

What strange perplexities arise,,

Sunday April 21-50

These are days of anxiety and trouble. Yesterday the Students who were here, being excited, and very unjustly so, about the resignation of Professor Harris, they met and appointed a committee to inquire of Prof. Specker the cause of his resignation. I was grieved by their conduct. No doubt many of them will regret the course they have taken when experience will have taught them better. I must now go with bro. Yuna to the country to organize a Sunday School.

Monday night April 22nd-50

This morning I wrote to the Rev. Conradi - urging him to desist from all things else and employ his time in collecting money for the College Edifice until enough to enclose it shall have been procured. I do not know what effect the letter may have but in some way I trust the funds needed will be obtained. Nothing scarcely has been said today by the Students about Prof. H's resignation. No doubt they regret it

It will be pleasant to rest in Heaven.

bitterly what they have already done. In consequence of rain not much was done today at the building. One hundred and fifty dollars was received into the treasury of the college. This morning there was not perhaps ten dollars there. I do not know whence the money will come to rear up this great building - but if it is indeed God's own work and we are laboring for it in the proper spirit some way will be provided and all will be well. If it is not an enterprise of his own devising we need not be concerned or anxious for its success - and if it is even in itself right and yet we are not prompted by right motives in our labor, ^{and} if ~~it~~ in consequence of this fails the world may even then learn an important lesson from its failure - a lesson worth as much to the world as it would ^{be} if permitted ~~to~~ partially to succeed. The great concern with me is to know that I am doing what is right and with proper motives. I never in my life so much like committing all to God and doing earnestly what is ~~before~~ ^{before} me to be done.

My soul repeat his praise whose wonders

Tuesday morning May 14th 1850

Yesterday was a day of much joy to me; for in the morning I received a letter informing me of the fact that my father has embraced religion, and has become a member of the Southern Church. I have often prayed earnestly for him, and now I am ashamed that I cannot, or do not feel more grateful to God for this great blessing. A few days ago I agreed with Dr. Specker to remain in connection with the Institution; I am therefore obliged to lay the design of becoming a foreign Missionary aside, I must say I give it up with reluctance. But I am convinced that I should remain. I am unfit to do either.

Friday morning June 7th

These are days of trial and toil to me. For several days past things have not gone on so pleasantly about the building as is desirable. I feel thankful to God for his favor toward the Institution; and am entirely convinced that all that will

are so great"

make it really profitable is the blessing of
him who can support in time of need and
can direct in time of perplexity and doubt.

My health is no longer good. Whether from
severe toil and constant anxiety or from
former imprudence or from both I can
hardly tell but I often feel much fatigued
and yet so restless that I can scarcely
sleep. I believe I have destroyed my health
by carelessness, close confinement, and numer-
ous sudden ^{changes} ~~and~~ from hard study and little
exercise, to very violent exercise, and numerous
cases. I would be willing to subject myself to
any regimen to regain my health, so that I
might accomplish my designs, but if I have
sown the seeds of suffering and death I must
now try to endure the consequences. At any
rate I will try to live for heaven, and may
God help me.

June 15th 1850

It is with feelings of gratitude to God that
this morning can here record my thoughts and de-
terminations; for by the help of my Heavenly Father

When troubles like a gloomy cloud,

I will be more active, more humble, more prayerful, and more watchful. Last night bro. Deihl and I had a joyful interview - it was of previous appointment and for conversation on personal piety and prayer for ourselves, his congregation at Croft Church and for the Sabbath there and at Donnellville.

It is life thus to live; I will make renewed efforts to examine my heart and refrain from sin. I believe that a higher state of piety is attainable.

Friday morning June 28th 1850

The cup I drink is a mingled one of sorrow and joy. I seem to nothing but a mass of errors, and follies, and crimes. But one thing yet cheers me; I have pleasure in trying to do good. This state of trial, and grief can be borne with patience, if only in the great day of Eternity I can meet some whom I have been instrumental in saving. I feel more and more like giving up the world and laying myself upon the altar of God.

Day before yesterday I went to Donnellville to distribute tracts and visit the parents in town. On arriving there I found many of the

Have gathered thick and thundered clouds,

citizens highly offended at some remarks I had made on the Sunday previous. I conversed with some of them and they seemed reconciled; but many others who had never done anything for the S. School and who even opposed it now were foremost in talking and planning in regard to it. They had appointed a meeting to determine whether I should superintend the School. I attended the meeting, gave satisfactory explanations of all the offensive remarks I had made, and then told them that I thought it best to leave them; But that asked the privilege of distributing the tracts I had with me, among those present, this was granted - I distributed them and left. They then appointed two Superintendants in my place. Thus the persons who had never taken any interest in the School before were the prime movers and actors in this affair, and the few pious persons who had invited me there and had labored with me were afraid to take an independent stand against them as well as my opposers. It seems to me now that anxiety for the welfare of the School, the reports I had always heard of Danneville, the

The near my Soul has always stood

Some of
description, its citizens had given me of the rest,
and the reported reasons they had for not
raising funds to pay for the Library caused
me to say things that I should not have said.
I have earnestly supplicated Gods forgiveness and
prayed that all may be overruled for good to
all concerned. I am convinced that those who
were engaged with me in this School erred
in committing the decision to those who were
neither competent judges, nor candid investigators
of the case. This is one of the severest strokes
I have ever received from the world. I will
try to profit by it. O! God pity, forgive,
direct, and save me a wretch, ignorant and
sinful.

Sat morning June 29th

There is true pleasure in the duties of
religion. I had a conversation with Mr B,
a student last night, and have strong hope
of his becoming a Christian. He is anxious to
have that happiness that religion can give.

Friday July 5th 1850

My present circumstances are in

This loving kindness, O how good!

Some respects, unpleasant and my duties now
seem wearisome. The building is going on - new
contracts must every day be made - debts must
constantly multiply and enlarge - I must prom-
ise money, and yet there is not now five dollars
in the treasury, nor am I certain whether half
enough to pay the debts which will soon be due
can be at all raised. I cannot procure material
without promising money in a short time, if I do
not get material the work must stop. The
Board of Directors gave instructions to proceed with
the work but they have not furnished the funds.
If we now stop and wait till the meeting of
the Board, it will be too late to prepare ^{the building} it
for the accommodation of students this fall.
Few persons seem really to sympathize with us;
for they do not know our condition, some even
send us loose replies to requests which we
make, all because they know nothing of the dif-
ficulties in which we are placed, and it is impos-
sible to make them known. Even students, with
the exception of one or two, and the citizens of Spring-
field know nothing of the case - we have thought

its best to conceal all; for if the real case were known we could purchase nothing on credit it, and could get nothing done without money in hand. Whether this way of dealing is right or not I do not know. It costs me much trouble and anxiety. Our only hope is in God - He can do all things - His will be done.

Thurs. evening July 18th 1850

I arose early this morning, and started out on business without waiting for overlook with my roommate. I was busy all forenoon and seemed to be doing well, but this afternoon the scene changed and all seemed to be of no account, and indeed most of first half of the day was spent in laying plans which required a considerable part of the last half to be devoted to making changes. So strange did my disappointments appear this evening that it caused me to reflect upon the manner in which I had commenced the business of the day. I am not now surprised that I have accomplished nothing. Life is sometimes deceasing.

Tuesday Sept 13th 1850

It is right that I say something of these days for they are days of trial. Yesterday I received the intelligence of my dear bro. Rubb's death. Little did either of us expect this when we last parted - we parted with a faint hope at least that we yet labor together in a foreign field - but now he gone and that hope must perish - but there is another hope that can be realized - to meet in Heaven and unite in praise there where Sighs and tears of Sorrow are unknown. He fell at his post; lecturing on Foreign Miss; his favorite theme. O may I do likewise! Whatever my duty may be - may I be found in discharge of it! Yesterday I received a letter from Rev. W. W. Harrison of Cin. who was elected Prof. informing me that he could not possibly accept, although he had before written that he would, and I had sent him a horse. May God direct the affairs of this Institution!

Friday evening Oct. 4th 1850

I Scarcely know what my feelings are - I seem to be busy every day in doing nothing - always consecrating myself entirely to the cause of Christ - and yet guilty of very selfish thoughts and actions - The death of my nearest associates does not seem to move me nor a knowledge of my own sinfulness cause uneasiness - all is dead but the vanities of an unsubdued and corrupt heart. Nor do these confessions thus made amount to anything more than a mere admission of what is so plain as to preclude denial. They produce no change in either heart or life. Oh God have pity and give me grace before I am removed to another world! Thou knowest O Merciful God that I can not govern my evil propensities, nor continue any good course of conduct. I am needy, proud, blind, self-willed, and ignorant. But it urges to write thus. Oh that I might be prepared for the place in which

I am or be removed from it quickly.
Why should I longer live and yet how
can I die? There is a source of comfort
and assistance and to that source I will
go.

Monday evening Oct 7th - 50

To-day I commenced teaching in the Col-
lege building - had 22 scholars who study
in the room besides those classes that
come in to recite. The pupils appear to be
very unruly - will be troublesome but if
God will but afford me his direction and
grace all will end right. May I be ena-
bled to lead an exemplary life while here
in the midst of those who will soon be
peers of influence in community and will
do much in shaping public character.

Sunday morning Oct 13th - 50

The last week has been one of con-
siderable toil and perplexity on account
of having charge of the School while attending
to the building. I do not now feel as though
I am fit to remain here long. May God pity

and direct here me. Oh! how dull and
careless I feel. What shall I do to find
a better frame of mind? I know my
duty and do it not - my past imprudence
has injured (destroyed) my health and
now I am unfit for duty - especially
the difficult work now to be done here.

Saturday night Oct 19th - 50

This has been a week of unusual la-
bor and trial. The Preparatory Depart-
ment under my care now numbers
28 Scholars who remain during the
day in the room with me - besides
about 20 who come in once, twice
or three a day to recite. The lads hav-
ing been accustomed to disorder during
the summer are very unruly and trou-
blesome. I have gone to visit some of the
parents nearly every evening this week,
for without their cooperation, I must
fail to make the school orderly and
really useful to any considerable extent.
The building is still going on. I have

much trouble with that owing to the Students and workmen being here at once. Many of the Students take privileges, in reference to the material for the building which I cannot conscientiously allow; and therefore disputes and difficulties arise between us—Some of them are bitter against me and try to affect those who have lately come in the same way. There are some candidates for the ministry here that I think should be elsewhere and otherwise employed. I can expect no good from some of them. Some things of late have made me think much of leaving as soon as I can—not because I am unwilling to endure the opposition and injustice of those who are prejudiced against me—or have not idea of the duties belonging to me—but because I have been almost convinced that I am not the proper person for the place I now occupy. I have no wish about the matter but to do my duty—May God direct!

Sunday morn. Nov. 10th 1850

I feel determined - fully resolved to make efforts to attain a holier state, and I have strong hope of gaining it. Oh that I may now and always hereafter realize my own insufficiency - and may constantly see the efficacy of the Saviour's blood - I feel that I am now vile - but I would not be always so.

Monday morn. Nov. 18 - 1850

I set out this morning seeking aid from God live an humble precious and useful life. Oh! my selfishness, and pride

Tues. even. Nov. 19th

This day is lost, although I have been busy all day. Have been intemperate in eating - selfish in my thoughts - irritable in the school room - cold in my religious duties. I have but little enjoyment, nor do I expect much till God gives me a better heart.

20 Evening. Intemperance in food -

earnestness and impatience in the school room—thoughtlessness in general irreverence in worship—deadness in every religious duty—and a want of interest in every thing good. Such are some of the faults of this day, and although I know this all I am proud and continue to esteem myself highly. Perhaps God may have mercy and save me.

Tues. Morn Nov. 26th

I feel humbled in thinking of the past but can cherish a hope of a better state in the strength of Christ. I may yet become better.

Thurs Evening Nov 28th 185

I am a miserable being, and the author of my own wretchedness—By intemperance and irregularity of habits I have destroyed my health—by neglect and vanity and folly have ^{much} injured my intellect—and by sins of various kinds have greatly weakened all the springs of my moral powers. To dwell in this fractured body—with this weak and debared mind and this polluted

heart is a wearisome existence—not a life.
If in another world, through the mediation
of Jesus this corruptible shall put on incorruption—
this mind be reanimated and elevated and this
soul cleared from its stains why should I fear the
change or desire the continuance of this life? O, Jesus
pity me all in ruins enslaved by Sin and
Iniquity under an intolerable load of guilt.

Having been appointed by the S. Fem. Soc.
I have today visited nine places where liquor
is sold and have found the number of gallons
of various liquors sold by them to be 871
per month—what a source of misery and woe!

Friday noon Dec 29

I will make the recovery of my health
a subject of daily prayer in secret, trying
at the same time to observe the laws of
health, and to make use of other means as
I can. May God assist, for Jesus sake!

Sat noon Dec 7th

I resolved a few days ago to pray
daily for the improvement of my health

I feel much better and hope to regain
it so as to continue in discharge of duty
to God be the Praise

Saturday Jan. 4th 1851

I have just returned from a visit
to my dear parents, & how did I spend
a few days so happily. God be praised
for the grace he has bestowed on my
father. He is now, as I believe a sin-
cere and ardent Christian. I could
scarcely restrain tears of joy and grate-
tude at many times while conversing
with him on personal piety, Christian
experience, and cause of Christ in general.
The few days which I spent at home
were I think altogether the happiest
of my life. But even while thus blest
I have been unfaithful in duty and for-
getful of you. O Saviour! Pity—and
forgive. All along the road home I saw
the clearest evidences of the utter deprav-
ity of man. My heart sickens when reflecting
upon what I saw, and I feel like res-

newing my promise to God, to live
and labour for the Salvation of Souls.
Merciful Father in Heaven, Thou knowest
my imperfections, and mightest justly
forever abandon me to the wretched
influence of my evil propensities, but
Thou knowest too my desires to obey
Thou canst, I believe Thou wilt, and
venture once more to renew my covenant
with thee. Take me - Control me -
make me thine wholly thine. This
is all I ask.

Monday evening. Have been busy all day - feel
well, and contented - have much religious
enjoyment

- Tues Evening - Health and Spiritual enjoyment
tolerable - busy, but accomplished but little
engaged in depositing the remains of Bro.
J. A. Puhl in the burying ground of the
College. It was a solemn time, and stirred
and anew within me the Spirit of
foreign Missions - God only direct me.
- Sunday evening - Have been very busy

Since ~~the~~ Tues. attended meeting of some
kind every night. Have had much
peace of mind - but have thought deep-
ly about the foreign field.

Friday Evening June 17th 51

Have had some joyful and some
sorrowful feeling during the last few
days. There has been preaching in the
Sutherland Church every evening for the
last five days and a meeting for ex-
hortation and prayer every day besides
one of the same nature nearly every
day in the College. Some good seems
to have been done - but I fear not
so much as some of us suppose. The
work has not sufficiently humbled the
professors of religion in the Institution
and congregation. It was evident to my
mind before these meetings began that
a great increase in piety, faithfulness,
humility, perseverance, and watchfulness
was needed in us all or nearly all
before we could be called consistent
Christians, and I have not seen much

evidence of that increase. Unless the Spirit
alarm and revive or convert some of us
who have long been inconsistent in con-
duct and deplorably negligent in duty
I fear that a few days after these
Special efforts cease we will find our-
selves in the same careless, prayerless,
sinful state.

Mon. Ev. Jan 20 - 51

Have been absent from School all day
riding through the country to purchase
lumber for the building - as it was ter-
ribly cold in the fore part of the day
I feel dreary and tired and therefore
did not go to Church. I have been very
prayerless and inconsistent today, and have
injured, in place of improved, my health
~~Mon. night~~ Tues. night Jan 21

Busy teaching, and in other matters
all day - not enough employed in
prayer and meditation. Health impro-
ved. Spiritual State low.

Feb. 22 Teaching forenoon - afternoon Business
and visiting for religious conversation - night
preaching - Enjoyment not great - health
improved - not time for reflection - little in-
terest in others.

~~Feb.~~ Even. 24 - Teaching and business, busy,
talked some with students on religious duties
and experience - urged some to become pious
Spiritual enjoyment not great - health not
improved - been intemperate in eating. Oh!
Weak, sinful creature.

Saturday Feb 1st 1851

1 Spent in teaching - Reading and vis-
iting the family of Mr. Cook in the
country - was accompanied by one of
the students ~~who~~ has lately embraced
Religion - had a pleasant time in con-
versation with him about divine
things as well as with the family
Returned in the evening in time
to attend the meeting of the S. S.
teachers at Dr. Winwoods. Bro. Bow-
man who accompanied me also atten-

ded the meeting and came home with
me and requested my dear bro I
who would room with me to let
him room with me in his place
and I take with him another
young man, a candidate for the min.
but one who needs encouragement
and instruction in religious duty.
We love each other dearly delight
to be together but we will likely
yield to their request.

Sunday Feb.

Bro Row this morning later than
usual on account of being up late last
night. Bro I and myself read alter-
nately in our devotions in the room
and this morning it being my turn
to read I read the Chapter which
came in cover (as we read the N. D.
regularly) and that chapter is the
15th Chapt of Romans, commencing 'We
then that are strong ought to bear the
infirmities of the weak, and not to please

our selves. Let every one please his neighbor
for his good to edification. For Christ,
Christ pleased not himself" &c. This com-
minded me at once of the request of bro.
Browman the evening before and bro. J
said after prayer that it brought the
same to his mind and seemed clearly
to point out our duty and that he
was willing to make the change
attended S.S. at 9 O'Clock and preaching
at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rev. G. Reached from 2nd time
1st Chpt and 12th were. "For I know
on whom I have believed, and I am
persuaded that he is able to keep that
which I have committed unto him against
that day - It was an edifying
discourse. I feel well - will teach
Bro. Jones' Class in the African S.S.
this afternoon

3 Sund. night Taught today with more than
usual interest - talked considerably with
Students on personal piety - was engaged
in healing a difficulty between two of them

who have lately professed a hope in Christ
Somewhat intemperate in eating - not suf-
ficiently careful to employ my time - health
tolerable - Spiritual enjoyment not great

4th Tues. night This morn. Bro. Bowman
came into the room with me, to enquire
how I have been teaching - failed in self gov.
both in schoolroom and at table - feel
grieved on that account - visited the
parents of several of the scholars - talked
about the school and their children in
particular - have hope of success May
God bless the school and the new
relation of room mate.

6 Thurs. night ~~nothing~~ business - prayer-
meeting tonight. Enjoyment, and health good
May God help me evermore.

7 Fought furthfully - neglected secret prayer -
ate intemperately - and now receive sorrow-
ful for my short comings - I am a wor-
mer to myself on account of my inconstan-
tency - what then am I in the sight of God?

8 Sat. night. Have tried to live prayer-
fully today, and have resolved by the
grace of God to live a better life, to
make use of no more food knowingly
than is necessary to sustain nature, to
pray more and more earnestly, and to
try constantly to set an example in
all things to the Students around me
which will be worthy of imitation and
I will record more frequently my failings
and Success in this book so that I may
the better know my Spiritual State.

O Father, to Thee I look for all the
Strength to do these things, and implore
it in the name of Jesus.

9 Sunday night. Taught in S.S. and attended
preaching forenoon - conducted prayer meeting
in College afternoon. attended preaching at
night. Read considerable during the day
enjoyment middling - health good - but lacked
in humility - and Spirituality. But little
profited by preaching tonight on account of
dullness or drowsiness for which I know no
reasons.

10 Mond night Almightiness causes a stormy
life without but affords peace within.
The Preparatory department of College needs
deserve my care needs much discipline
and improvement and the disease is
so deeply seated as not to be removed
by mild remedies, and others occasion
much disturbance and existence. I was
informed this evening of some slanderous
reports circulated by some of the Students
among the rest about me but they
give me little concern - may God afford
some means of correcting the evils and
irregularities prevailing here - I long to
be free from my own infirmities and
pray God to help us all.

11 Tues. night Taught with a good de-
gree of interest - but have accomplished
but little besides - have considerable
enjoyment but must lament my want
of ardor in love to God.

12 Absent from College - was unfaithful
in duty and intemperate in eating.

13 Working all day and with interest
feel great anxiety about the financial
affairs of the College - have sworn for fear
passed for money - trouble in College about
the Howard - Had a good paper and
conference meeting tonight - Subject of course
How may we guard against drifting
and sinful thoughts and actions.

14 Frid. night. With a burdened heart
& desire to rest. I could endure fatigue
of body or prostration of mind through
much study - but a heart pressed down
with guilt is indeed grievous - Intemper-
ance at table - impatience in teaching -
negligence in all duties, or nearly all
I am obliged to swear against myself
today - Oh! Corruption!

15 Sat. night Do not feel much desire for
my own or others improvement. Have been
too careless today to have much enjoyment

16 Sunday night. Have passed through the
regular duties of this day with apparent
interest - but how little after all do I

really feel for the glory of God. My soul
is grieved and distressed within me when
looking at my real condition, I feel desir-
ous to do better but dread the coming
week. I am not prepared in heart for
what awaits me in the recitation
room and in my intercourse with the
students in general. But I will try
again to set before them all an example
of a Christian. Oh! that I could give
up my diffidence so as to receive
strength to do so. I have no excuse for
my low state of piety. I can only condemn
myself. I feel disheartened. What shall
I do? How cruel a master is sin.

17 Last night just returned late from
the temperance meeting - feel tolerably
well - succeeded better than usual today
in governing myself and the school
but feel the want of reflection alone
and and prayer in secret.

18 Forgot to write

19 About on business in the country and

- attended a meeting at ~~St~~ Beasts Church with
Prof. Seidl. was intemperate in eating
- 20 Came to College this morning by School
time - taught with pleasure and apparent
Success - did little else today than teach
- 21 Frid night - Taught with some degree
of interest and apparent success - but have
been too grovelling and inactive in good
things to feel contented.
- 22 Sat night - late - Have been busy all day
without accomplishing much owing to
a bad arrangement of business - attended
the anniversary celebration of the Greek
Soc. Soc. tonight - did not like part
of it - have been kept up late by a
student who wished to consult me
in regard to a performance for the
concert - feel dissatisfied - will now
retire - Oh for grace to live as I have
determined and promised to do!
- 23 Sunday night - am alone in my room
as bro. Bowman is absent in the country
Arose this morning pretty early - attended

a meeting of the S. S. teachers at a quarter
after eight o'clock S. S. at nine and preaching
at 10^{1/2} - taught in the African S. S. at 2^{1/2}
and attended a prayer meeting at the college
at 4. This evening I concluded not to attend
preaching, designing to spend the time in
self-examination and prayer. Saw some
around me today may suppose all is well
but Oh! if they could see my vile heart
and could feel the guilty conscience they
think otherwise indeed. Intemperate in eat-
ing - negligent in duty - cold and lifeless
in prayer and teaching and reading. I must
reform or die a premature and hopeless
death. Oh! Father help!

24 Absent till late, at a Temperance meeting
and did not write

25 Returned late from a meeting of the
Profess. at Mr. Conrads room. Spent some
hours in interesting conversation about
the Institution. Feel pretty well - taught
with interest and was more prayerful
today as well as more exact at table
than usual.

26 I feel dejected and grieved, and cannot exercise faith in Jesus to remove my burden. The school under my care is indeed troublesome and I regret to sometimes excite me so as make me act impudently. Today some of them whom I thought to be improving in their habits, have been unenly—and partly through a want of care and steadiness on the part of my assistant they evaded their duties.

But the great burden is my own sinful and depraved disposition—I seem to have no love to God—no real desire to do good—no firmness of purpose. Passion, appetite, pride, indolence, and such other vices rule over me and they are hard masters—I know my case is hopeless unless I am saved by the free grace of God, and yet I cannot trust him for that grace. I do not know what to do! O the misery of sin!

27 Thues. night This was a day appointed for prayer in behalf of Colleges and Seminaries.

inquiries in the United States ^{was} had meeting
at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ forenoon and tonight I have had
considerable spiritual enjoyment health
not good suffered coincidentally today.

Received a letter from my sister at home
which afforded me unspeakable pleasure.

28 Taught with tolerable interest did no other
business of importance indulged too much in
eating at dinner felt some its effects in the
afternoon - remained at my room all even-
ing designing to study and read but was
visited by several persons and was prevented
from doing much - have been little engaged
in prayer, and now retire feeling that a
considerable part of the day has been lost.

March 1st Sat. night - Rose early - Studied
hard forenoon - Spent part of afternoon
in duties at College and the rest in town.
Heard the distinguished Mr. Gaus lecture
on Rome he is an eloquent man - Spiritual
enjoyments rather more than common - health
improved - habits a little better attend-
to. O that God would assist me to improve.

2 Sunday night - Attended Teachers meeting
Sunday School and preaching forenoon and
Temperance lecture afternoon and tonight
at the City hall by me. The Lectures
were eloquent and truthful - enjoyments
tolerably good - have not advanced in piety
as I should have done

3 Mond. night. Have accomplished but little
today. Do not feel well. Little spirituality

4 Negligent and forgot to write

5 Absent on business in the country

6 Returned to College early - have been busy
all day - feel well - attended prayer meet-
ing tonight enjoyment more than usual

7 Absent at Missionary lecture till very
late

8 Spent away a considerable part of the
day - was gluttonous at table, indifferent &
drowsy, as well as prayerless at meeting in
the evening, and miserable on retiring to rest

9 Sunday night - Partook of Communion,
but unworthily - attended other duties in a
poor way. Feel quite unwell but do not

Know why. Not at Church tonight.
Resolved not to eat dinner any day this
week and to pray more for health.
O! ~~God~~ pity. Strengthen! Forgive!
Evening April 1st 1851

When I made the resolution above, I
thought it would be conducive to my health
to observe it but in the next day did not
think so and consequently violated it, although
I did it with much hesitancy. I have paid
no regard to the resolution since, and have been
shamefully neglectful of prayer. I feel condemned
and desire to do better. Am engaged in Super-
intending work at the College building.

Sept 16th 1851

Leave College for Synod at Bucyrus, and
after that to engage as an agent for the Coll.
I leave with mingled feeling of joy and grief-
of hope and fear. I Pray God to protect me
and give me success in my work.

Bucyrus 23rd - 51

I have now been here five days attending Synod and have had much pleasure in witnessing the transactions of that Body. They are nearly all men of the most noble hearts and correct dispositions, so much so that I have constantly felt rebuked by their conduct. There are however a few exceptions. Some self-important vain men, and from these I have attempted to draw instruction. For the first two days I sat and looked on their movements, close observing the conduct and words of each, and all the time making the silent inquiry "Which class do you yourself most resemble in actions and character as manifested by actions?" and in thus doing I must say that I am most decidedly ~~more~~ like those whose speech and acts disgusted me, than those whose humility and dignity have won my hearts. I cannot tell why it is that I am always doing what I condemn and hate in others. Last night after having seen and thought of the mistakes of others for nearly a week I said such things before the Synod as

deprived of enjoyment ever since. I know not
what to do - my heart is sad and my eyes
weep when I think of my conduct last night
I feel more like hiding from the face of men
than going about to urge them to duty.

Last night too I was examined to
receive License to preach the Gospel. This
just at the time when I should have been
most humble and careful I have fallen into
deplorable errors and follies, and now when
I closely inquire into the real cause of my sor-
row it is found to be that my pride
has been wounded. If I must have such a
heart as this till death truly long life is
not desirable. I am filled with self disgust
when alone and with shame in the pres-
ence of others.

Sept 24 - 51

This morning I leave Bucyrus to visit
my parents in Holmes Co. I feel thankful
for the favors enjoyed during the last week
but I feel disgusted and ashamed whenever I
think of my conduct during that week.

Last night I received License from
the Wittenberg Synod, To preach the Gospel
I do not half so much as I should feel
the responsibility of that Station nor the solemn-
nity of assuming. My hope is in God.

25 Travelled for company with bro. Renner
to Mansfield.

26 Left Mansfield and went to Nashville
staid all night with J. Braets an Old
Sutheran, but found him agreeable and
kind. He consented readily to have prayer
in the evening before returning. In the morn-
ing he twice invited me to call again and
as often as I could. His wife was exceedingly
kind.

27 Arrived at home found my relatives, all bet-
terably well.

28 Wrote a letter to D read the 8th Chapter of
Matthew in Greek and went to Lafayette to
visit my sisters. Went with Dr. Myers to
see a Sick man - talked with the Dr. about
his accompanying me to foreign field.

29 Arrived. Staid at Lafayette - expected to go to
Fredericksburgh to preaching - was prevented by

constant rain - felt rather sad in the evening.
29th Came home - read 2nd Chapt. Greek Texts - Spent
the rest of the day in conversation with my
friends.

30 Spent most of the day at home talked
with My a considerable part of the forenoon.
Read one Chapt. Greek Texts. Afternoon
visited, with My Mother, an old friend
returned tonight and read more than
fifty pages of Rev. Finley's "Pison Life"

Oct 1 Read awhile I Pop. The Read one
Chapt. Greek Texts went with father to
Beaton.

2 Read one Chapt. Greek Texts and Spent
the rest of the day in preparing a sermon
on Ps. 73: 24. "Thou shalt guide me with
thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory"

3 Finished sermon above, Read one Chapt.
Greek Texts and will start soon for
Shanesville.

4 ~~Spent~~ observed at Shanesville in the evening
and staid all night with my relatives

5 Sat. Went to Sandyville, by way of Straws =

burgh, Spent Sat. night with Dr. Beabout
had a pleasant time

5 Sunday - Preached at Sundryville at 10 O'clock from
John 7. 37. "In the last day that great day of the
feast Pe." At 2 O'clock preached at Magnolia
from Ps. 73. 24 "Thou shalt guide me Pe."

At night preached at Schoolhouse from
Matt. 22. 5 "But they made light of it."

6 Monday Returned to Shaversville and preached at
night from Ps. 73. 24.

7 Tuesday returned home - read one th. Greek Texts
and spent the rest of the day in reading Schenck's
Theology. Feel much disheartened by ill health
and especially by my want of Ministerial qualifi-
cations. Oh wasted time! Abused health! Perverted
talents! What shall I do? Anything can be endured
if it is not the result of our own disobedience and
impudence, but who can have peace of mind with
so many monuments of his Sins and follies always
before him - around him - in him. I will quit re-
moring for, what can it benefit me?

8 Wednesday. Read one Chapt. Greek Texts and
Studied in preparing an address in behalf of
College -

9 Thursday Read one C. Greek Texts. Studied

during forenoon - afternoon was visited by relatives and did not tetter. Went to Lafayette in the evening and attended the Holmes Co. Teachers Institute

- 10 Frid. Spent nearly all day in company with Dr. Myers. Returned in the evening ^{from} ^{Per a letter from S.} ^{which was} ^{truly} ^{greatful} ^{to me}
- 11 Sat. Spent all day in preparing a discourse for Coll. feel well have considerable religious enjoyment.
- 12 Sund. Addressed the Sunday School in Benton and preached once at the same place from Matts 7: 37. Came home in the evening, not well
- 13 Well all day Read one Chapt G. Text and spent the rest of the day in preparing for College agency.
- 14 Read one Chapt Greek Text. Studied till evening and then went to Lafayette, where I preached at night - felt much distressed
- 15 Returned from Lafayette soon after noon Spent the afternoon in preparing to leave home
- 16 Left home for West Carlisle to commence my agency. Stopped at noon with bro. Helder at Millerburgh, met bro Babbly from Springfield. Staid all night with a stranger, an unconverted and careless sinner.

- 17 arrived at bro. Staupke by noon and went
to bro. Peter Seybaeger to remain the night
- 18 Went to bro. Keeser at Winding Fork
- 19 Spoke in behalf of Colls at Winding Fork Co.
at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'clock and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ at West Carlisle where
took a subscription of 21, 50 for Colls. Preached
at night from John 7. 37 and returned to bro.
Keeser.
- 20 morn. Labored with bro. Keeser visited and read.
- 21 Studied in preparing discourse for next evening
- 22 ~~Spoke~~ visited several families and received subscrip-
tion of \$12. Preached morn. discourse at night
and took sub. for Colls of about \$22.
- 23 Visited several persons, received sub. of
3, 00 and returned to Mt. Con. 16 morn.
- 24 Spent the day in study till in the afternoon
- 25 went to ~~bro. Keeser~~ returned to bro. P. Seybae-
ger to ~~bro. Seybaeger~~ went to Port O. at Sun-
day and staid during night with bro. H. L.
- 26 morn. Spoke at Mt. Zion Church at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ received
sub. for Colls of \$24, 50 - went in afternoon to
bro. R. J. staid all night
- 27 Went to Fath. J. L. Dea. Drow off copy of sub.
for bro. Walker to keep. Transcribed the same in
sub. book, wrote letter to Dea. Sprecher and intended
to lecture tonight on 2^d Miss at Mt. Zion Church.

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- 14 Read one Chapt Greek Bert. Studied till evening and then went to Lafayette, where I preached at night - felt much disheartened
- 15 Returned from Lafayette soon after noon spent the afternoon in preparing to leave home
- 16 Left home for West Carlisle to commence my agency. Stopped at noon with bro. Helsel at Millerburgh, met bro Babbly from Springfield. Staid all night with a stranger, an unconverted and careless sinner.

- 17 arrived at bro. Stauffer by noon and went
to bro Peter Seybeger to remain the night
- 18 Went to bro. Geeser at Winding Fork
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- 21 Studied in preparing discourse for next evening
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morn. to bro. Seybeger went to Port O. at Gum-
bine and staid during night with bro H. L.
- 26 morn. Spoke at Mt. Zion Church at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ received
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bro R. J. staid all night
- 27 Went to bro. L. L. Draw off copy of sub.
for bro. Walker to keep. Transcribed the same in
sub. book, wrote letter to Dr. Spacher and intended
to deliver tonight on 2 Miss at Mt. Zion Church

28 Started in the morning from Father Stoughton for Woodbery. Stopped a while at Peryon College, and then went to Mr. Vernon - called on bro J. Bony received Subscription of 5 doll. and then travelled to bro. Dan. Johnson's 8 ms from Mr. V. on the Chestnut Hill road. Staid here all night

29 Received a Sub. of 2 doll. from bro Johnson and left for Woodbery where I arrived at noon. Soon saw bro Goodlin and felt much encouraged by the interest he felt and still felt in the Coll. Staid all night at Father Buchners

30 Spent the day in conversation with bro Goodlin in reading and study. It is a real pleasure to meet such persons as bro Goodlin and wife will stay here tonight.

31 Studied ^{at} a discourse for College - visited a sick member of bro. G's Congregation - attended Prayers meeting at night gave a short address

Nov. 1 Studied all day at bro. G's - gave an address to the Children of the town and neighborhood at night in the South. Ch.

2 ^{Said} Spoke twice in behalf of Coll. ^{was} at 10 and at 2 o'clock - Went with bro G to Johnson's to a protracted meeting held by the Mr. Beth. at night Staid all night with Father Baker.

- 3 Mond. Rode 6 miles to Shaffer's Church, made an appointment for the next Sund at 10 O'clock returned - visited a sick man and some others - Staid all night with bro. Goodlin.
- 4 Spent most of the day in reading and conversation with bro. Goodlin,
- 5 Wed. Rode 4 mrs. to the County to see Rev. Tobias had some conversation with him, left appointments in two of Conn for the second Sund, and returned to Father ~~Shaffer's~~ and staid all night. Found him little interested in the Church and left in College, but showed him the drawings of the building and talked with him about it until he seemed more awake to its interests.
- 6 Thurs. Spent in studying a discourse for Sund at Woodbury. Saw some members, but all reluctant to speak here or do for College.
- 7 Frid. Spent forenoon in study and conversation with Rev. Hall. Afternoon studied - went to see S. in the evening got him along to prayer meeting and returned and staid with him all night.
- 8 Wrote a letter to S. Studied some forenoon, and will go this afternoon to Father Shaffer's home in the County. Feel considerably disheartened & desire to live nearer a Throne of Grace - nearer God.

Nov. 9 Spoke at Schaffers Church in behalf of Col.

at 10 O'clock returned to Woodbury, preached at 2 O'clock from the 64 C. 15 verse of Ex. "Speak to the Children of Israel that they go forward"

Heard bro. Goodlin preach at night from the same words that I had used in the afternoon

We had thought it would be well to have preaching several evenings in succession, to try if possible to enliven the members of the Con. for most of them were very cold. I spent considerable portion of three or four days visiting & talking with the members.

10 Mond. visited Some Studied Some.

11 Tues. Studied at a diseases on Ps. 56. 12

12 Studied forenoon. Went to Schaffers in the evening - Spoke on the difficulties of building the College. What has been endeavored and performed and showed its present wants, ~~not~~

There were not many present, for my object in going was known, and had caused some murmuring - Some complained because on Sun. before I did not first tell the audience that I was not going to preach. This however was not the real cause of the murmurs, for I told them as soon as I had taken my text - Deut.

8. 2. - that I would speak of the state of
the Southern Church west for the last 15 years
and this was certainly as satisfactory as if I
had said "that I was not going to preach"

They had also expected about the country that
the bell which we were getting for the College
would cost eight or ten thousand dollars.

Indeed almost every means was tried to induce
the people not to give - Thus it is with an
agent if he announces before hand that he will
ask money the people will not come out to
hear - if he says nothing about his object till
he presents the subject to the congregation they
will become offended. And in order to have
some grounds of excuse they will object to the object
when carried and silenced here they object to
the manner of presenting the subject - when this
is removed they will object to the appearance dress
or manner of the agents. Surely an agent should
be perfect - I have at nearly every place been
told that I failed in speaking & could not
succeed without exciting the people more in some

On one occasion I saw many in the congregation
weeping while I spoke, yet on the next day was
told by an officer in the church that if I would

Succeed I must take a different course that
my discourse was uninteresting, and that he
felt discouraged and cold while I spoke. This
seemed strange to me. He added that he
would still give something to the college, but
intimated that my discourse had lessened his
interest in it. These things together with other
sometimes dishearten me. I have studied much
about what change I could make to interest
the people - but have succeeded but poorly.

~~Also~~ ^{Thursday} night at Shaffer's Church. I took
a sub. of 28 dollars.

13. Went from Father Shaffer to bea Tobias' &
then to Woodbeey - studied till night on a
discourse for that night at Woodbeey. Reached
from P. 56. 12. very few houses.

14. Visited these families - spent part of the after-
noon in trying to conciliate bea. S. and the family
of Father B. was only partly successful. Reached
at night in the Lutheran Church from Luke 10. 2
showing the great work before the Christian Church
and the duty earnestly to engage in the work and
pray to God for aid. Staid all night with bea.
S. They long and hard to induce him to give some
thing to the Coll. but was unsuccessful.

15 Wed. Arrived some ~~studies~~ ~~of~~ ~~preparation~~
wrote a letter to be ~~sent~~ ~~at~~ ~~night~~
afternoon went in company with bro. Hall to
Shaffer's Church preached a discourse on Miss.
to only 7 persons at night - it was very dark
and rainy - those present seemed much interest-
ed - Staid at night with Jeth. Shaffer

16 Sat Morning - went early to solicit Sub.
for College received 2.00 from the family I
visited returned to - Father Shaffer, and started
accompanied by bro. Hall, to Stearns' Congregation
called these places to solicit aid for collecting
th forenoon Received 5.00 Sub. Rode nearly all
day arrived in the evening at bro. Snyder's - was
kindly received all seemed cheered by our presence
Staid during the night - A member of the South
Co. & Mrs. distant or more - with whom we had
called during the day followed us - and ~~was~~
lighted with the news that bro. Hall had come
to become their Pastor if they visited him.

17 Sund. Preached in an old log building, to a few
persons perhaps 30, - the day was stormy and
cold. Spoke from 1 Cor. 12. 12 - Took Sub. of
9 doll. Some young men were very disorderly dis-
tributed several copies of the "Plea for College" took
dinner with a man, near the place of preaching, and