Evening at My house all present & Bro. Brittain our Pastor, principal business raising funds to pay debts. Bro. Brittain resigned the Treasurershp & Bro. Kimball was approved. Voted to let the Ladies Sewing Circle have the Meeting house for a 4th July dinner, proceeds to go to pay debts. No More bonds Sold.

12: Day pleasant & cool. All at church a good congregation & good Sermon.

13: Day pleasant, on ch business.

14: Today pleasant & Cool Rain last night visited at Bro. Brittiens self & Kidder. Sold My Cow for \$75.00.

Note: Brittain spelled Brittian in this diary entry.

15: Hot & looks rainy but none till night. Met Bro. Snyder at Bro. Brittains to audit his Brittons acct. as Treasurer of Bapt Soc.

16: Day hot and pleasant. Am letting the days glide by doing no good at home or abroad living apparently to no valuable purpose.

17: A hot day. Hoed some in garden & cut Mr. Stevens roadside hay pay him 12/ for it the Season. Saw a Mr. Smith who is confined to his house & Mostly bed with Consumption about the success of Dr. Hamiltons Medicines, he having taken 6 or 8 prescriptions costing 100 dollars or more, thinks it helped him for a year or so & perhaps prolonged his life but is now taking Doct Shenks Med.

18: A very hot morning to hot for Me to hoe or weed, lamed My breast Mowing a little yesterday. Children picking the last of the Strawberries for this season, not as many as usual but a better price. Am taking My Indian Medicine again.

19: Sunday pleasant. Mr. Street preached, Exchanged with Mr. Brittian attended S School & S S Concert & Evening Meeting.

20: Hot & pleasant. Sold or Man took My cow today & pd the bal \$65. Sold My grind Stone for \$6.00, so much towards going home.

21: Went to Phila today in search of a Doctor that would cure Me. Saw Dr. Beckwith Electrician examined Me, thinks I am about gone up & electricity only will save Me. Went to see Dr. Schenck, not at his office, did not see him nor conclude to take his Medicine. Went to Beverly & Stayed all night, returned to Phil. And saw Mrs. Doctor Morong Indian Physician got some Medicine and am going to try it on. Returned home the 23rd at night, gone 3 days & 2 nights, stayed at Mount Holly the 2nd night. Weather pleasant & all but 1st day hot.

(no date, date is June 24): Friday. A very hot morning. Theodore gone to Mr. Dodges to Pick Blk caps. Commenced taking My Indian Medicine this Morning.

25: A decidedly hot day Mercury over 100 degrees in a cool place, packed 1 Box for home. My throat is unusually sore & I am decidedly feeling poorly. Eyes bad throat worse cough & raise

much & bloody from the Bronichal tubes, am loosing ground on the whole. Theodore picking berries for Dodge.

26: Sunday. A very dry hot day. Self & Julia at home all day, She not well & myself worse & nervous.

27: Monday. Still hot 90 to 94 degrees & getting dry. Wife Washing, Julia work in Shop sewing, Theodore play all day.

27 (should be June 28): Tuesday. Still hotter & drying more 98 degrees hottest had yet so says Dr. Ingram. Packing a little. Moving slowly towards getting to Gouverneur. A Mr. Hopkins from this place drowned at Cape May yesterday brot home by the Masons today. Theodore play all day, gone to Danfield.

28: Hot & dry Mercury 98 degrees.

29: Hot & dry till 3 PM, then a fine Shower coming up from the S East refreshing all nature & making it more comfortable & hopeful for Man. The hot dry & parched state of vegetation leads us doubly to appreciate the kind provident hand of our heavenly father.

30: Self Julia & Emma went to Philadelphia today to see the City, was So hot that it done us but little good.

July 1: Friday. Exceedingly hot till afternoon then cool, a change in a few hours of 34 degrees, quite a pretty rain.

2: Day cool & some rainy.

This is My 56th Birthday. My days have been prolonged far beyond my expectations and the amazing love & compassion of my saviour alone accounts for the command not having been sent forth (Cut it down why cumber with it the ground). My days seam still to be of little use and filled with much labor & pain and to much anxiety of mind about worldly necessaries for myself & family as tho that same kind & mindful hand would not still make provisions for us in the future as in the past, the past does give me every reason to trust him for the future and add his promises & why am I troubled, Shame to me O My little faith, Lord increase my faith. Concluding I shall receive no benefit from this climate we expect to return this Month to our home & friends in Gouverneur.

3: Sunday. Cold NE wind so that to Me to sit down by a fire feels good all day. Some of us at church today. Communion season. There is no small stir about Mr. Brittians remaining here as pastor of the church.

Note: The word thought to be "stir" has an ink blob covering the second half of the word.

4: Independence has come when its declaration can be made in truth That All Men are free & equal, praise God the world moves.

Day was observed as a general holliday in Vineland. Our Baptist Ladies got up a Dinner to help along with the house & debts. The Colord people got up a picnic SS festival & had a general good time in the Grove on 7th St. & Park near their Meeting place. The Band of hope composed of all opposed to Intemperance Tobacco Swearing &c met in the Park and had a general good time. The Plum Streeters as they are called from The Hall where they meet composed Deists, Atheists, Spiritualists & the fag ends of the Universe of Sin had a general good time in their hall ending with a general dance till late in the night.

5: Weather Comfortable and pleasant.

6: Nothing new, am as usual down in the mouth.

7: All at work and the children looking for a pleasant day tomorrow to with the Excursion to Cape May.

Note: No word between “to” and “with.

8: Hard rain in the night and some rainy this AM but all going but Mother on Morning train to Cape May, rained all the way there then cleared up and all had a fine time and reached home safe & sound except in pocket Cost \$7.50.

9: Hot & dry & pleasant. Charles Gifford helping Me pack up Making boxes. (12 Trustees of Bapt. Soc. Met at My house this Evening decided to call ch meeting).

Note: Sentence is in parentheses in original diary entry.

10: A very Comfortable and pleasant day. Mr. Brittain preached on the Sabbath and the observance of it. At 7½ oclock attended Ch at the Methodist house the Presiding Elder preachd a good discourse for anyone.

11: Day very hot. Have been busy packing up. Charles Gifford helping all day – Packing up & getting ready to go home. Very hot & dry, am feeling bad as ever.

Note: It is unclear whether the above entry is all intended for July 11, or parts of it are for other days prior to July 15.

15: Went to Philadelphia today to get medicine of Dr. Morong, pd \$5.00 for it, stayed all night.

16: Nothing new.

17: Hot beyond measure, must be over 100 degrees. Expect I am spent today. My last Sabbath in Vineland.

18: Still hot. Fixing up the odds & ends.

19: Am all ready to start tomorrow.

20: All left Vineland this AM train at 7 o'clock, stopd 1 hour in Camden 2 hours in Trenton 3 hours in NY. Met Levi & Maggy in N.Y. had a little visit & at 6 PM left for home.

21: Delayed at Sandy Creek 6 hours a freight train smash up on track remained 5 hours in Watertown and reached Gouv. at 6 PM all faded out hot dust, Smoke, and tired. An excursion from Rome on same.

22: Train to 1000 Islands, put up at Mothers, got up to our house Saturday bunked in with Mr. Waldos family who have not vacated My house yet.

24: Very warm. Attended Church Mr. Conklin (Presn preached, Mr. Child our pastor absent.

Note: Presn abbreviation for Presbyterian. Parenthesis before Presn is in original diary entry.

25: A little rain about these days Trimming & picking up as have strength.

26: All the same fixing & fussing & hot.

27: Weather hot & I am feeling awful bad.

28: My goods have come & cost high freight \$207.60 our fair 62.00 about goods Some damaged.

29: Bot \$57. dollars worth of W.J. Hollands publications and took the general agency of this County to get agents to sell.

30: Went this PM to J.L. Hails with Father Aldous to see a cow. Think I Shall buy. Recd my crate of berries from V. 60 qts cost 14c qt.

31: More Comfortable. All attended ch Mr. Conklin preached.

August 1: Monday. Cool & comfortable.

2: Cool but Warmer. Had my garden ploughed today after Mowing the weeds. Recd 2 bottles Medicine from Phila Dr. Morong Indian Cost \$4.20 ex 85cts.

- 3: Cool cloudy looks like rain.
- 4: Went to Horaces & Duanes and bot a 4 year old new milks cow of Richardson to have her next Tuesday & pay \$40. for her.
- 5: Fri. Hot & dry. Feel to bad to try to do anything. Mr. Child returned yesterday.
- 6: Warm as ever. Covenant Meeting this PM but few present for the no. members. The Lord was present with us refreshing us with his spirit. Self & Wife united handing in our letter from Vineland Ch where we united last January. They also recd Me by vote back to my former office as Deacon for which I have always felt myself unqualified and every way unfit but I rely upon him who is able to help in every time of need.
- 7: Mr. Child preached AM & Mr. Conklin at 7 PM.
- 8: Hot & dry, a hard shower passed to the South of us but a few drops here.
- 9: Fixed my cow yard & got My cow so we shall live again. Sold my cow in Vineland for \$75 & pd \$40 here.
- 10: No rain. Had my well cleaned & the water came in about 8 ft deep. Bot a cord of 4 ft Slabs for \$2.00, sold an old table & Stand to Fullington for 3.00.
- 11: Very warm no rain yet, Showers go round but in due time the Lord will remember us. Bot 200 lb Bran 125 pr cwt & 100 lb meal at 2.25. Wrote to C.C. Gifford the other day.
- 12: Cooler this AM at 10 AM the finest Shower of the Season, everything seams greatly refreshed. – Mr. Wood brother of Alexr Wood was buried yesterday, died of Liver compt Dyspecia &c at Robert Smiths when he was visiting. Have written to Mr. Delaware at Vineland today.
- 13: Cooler today. Attended church Covenant Meeting today, 3 Men 8 or 10 Sisters present, did no business, had a good prayer meeting. A good many men in town, a horse trot brings out the people.
- 14: Feeling too bad to attend Church today, only Theodore went, Arthur taken last night with cholera morbus, had Dr. Fisher Homop. Weather cool 62 degrees.
- 15: Cool & pleasant. Walked down to Wm G. Smith's afoot to fill beds with Straw. Old Mr. Herring was buried today died Suddenly, as an old Man & Citizen of 37 years.
- 16: Cool. Arthur better. I dont feel improved.

17: Hot & no rain. Many fires doing damage.

18: Hot & dry. Martha Arthur & James up to Chanceys today. Theo up to Grays.

19: Cooler this AM but I feel weak & irresolute & no ambition or energy.

20: Cool. Am extra poor.

21: A cool comfortable day. Self wife James & Arthur at church, Sermon by Rev. Mr. Conklin Presbyn. After this they meet in their own house, having it repaired and added to. Built a fire in the evening to warm me.

22: Monday and a poor day to me. Cant understand My Case nor see why I should feel so sick weak & all gone with a loss of energy.

23: A very little rain this PM. Am no better, cant do anything. Teachers institute comd here Monday, holds all the week. Recd a letter from P. Gifford. My House in V. not rented or sold & garden crops & fruit will not amt to shucks.

24: Comfortable, so smoky that the sun cant shine, many fires about especially in Canada doing an endless amt of damage. Have been righting up my fence & gates this forenoon.

September 1: Have had Some rain. The St. Law Co. Teacher Institute has been & is being held here last and this week now 1st Sept. Mr. Waldo is moving today & will leave us the sole occupants of my house this week. Recd 2 Crates of Peaches from Mr. Snyder of Vineland, they have cost Me \$5.00 pr bushel Which is more than I can afford to pay so more than this we must go without and use potatoes for which I have got to pay one dollar. I am feeling some better this week, hope it may continue. Have attended 3 lectures & 2 prayer meetings this week.

1: Recd the sad & afflicting intelligence of the burning to death of Miss Mary Jane Holbrook of Vineland from () her father that day had bought. She took the light from their sitting room where she & her Sister were sewing, went to their store room and was soon found, room in flames.

Note: The two entries above are both dated September 1.

4: Sunday. Rainy but quite a house full at ch Covenant meeting yesterday but few present. Comd today Letter to Association rcd & approved Communion this PM about 30 of the 208 members present. A Beloved Sister Miss Turnbull quite sick at Mr. Adam Pikes not expected to recover but she has a good hope.

6: Cool. Am feeling better.

8: Wife went to (Runes) Station to see Miss Turnbull, found her revived so she could talk and a little hope of her recovery – She sent me \$50. to keep for her.

9: A very warm day. Recd a letter from Bro. Wilber of Vineland, has sent me some grapes to sell.

11: Sunday Cool. Preaching S School & SS Concert P.M. a good & I hope profitable season.

13: Went to Hermon with Brethren Leavitt & Brown to the St. Lawrence Association, came home & attended our fair ½ day.

28: Have been doing nothing only spending money & taking money. Recd a letter form Calista, well. Started this A.M. on the Cars for Utica to attend the state fair & see about buying me a Parlor Stove or heater to warm my whole house, did not buy but arranged to buy when I learn the best kind. Had the lath & plaster taken off of my Dining room over head & am trying to get masons to plaster it over again but find it a long hard expensive job.

October 2: Sunday Sermon AM by our pastor Bro. Child, S School Miss Matilda Barker present & told the school her experience south Teaching colord children. She is going to return again as missionary of the S Schools of this association. Family well now tho wife has had a sore finger for 2 weeks or more. The Funeral of Hiram Drake was attended today at his house near the little Bow, was a member of the Bapt church but scarcely showed signs of a chr. Life.

8: A hard rain last week cleared up. Went up to C. Conants Thursday the 6, returned Sat 8th. 1st hard frost this season the night of the 6th.

10: A good day & good sermon by our Pastor Bro. Child. Text Without me ye can do nothing. Cool nights, warm pleasant days.

17: Recd \$2017.91 amt of mortgage on my old store sold to Wm Aldous last fall.

18: Pd Mr. J.C. Read bal. Of Cash loaned Me \$264.69

19: “ A. Temple “ “ “ “ “ 227.48.

25: “ gave Miss Turnbull cash Sent Me to Keep for her 50.00

27: Has been a cold Rainy windy time, doing nothing.

29: Attended the Funeral of Cls Carpenter this P.M. at Hailesboro, Rev. Mr. Brooks Methodist Preached – was aged about 60 years, has lived worldly & is gone. Pd Spencer on land \$25.00.

30: Cold & blustering.

31: Another month has passed. I have done nothing but hope I am improving in health under the Indian Medicine. Pd \$7.00 for 7 Loads Manure.

November 5: Saturday. Pleasant but cool. Julia & Emma gone to Rensselaer Falls to John Mills. Have got my Double Heater (Briliant) Stove up in my Dining Room, heats chambers above comfortable for sleeping, got a load of coal cost \$9.25 pr Ton.

Note: Briliant is in parentheses.

8: Tuesday. Election day today. Some Excitement, Grant is trying to have an honest Election in N.Y. City & prevent fraud & repeating in voting. Suppose Hoofman will be elected as money, Liquor & fraud will triumph over right. Woodford Reprn will be defeated. Stayed at Chr. Browns last night, sold him 2 Books & bot some wood.

Note: Reprn abbreviation for Republican.

14: The past week has been generally comfortable & pleasant except Tuesday election day cold & PM rainy. Lucinda Crawford has been with us the past week, is a poor sick girl, bad off but the Lord is her friend and knows how to temper the storm to the shorn lamb.

The State Election has gone Copperhead again Electing Hoffman 2nd term Governor the embodiment of corruption & fraud but I have but little faith in party honesty or virtue. Rogues & Rascals rule anyhow for honest people wont take office & if they do are generally corrupted. I have today paid J.M. Spencer balance due on Contract so we have a clear deed & title to our house, bless God.

24: Thursday. Thanksgiving. 2 or 3 inches snow, a Snowy & Rainy day. Pres. Bap & Meth. Socts met at Pres. House, exercises by our pastor Bro. Child & sermon by Rev. Mr. Conklin Pres. - good. Elder Wilber & Mrs. W. from Vineland stayed with us last night, have been here a few days on a visit at Mr. Hors. Am not as well the past week, had the nose bleed from 12 at night to 5 AM, not as fast as sometimes. Have pd. Spencer bal. Due on my home place so it is paid for & I now owe \$600. on my Vineland place due in 1 & 2 years from Jan 29th Jany 1871 & \$60. money loaned of Lucinda to accommodate her. Then I have My House here, House in Vineland & 4½ acres in the village here and 5 children to school clothe board & take care of and no money except \$800 cash to live on but God has & will provide for us things needful. Oh for more trust faith & love, the end is not far, am I his or am I no. Save Lord.

December 6: Theodore Emma Arthur & James all at the District School in 3 departments & Julia Comd today 6th at the Seminary. A little Snow this A.M. but gone at night.

8: 3 inches Snow fell last night. Hauled 8 loads Manure bot of Jason Smith (). We are having Some trouble & grief with some ch members who wish to attend Balls & Theatres having lost sight of their Saviour & suffered Satan to come in. Had quite a time with My nose bleeding Sunday evening, weakened me much.

17: Rather cool a little snow. Sleights & Wagons running. Sold a few books this week.

18: Sunday. Cool but not a bad day. Bro. Child preached against Dancing a good reasonable candid discourse, hope it may do the ch. & community good.

21: Snow last night and a stormy windy day today snow enough for good sleighing. The War continues in France much to the disadvantage of the French.

22: Sent to Bro. (Deur) Amc Bapt 1.00 for F.M. Soc. & 2 for Bapt & Sunbeams to be sent, 6 mo to Miss M. Barker at Newberne N.O.

25: The last Lords day in the Month & the year of 1870. Sermon & S School as usual, preparations are being made for the S School Festival & Christmas tree tomorrow Evening. Weather cold 10 degrees below zero & 6 inches Snow, good bottom & Sleighing, only attended day service & My Class in S.S, to uncomfortable to go at evenings.

26: Cold Snow Storm fell 5 or 6 inches & in PM cleared up. Bot Mother Slips, Julia Gold Pen & G Mounted Holder, Theodore Slips 14/, Emma Sleeve Buttons, Arthur & James Slips 8/ (wand), Pa gave them all a Christmas Kerchief each & so Christmas & Santa Claus have come & gone & gone again.

Note: It is thought that slips refer to seats in the church.

27: Today pleasant & cold. Sister Julia came up in the Snow for me to go & put up her curtains in her House just bought for \$1000. for herself & Anna so Mother is left alone.

28: Had a poor night of it last night with a hard spell but by soaking my feet taking pain killer & rubbing got easy but feel bad today & have not been out.

