

## DIARY OF GRANDPA HOLTZMAN

- Jan. 1, 1897--Was overnight at Bro. Billings..Had a good meeting tonight. Preached 2 times. God blessed me in preaching His word.
- Sun. Jan. 3--Rainy morning, very gloomy. Oh, how small I felt after preaching on St. John 19:30. It is finished. Everything closed up---- had a glorious meeting tonight. I preached Acts 16:30. One conversion.
- Wed. Jan. 6--Was to Knox Grove church for election of officers.
- Thu. Jan. 7--Prepared history of Perkins Grove society.
- Sun. Jan. 10--Preached at Knox G.--Gal. 6:9 at Perkins Grove--Gal. 6:9 Organized a Sunday School in both places. Small meeting tonight.. talked on Eph. 6:11-18.
- Tues. Jan 12--Was to Hoffmans for dinner. rough roads--no meeting tonight.
- Wed.Jan.13--election of trustees at Knox Grove church. Had Y.P.A. meeting tonight. Matt. 10:5-10
- Thu. Jan.14--a very small meeting to night. Talked on John 11:39
- Fri. Jan. 15--was to Bowers today. small meeting. preached on Acts 16:30 Sold my cow for \$14.70.
- Sun. Jan.16--was to Knox Grove. had Sunday School--good one. turned very stormy
- Wed. Jan.20--Had wedding--Peter Fisher and Anna Shanaboyer--#5.00
- Sat. Jan.23--had meeting this afternoon. sent money for flower seeds--44 cents
- Sun. Jan.24--Oh, this was a cold day. We had preaching and the Lord's supper.
- Tue. Jan. 26--started to build me a sled to go to Lee. This morning it was 18 below.
- Fri. Jan.29--left this morning for Lee--made 7 calls.
- Sun. Jan. 31--preached at Knox Grove on I Cor. 4:20 at Perkins Grove on Act.4:12 at night on Rom. 6:22 Had a good little meeting.
- Mon. Feb.1--small meeting tonight. Preached in German on Matt. 8:7
- Wed. Feb.2--Visiting Richerts. Had a good meeting tonight. Preached II Kings 5:10. Two more came to the altar.

Thu. Feb.3--Preached to night on Numbers 10:29  
Fri. Feb.4--Rain and snow. Saw a coon fight. No meeting tonight.  
Sun.Feb. 6--Was a good day. Preached at Knox Grove Act. 4:12 at Perkins--Is. 22:23 tonight -- subject of nails--big crowd  
Mon. Feb.8--had small meeting talk on Luke 7:1-2-3  
Tue.Feb.9--Small meeting tonight. 4 more came to the altar. Praise the Lord for this. Talk on Deut. 3:27 Matt. 18:3  
Wed. Feb.10--Good Meeting tonight-- 3 conversions-- 6 seeking. Read & talked on John 3:16  
Thu. Feb.11--Was to Fred Teik for dinner. Had good meeting tonight. Earby was converted. 5 converts 6 seeking preached Luke 16:26--good meeting.  
Fri. Feb.12--Had a good meeting tonight Preached on Rom. 1:16  
Sun. Feb. 14--Received \$5.00 salary Good meeting at Knox Grove Preached in both places in the morning on Heb. 4:16. In the evening glorious meeting. 3 more came forward. Used the Box Sermon.  
Mon. Feb. 15--Small but good meeting tonight. One more to the altar. Preached on Romans 2 :1 & 8  
Tues. Feb. 16--was home all day. wife very sick all day. good meeting--one conversion talked on I Cor. 1:9  
Wed. Feb. 17-- had a small meeting tonight. Talked on "No man cared for my soul."  
Thu. Feb.18--good meeting tonight--talked on 95 Psalm 2 more at altar.  
Fri. Feb.19--good meeting tonight closed it with 13 conversions and 5 seekers. Preached on Jonah 1:6  
Sun. Feb. 20--received \$5.00 salary Good meeting this morning took 14 into church Preached at Knox G. I Chron. 27:27 Perkins on II Cor. 3:2  
Sun. Feb.28--Good meeting at Knox G. Preached II Kgs. 6:15 Perkins G. on II John 8.  
Poor sermon. could not get in the spirit. Good Y.P.A. meeting.  
Fri. Mar. 5--went to meet Ira at Sublette.

Sun. Mar 7--Good meeting today. Knox G & Perkins G. Heb. 13:9 /good Y.P.A. meeting

Tues. Mar.9--went to La Moille for Dr. Kelly. wife very sick

Sun, Mar.14--Preached at Knox Grove Prov.15:8 at Perkins Grove talked on Sunday School lesson

Sun.Mar. 21--very muddy roads--small meetings but good. Preached Daniel 6:10 at both places. No preaching tonight--roads impassable

Mon. Mar.22--Ira washed. i worked on the cistern. we cleaned it out --put new cover on.

Tues. Mar. 23--snowed this morning--10 inches. stormy all day.

Sun. Mar. 28--Preached Is. 12:3 both churches small congregations--roads almost impassable

Wed.Mar.31--went to LaMoille to order suit for \$25.00 Coming home the horse fell in the mud

Sun. Apr.4--Preached at Knox Grove & at Perkins G. Rom. 5:11 Good meeting.

Mon. Apr. 5--preparing for conference

Tue. Apr.6--Mendota to Elpaso--67 cents Elpaso to Washington--63

Wed. Apr.7--Attended mission meeting this afternoon.

Thu. Apr.8--Opening session of our conference was spiritual. Matill preached good sermon on John 10:17-18

Fri. Apr. 9--Good session today. Bishop Bryfogle preached a very excellent sermon.

Sat.Apr.10--Good Y.P.A. meeting tonight

Sun.Apr.11--This morning was wonderful, powerful ordination sermon by Bishop Bryfogle

Mon.Apr.12--Conference session closed. I was assigned to Forreston. Left for home tonight.

Thu.Apr. 15--Packed this forenoon. Went to LaMoille this afternoon.

Fri.Apr.16--Preached at Knox on Barabas and Christ. Talked at Perkins Grove--English evening. Barabas and Jesus.

Sun.Apr.18--This was a sad Sunday. Preached farewell sermon. Oh what weeping. Preached Easter and farewell sermon. Matt. 24:38

Mon.Apr.19--packing to move. cold. Ira went and got new buggy.

Tue. Apr. 20--packed all day. Was to LaMoille. Baptized Ralph Rayman.

Wed. Apr. 21--moved to Sublette. Loaded car 3755--freight \$19.40. Stayed with Will Austen.

Thu. Apr. 22--came to Forreston. Moved into parsonage.

Fri. Apr. 23--Setting up today. Miss Johnson helped us yesterday and today.

Sat. Apr. 24.--partly settled down. 2 sacks of oats \$1.00

Sun. Apr. 25--Drove out to State road. Preached I Cor. 15:1--Good meeting. Lead Y.P.A. tonight. Went to Bible Union meeting.

Tue. Apr. 27--Y.P.A. business meeting

Thu. Apr. 29--good, small prayer meeting tonight

Sat. May 1--called on Rupperts and Scribners

Sun. May 2--preached this morning in Forreston. I Cor. 15:1. German. at North Grove 2-30 same in English At Forreston at night Col. 2:6-7 Had good meetings. Bad roads. Mr. Johnson went with me to North Grove.

Mon. May 3--washed this forenoon. got load of hay from Bro. Garman. Fixed up grape vines this afternoon. Suffered with headache. Children started school.

Tue. May 4--went Freeport today to borrow \$10 from Ezra.

Wed. May 5--worked at the fence and sidewalk. Had good prayer meeting.

Thu. May 6--called on Fess, Paul, Sister Sees, and Turners. Good prayer meeting tonight.

Fri. May 7--was home fixing up for Sunday. wife got medicine from Dr. Houston Polo

Sat. May 8--finished poultry fence

Sun. May 9--went to State Road this morning. Had election of S.S. officers. Preached on Mark 4:28. Preached at Forreston Psalm 104: 24

Tue. May 11-- called on Bro. Heilman. Was to Y.P.A. tonight.

Wed. May 12--was visiting to Gasmonds. Had a very good German prayer meeting tonight. Called on Bro. Johnson's before prayer meeting.

Thu. May 13--Visited Bro. Garwick. Had a good English prayer meeting.

Fri. May 14--rain last night. went to Polo this forenoon for medicine.

Sat. May 15--called on Scribners and Bro. Rupert

Sun. May 16--Preached at Forreston this morning--I John 1:7. North Grove. Ps. 104:24 Good spirit in the meeting tonight at Forreston. II Cor. 4:7 Poor sermon I thought. Oh, how miserable I felt. House full of people and such a poor sermon. But that is the way God keeps us humble.

Mon. May 17--met at Campgrounds this forenoon. Elder & I had dinner at Bro. Diehl's. Called on Bro. Garman.

Tue. May 18-- called on Mrs. Lentz. had a good visit. We had supper at Diehl's. very good visit with the family.

Wed. May 19--Attended ministers' meeting this morning. Wife and Ira went to Polo. Good prayer meeting.

Thu. May 20--called on Garman, Stauffer and Kennedys. prayer meeting tonight.

Fri. May 21--Went out to F. Schriber. Called on Sisters Mayer and Fink.

Sun. May 23--Preached at State Road I John 1:7 election of S.S. officers at North Grove  
Forreston--preached I Cor. 4:20

Tues. May 25--called on Mrs. Matters at North Grove. called on Bollers.

Wed. May 26--six calls

Fri. May 28--wife went to Freeport with the boys.

Sat. May 29--attended Oration in Hall. Rev. Forkel delivered the address.

Sun. May 30--preached this morning German Forreston Psalm 110:1-4 Tonight on Acts 1:14 English

Mon. May 31--was home all day. put down carpet in front room. started to take swamp root.

Tue. June 1--visited Bro. Johnsons

Wed. June 2-- good prayer meeting

Thu. June 3--Received from S.E. Heilman \$100 for Japan missions. Forwarded \$100 to Rev. W. Yost paid 30 cents for money order. Preached tonight John 17:15 Good meeting. cold

Fri. June 4-- three calls -- no meeting tonight

Sat. June 5--met with stewards my claim moving expense 1/4 by conference met. Received total 113.36.

Sun. June 6--preached in Polo Acts 4:31 Good meeting Evening Psalm 92:12 very small meeting.

Tue. June 8--Worked in church this forenoon. went to Polo afternoon paid Doctor \$3.50

Wed. June 9--Am to have meeting at 8:00pm at North Grove. made 3 calls

Thu. June 10--called on Jacobs. supper at Johnsons.

Fri. June 11--called on Schribers

Sat. June 12--came to State Road this morning. made 3 calls

Sun. June 13--preached at State Road Psalm 92:12 North Grove I John 1:7 Forreton Psalm 92:13 English

Mon. June 14--two calls Tues. three calls Wed. four calls

Thu. June 17--was to Naperville Excursion fare \$1.00 spent 30 cents

Sun. June 20--Preached this morning II Sam. 22:2

Tue. June 22--worked on buggy called on Schribers

Wed. June 23--beginning of camp meeting came to campground heavy rain had breakdown Bunte preached many are called few are chosen

Thu. June 24--Rev. Messerschmidt preached Judges 7:7 small meeting I preached German at 2 P.M. John 16:24 Rev. Schultz tonight Exodus 14-15

Fri. June 25--Good meetings Rev. Hannaman preached Rom. 5:20 Cox I Kings 8:61 Rilley Is. 66:13 One conversion tonight

Sat. June 26--Fry Heb.4:12 Rev. Kramer Heb. 12:14

Sun. June 27--Bro Umbach John 3:16 Rev. Kramer II Cor. 5:10 Bro. Gammersfeld II Cor. 5:14 Umbach Luke 10:42

Tue. June 29--Good young peoples day at camp meeting

Wed. June 30--camp meeting to end Had a glorious hour at the close of camp meeting.

Thu. July 1--Father Schreiber this morning. called at Schreibers

Fri. July 2--prepared for funeral had a trying time to get a text

Sat. July 3--Buried Schreiber at Adeline preached Acts 14:22 last part I suffered pain across my breast. My wife is in a weak condition. Hope she will feel better till I get home.

Sun. July 4--Preached at State road 10 A.M. North Grove 3:00 P.M. Forreton 7:45 subject Gal. 5:1 4th of July sermon very hot today

Mon. July 5--called on Mrs. Schreiber and on old Bro. & Sister Paul

Tue. July 6-- started out for North Grove called on Jacob Mayer and John Mayer

Wed. July 7-- warm prayer meeting tonight (Last prayer meeting my wife attended . She made a wonderful, effective prayer)

Thu. July 8--called at Rupperts Mother Schreibers Prayer meeting tonight.

Fri. July 9--a very hot day at 11:00 we got doctor for my wife

Sat. July 10-- wife sick in bed Dr. called twice

Sun. July 11--Preached this morning Forreton Zechariah 2-5 preached at West Grove John 10:14 small meeting no preaching tonight at Forreton doctor called once.

Mon. July 12--wife not much better Doctor called again this morning. Mrs. Fess and daughter came to sit up part of the night

Tues. July 13--wife no better out of her mind most of the time Had Dr. Houston from Polo no encouragement Ezra and Ella came. Mother embraced us and gave us a parting kiss.

Wed. July 14--Dear wife almost gone Ezra & Ella were up. Doctor came about 4:00 Our Ma died at 4:30 p.m.

Thu. July 15--Sad day for us. Susie came today 5:30 P.M. Oh, the sad hours. Can hardly bear up. What can I do?

Fri. July 16--Bright and lovely morning. Oh, if it were not for the comfort of God's Word I could not endure it. Wife was buried at 1:30 p.m. Kickhoefer and P.E. Messerschmidt conducted services.

Sat. July 17--What is home without a Mother. I realize its facts. Sad & lonely day.

Sun. July 18--Lovely Sunday. went to S.School. Had a good prayer meeting. Home all day. Ezra went home tonight. Thomas M.E. minister preached for me.

Mon. July 19--We put out washing. Mrs. Davis helped. I paid her \$1.00 Garman said they pay for grave digger. \$3:00

Tue. July 20--was out to the cemetery. Nice little shower. I feel very lonely.

Wed. July 21--Susie went home this morning. I and Earl went to Diehls for 3 sacks of oats. Oh, how lonely. Good prayer meeting.

Thu. July 22--Bro. Garwig called. Presented us with \$5.00. Called on Mrs. Schreiber. Oh, what a sad home without Mother.

Fri. July 23--canned 16 quarts of berries. Henrietta Johnson helped to can.

Sat. July 24--Oh, how sad and lonely I feel. I can scarcely collect my thoughts to study the Word for tomorrow. Tina and I drove to the cemetery.

Sun. July 25--Preached German this morning in Forreston. Is. 32:17 Oh, what a lonely afternoon. Evening I preached Romans 11:22

Mon. July 26--We put out our wash this morning. This afternoon. Oh, how lonely. I can scarcely bare it.

Tue. July 27--Earl and I visited at Mr. Lentz. Was to Y.P.A. business meeting. Henrietta Johnson and Louise Fess cleaned house for us today. Poor nights sleep.

Wed. July 28--was to Bro Garwicks--was not home went to Bro. Gassmund's for dinner came home towards evening. Had a good prayer meeting

Thu. July 29--was home all day. children gone out Ira got a load of cobs.

Fri. July 30--Preparing for Sunday Oh, what a trial. It seems so dark to me. no comfort Lonely and full of sorrow.

Sat. July 31--came to Mr. Eichorn near state road. Had dinner and called on Sam Heilman. Had ten at Lewis Heilmans. Sheffners overnight.

Sun. Aug. 1--English preaching--State road Matt. 6:6 Forreston English Heb. 4:12 Had good meetings all day. God was with me in power.

Mon. Aug. 2--washed this morning. attended Mrs. Peats funeral 10 A.M.

Tue. Aug. 3--called on Henry Paul met with committee on Children's Day. Was out to Ma grave. Oh, I cannot forget her.

Wed. Aug. 4--visited Bro. Garwick called on Mrs. Tadman Had a good class meeting tonight.

Thu. Aug. 5--Prayer meeting tonight. Paid De Graff \$25 on funeral expenses. Paid Dr. Cowan \$5.00 in full.

Fri. Aug. 6--Was to Dixon. Heard Dr. D Witt Talmadge good lecture on "the bright side of things."

Sat. Aug.7--Lonely Saturday. Home all day.

Sun. Aug. 8--Preached in Forreston Acts 10:42-43 Read Is. 60 attended W.C.T.U. meeting. Rev. Cowan from Pa. preached tonight.

Mon. Aug.9--Washed this forenoon. Picked apples. Henrietta Johnson canned them for us.

Tue. Aug.10--Baked bread. Oh, that things were different. How lonely and trying. Was to Y.P.A. meeting.

Wed. Aug.11--was to prayer meeting. Early fell. had doctor nothing serious.

Thu. Aug.12--was to prayer meeting tonight. Ira painted old buggy.

Fri. Aug. 13--Called on Mrs. Schreiber also on Johnsons to prepare for Children's Day.

Sat. Aug.14--came to State road called on Bro Molter, Bro. Klever, Bro. Scheffer. Came to L. Heilman's for the night. Tina and Earl with me.

Su. Aug. 15--preached German at State road Zech. 8:23 At North Grove Zech. 8:23 preached in Forreston Zech. 8:23 Oh, how lonely when I came home. No dear wife to cheer.

Mon. Aug. 16-- had my tooth repaired paid \$2.00 Oh how sad and lonely the hours but God is gracious, near me, keeping me, strengthening me.

Tue. Aug. 17--I was home all day. Received order from Perkins Grove \$20.00 for tending the church one year. Sent 50 cts. for Rainbow paper 50 cts. for Memorial cards.

Wed. Aug. 18-- went to North Grove to organize Y.P.A. Came to J. Schreiber overnight

Thu. Aug.19--called on Zimmerman at North Grove. came home went to prayer meeting

Fri. Aug.20--I was home all day. Oh, for more grace to cheer up more. 5 weeks today my wife was buried and I can scarcely believe it.

Sat. Aug.21--done up part of housework I feel so sad and lonely. I can hardly overcome it. But I have received so much grace and comfort from God.

Sun. Aug.22--Preached in Forreston forenoon I Cor. 13:13 Faith Evening-- II Timothy 2-11-13 good meeting

Tue. Aug.23--Home this forenoon. Call on Bro. Fess 2 Pauls Mr. Joe Billings

Thu. Aug.26--was to class meeting good time good meeting

Sun. Aug. 29--State road Children's Day preached English Nehemiah 6-3 Forreston Children's Day

Mon. Aug.30--Ira washed before school began. Children started school

Tue. Aug. 31--Bro. Rilley called on me. I was glad. Mrs. Davis canned apples for me. Called on Mrs. Schreiber. Had quite a Y.P.A. business meeting.

Wed. Sep. 1--Henrietta Johnson helped me today canning tomatoes.

Thu. Sep. 2--came to Freeport this morning. Fare both ways 50 cts. Ella is still sick in bed.

Fri. Sep. 3--left home for Perkins Grove meetings. Had good meeting. I preached on Neh.6:3

Sat. Sep.4--Good meeting. Rev. Fry preached. Bishop Bowman preached. Glorious meeting. Came home evening.

Sun.Sep.5--Preached at Forreston German I Cor. 3:13 Evening English Neh. 6:3 God was with me in power.

Mon. Sep.6--washed this forenoon picked tomatoes busy all day with house work Got a check from Mr. S. Stome for \$45.00. Gave note for 12 months.

Tue. Sep. 7--Went to Perkins Grove for ponies I had bought. But I returned them instead of taking them with me. found nothing Preached at Perking Grove tonight Zech. 8:23

Wed. Sep.8--today I was to Adeline for a team of horses. found a team to try on Friday. Good prayer meeting tonight

Thu. Sep. 9--paid Mrs. Davis 25 cents to iron. Prayer meeting tonight.

Fri. Sep. 10-- Went to Adeline today. bought a small team. paid \$56 cash Had our S.S. teachers meeting tonight. small attendance.

Sat. Sep.11--was to Freeport. Bought bushel of pears

Sun. Sep.12--State Road German II Kings 5:16 North Grove II kings 6:15-16 Forreston English II Kings 6:15-16

Tue.Sep14--canned pears. was to cemetery. fix around grave hauled dirt away Bought buggy pole \$4.00

Wed. Sep.15--was home this forenoon buggy harness from Rochelle came but it didn't suit sent it back was to North Grove.

Thu. Sep.16--so much work to do at home cannot get away.

Fri. Sep. 17--Rev. Messerschmidt John 9:45 canned fruit baked bread Father Garman \$45.00 heretofore \$50

Sat. Sep. 18--II Tim. 2:2 stayed at J. Schreiber we called on Sister Matterly, Dr. Bowerman, Mrs. Meiser in Lightsville called on Mrs. Franks dinner at Adeline

Sun. Sep.19--Rev. Messerschmidt --Rev. 1:9 good meeting At North Grove Preached Forreston English Heb. 4:16

Mon. Sep. 20--drove to cemetery washed of course had horses shod paid blacksmith Book \$14.10

Tue.Sep.21--paid \$10.00 for Harness called on Sister Schreiber and on Bro. Ruppert. They are sick.

Wed. Sep.22--called on Bro. Ruppert. some better. called on Mr. Billig and Bro. Foss

Thu. Sep. 23--Attende U.B. Conference went out to North Grove practice for Children's Day. Supper at Bolens. Heaters overnight.

Fri. Sep. 24--went from Heaters to Bolens for dinner. Heard a great temperance lecture by Rev. Berkey of U.B. Conf. came home about 5 o'clock.

Sat. Sep. 25--attended U.B. Conf. this afternoon. Rev. Buchwalter preached a great sermon on the human example of Christ--a pattern for man.

Sun. Sep. 26--Forreston preached German Rom. 5:11 Children's Day at North Grove.

Mon. Sep. 27--started to Hoopole 5 o'clock. arrived at Sterling 10 o'clock. left at 12 after calling on Kleinknecht. Came to Hoopole at 5. Drove 60 miles.

Tue. Sep. 28--ministerial meeting this morning was good. God blessed us in our meeting.

Wed. Sep. 29--Sunday School convention convened. very hot, dry, dusty weather.

Thu. Sep. 30--The entire convention was good, the best in attended on this district

Fri. Oct. 1--Left Bro. Summers this morning at 5:30 A.M. Dinner at Kleinknecht in Sterling came home at 20 min. after 8 P.M.

Sun. Oct. 3--Preached English at State road I Cor. 3:13 North Grove--I Cor. 3:13 Forreton James 1:25 Good meeting.

Mon. Oct.4--called on Mrs. Schreiber & Father Garman. Stoner and Ira cleaned the cistern

Tue. Oct. 5--called on Johnson's and Rupperts.

Wed. Oct. 6--called on Garman started to raise circuit money. prayer meeting

Thu. Oct. 7--was to Garwig this afternoon collecting sack of oats was to prayer meeting tonight--not very spiritual. our own fault.

Fri. Oct. 8--Home today. Nothing importnt. I am very lonely tonight. Oh these long evenings.

Sat. Oct. 9--sent Boetcher Mendota \$6.52 apply to note. Received from Susie \$7.00

Sun. Oct. 10--Preached Forreton I Cor. 13:13 Hope Poor sermon in the evening small crowd text James 1:2, 12 No spirit in preaching. Oh, how ashamed I felt.

Mon. Oct. 11--was home this forenoon. was to Bro. Garmans in the country called on Mrs. Schreiber and Bro. Fess tonight.

Tue. Oct. 12--went to Diehl for dinner. called on Mr. Reins & Mother Reins. Supper at Johnsons. Mrs. Johnson's birthday Good Y.P.A. meeting.

Thu. Oct. 14--Went to Freport today for Ezra Ella could not come was to prayer meeting

Sat. Oct. 16--Started for State road. came to Sam Heilmans

Sun. Oct 17--Preached German at St. Road I Cor. 13:13 Faith same North Grove. Forreton Psalm 126:5-6. Oh how small

I felt--No spirit in preaching. I had a narrow escape. My horses came nearly getting away from me. Got frightened at a rope and cow.

Tue. Oct. 19--was home all day. Ezra home on a visit

Wed. Oct. 20--Was to Polo and paid Dr. Houston \$7.50. Good prayer meeting tonight.

Thu. Oct. 21--Started for State road. Dinner at Jack molter. called on Bro Nix. Supper at S. Heilman.

Fri. Oct. 22--made 7 calls. came home at 7:00

Sat. Oct. 23--called on Bro. Ruppert and Mrs. Schreiber.

Sun. Oct. 24--Preached this morning Joshua 1:11 German This evening Rom. 12:1 I was in better spirit tonight. Good meeting in Forreston. Was to M.E. church this afternoon.

Tue. Oct. 26--Helped to clean house. Was to Y.P.A. Business meeting tonight.

Wed. Oct. 27--Called on Frank Schreiber. Had dinner with Mayor. Stopped at A.E. Schreiber Leaf River.

Thu. Oct.28--was to North Grove. made 3 calls.

Fri. Oct 29--Preparing for Sunday. Thank God He has given it seems good understanding in preparing. If He only will give me the power to deliver it is my prayer. Ira is sick tonight.

Sat. :Oct. 30--Was home all day. Ezra & Ella came up from Lee. went Home this eve.

Sun. Oct. 31--Preached English at State Road. I Cor. 13:13 North Grove I Cor. 13:13 Forreston I Cor. 13:13 Good Meetings

Mon. Nov. 1--Called on Ruppert & Schreiber

Tue. Nov. 2--Was to Stengels for dinner. Called on Bro Apples Drove 16 miles

Wed. Nov. 3--Cleaned our dining room. Was to prayer meeting. very good prayer meeting.

Thu. Nov. 4--Had organ fixed --paid \$3.00 was to prayer meeting tonight

Sat. Nov. 6--Was to Freeport. Bought Apples \$2 bu. Earl & Ira shoes--\$3.00 Myself a hat--\$2.00

Sun. Nov. 7--Preached Forreston Rom. 6:20 In the evening Rom. 3:20 Rom 2:13 had good meeting.

Mon. Nov. 8--Made 5 calls today.

Tue. Nov. 9--was to J.B. Meiers for dinner made 3 visits  
Wed. Nov. 10--Dinner at Schreibers made 4 visits.  
Thu. Nov. 11--called on Johnsons. Dinner at Bro Jacobs. 3 calls  
Was to prayer meeting tonight  
Fri. Nov. 12--Prepared this forenoon. Made 4 calls in all.  
Sat. Nov. 13--State road came to John Molter for night  
Sun. Nov. 14--Preached at State Road German Rom. 6:22 Bad  
roads to North Grove preached Eph. 6:11 Forreton Eph.  
6:11  
Mon. Nov. 15--suffered with rheumatism across my chest. Got  
pills from Dr. Ball made 2 calls  
Tue. Nov. 16--made 3 calls this afternoon in town. Felt sick  
tonight.  
Wed. Nov. 17--Home this forenoon. called at Heilmans. Traveled  
one mile. Had a good small prayer meeting tonight.  
Thu. Nov. 18--Made one call this morning. Prayer meeting  
tonight.  
Fri. Nov. 19--suffered last night with a terrible cold. very sick this  
morning a little better towards evening.  
Sat. Nov. 20--Made 2 calls Bro. Ruppert's wife abed.  
Sun. Nov. 21--Preached this morning Forreton John 10 This  
evening Numbers 17:8. Good meeting.  
Mon. Nov. 22-- Called at Schrieber, Ruppert, and Bro. Diehl. I  
was greatly worried today because of the name of Clara  
Diehl was not properly transferred. Tonight I was  
shamefully abused by Cyrus Billig after S.S. election. He  
ought not be allowed to teach class in our School.  
Tue. Nov. 23--very cold. 12 above at 7:30 this A.M. Convened  
meeting. Preached II Timothy 2:19  
Wed. Nov. 24--Had a good night rest. My cold is a little better.  
Went to Phil Molters this afternoon. small meeting  
Preached Psalm 116:12 Dark and wet. Stayed all night at  
Phil Molters.  
Fri. Nov. 25--Came to Sam Heilmans this forenoon. Had a good  
meeting. Preached Mark 2:3-4  
Sat. Nov. 26--Came home about noon. Had sack of potatoes and  
corn. Was at S. Heilmans.

- Sun. Nov. 27--Preached English in Forreston. Gal. 6:9-10  
North Grove--James 1:25 State road Heb. 4:12 Stormy  
tonight. Handed Stover #5.00 parsonage money.
- Mon. Nov. 28--Dinner at Sheffners. Came to J. Millers this  
afternoon. had a small meeting Preached I John 3:1
- Tue. Nov. 29--Went home this morning with grain. State road  
mde up a good donation in grain. very cold going home.  
Had a very small meeting. Preached on Naaman Luke  
4:27. Somehow there seems to be a drawback in one  
meeting.
- Wed. Dec. 1--Was to J. Molders for dinner. Came to J. Sheffners  
for the night. Preached tonight Rom. 11:22. Not such a  
good meeting as ought to been.
- Thu. Dec. 2--Was to Bro. Nix for dinner. Came to Bro. L. Heilman  
for the night. Preached tonight on Ye must be born again.  
Good meeting. deep conviction but no one forward.
- Fri. Dec.3--Came to Bro. Klevers this forenoon. stayed all night.  
Had a good meeting. Preached the rich man.
- Sat. Dec. 4--came home this morning. Quite a consternation in  
town about the article in the Rustler concerning me & my  
church.
- Sun. Dec. 5--I feel very much distressed. Preached German  
Psalm 119:105. Evening at State road. Creation of man.  
His fall & efficacy of the Blood of Christ. Very good meeting.
- Mon. Dec. 6--came home from State road this morning.  
Forwarded order to Thomas & Mattill for Sunday School  
supply. Good meeting at State road. Bro. Scheffner  
preached at Molders. Matt. 5:6
- Tue. Dec. 7--Received from Sister Staufacher \$2.00 for salary.  
Called on 5 families. traveled 21 miles. Good meeting  
tonight. Preached on Cities of Refuge. No one came  
forward. Cannot tell what keeps the souls back.
- Wed. Dec. 8--Called on Stebbins Molter. Bro. Klever came to. S.  
Heilman for the night. Good meeting. Bro. Messerschmidt  
preached on the Impotent man. No one came forward. 8  
miles
- Thu. Dec. 9--Called on Mr. Neuberger. Dinner there. Supper at  
John Eichorn. Good small meeting tonight. Spirit of God

was with us. Preached Numbers 10:29. Stayed at John Molters for the night.

Fri. Dec. 10--Started for home this morning. had dinner at John Scheffners. Called on Bro. Garman.

Sat. Dec. 11--Came to Scheffners for dinner. Meeting this afternoon. Good meeting. called on L Heilman. Was to S. Heilmans tonight.

Sun. Dec.12--Bro Alberting preached for us at State road. I preached tonight I Cor. 4:20 Stayed at H. Scheffners tonight.

Mon. Dec. 13--Went to Freeport this morning. bought cloth for boys.

Tue. Dec. 14--Was home all day suffering somewhat with Rheumatism. Washed today.

Wed. Dec. 15--Had only 3 in prayer meeting.

Thur. Dec. 16--Called on Bro Garman. Good prayer meeting tonight.

Fri. Dec. 17--Chas. Garwig Salary \$7.50 Chas. Botshafter \$5.25 Paid Bro. Garwig \$20.00 on note.

Sat. Dec. 18--Called on Ruppert & Schrieber.

Sun. Dec. 19--Preached German I Cor 3:11 English Zech. 13:1 Forreston Good meetings

Mon. Dec. 20--Received from Bro. Johnson \$5.68 for S.S. Lit. Called on Johnsons, Garmans & Aykins.

Tue. Dec. 21--Went to Brookville to Bro. Bunters. traveled 20 miles.

Wed. Dec. 22--Went to Leave River Called on Bro. E. Schreiber, Sister Mayer, J.W. Schreiber. Traveled 20 miles. very cold. only 3 in prayer meeting.

Thu. Dec. 23--very cold 6 below Miss Zumdahl and L. Galwig were married today. Fee \$10 was to prayer meeting tonight.

Fri. Dec. 24--it seems quite lonely. Called on Schreiber and Ruppert. Bought Henrietta a present. \$1.25

Sat. Dec. 25-- Oh, lonely Christmas Preached Forreston German Matt. 2:11 Poor sermon. I almost feel as though I cannot preach any more. From Garman on salary \$4.00 Total for quarter--\$51.50

Sun. Dec. 26--Went to State road this morning. Preached I Timothy 3:16 Preached North Grove I Tim. 3:16 Forreton I Tim. 3:16 Good meeting last night. Had house full tonight. Dinner at Klevers.

Tue. Dec. 28--Coal \$1.88 Received \$2.00 from 2 sisters. Called on Stahlbut & Rahns. Drove 22 miles. Got picture from Susie.

Wed. Dec. 29--Visited Bro. Apples this afternoon. Drove 14 miles. Roads very slushy. Traveled 1891 miles on Forreton circuit.

Thu. Dec. 30--Home all day. Prayer meeting tonight. I felt the lonely hours today.

Fri. Dec. 31--Made 4 calls. Ruppert, Schreiber, Garman & Pauls. The Society of Forreton presented me with a \$27 fur overcoat. From Mr. Garman \$5.00 on salary.