CHAPTER XIV

PAGES FROM NEWCOMER’S JOURNAL

Without doubt the most famous and most valuable historical document in the archives of our denomination is the Journal, or diary, of Reverend Christian Newcomer. A brief life story of Bishop Newcomer is printed in Chapter I, where reference is made to this Journal. After the death of Newcomer, March 12, 1830, the Rev. John Hildt, a member of the Conference, undertook to translate Newcomer’s Journal from the German script into English. The book, which contains three hundred and thirty pages set in eight point type, was printed in Hagerstown in the year 1834. Bishop Newcomer never intended that his diary should be published, else he would have amplified his entries so they would be better understood. Nevertheless, one can get an insight into the life of a true itinerant preacher of “The Old School,” by reading this Journal. Many of the names of homes and places visited are familiar United Brethren names of the present generation.

It is said there were but three hundred copies of the Journal in the one and only edition. The price of the book is not known to the writer. The Conference secretary in 1836 wrote this note in the minutes: “Brother George (Ochs) complained that he suffered such great loss on Newcomer’s Journal. The brethren pitied him and bought over a hundred dollars worth from him.” Mr. Ochs was probably a layman who had agreed to finance the publication. Bishop Erb personally bought a large quantity of the books and could find no purchasers for them. Dr. Daniel Eberly tried to sell the books in 1859, but was unsuccessful, and left them in the possession of his sister at Shiremanstown. About ten years later he went for the books, only to find his sister had given them away. Today these books are of very great value to those who love United Brethren antiquities. Recently a loyal United Brethren paid fifty dollars for two copies, and the writer was offered ten dollars for his personal copy.

That the readers of this Conference History may get an insight into the activities of our pioneers, we present herewith four portions of Newcomer’s Journal, verbatim. The first portion presents in full his autobiography, which serves as a preface to his journal. The second portion gives the entries in his diary, or journal, from the beginning, October 27, 1795 to December 31, 1798. The third portion gives the entries from January 1, 1813 to December 31, 1816. The fourth portion gives the entries from January 1828 to the close of his life, March 1830.

Autobiography of Bishop Christian Newcomer

I, Christian Newcomer, was born in Lancaster county, State of Pennsylvania, on the first day of February, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty-nine. The name of my father was Wolfgang Newcomer: my mother’s maiden name was Weller.

My father emigrated with his parents in his childhood, from Switzerland in Europe, to America, and their place of debarkation was Philadelphia: his occupation in his younger days was that of a carpenter. He first married a Miss Baer, with whom he lived about a twelve-month, when she died. After being a widower about two years, he married my mother Elizabeth Weller: the fruits of this marriage were eight children, three sons and five daughters: of the brothers, Henry was the oldest or first born, myself the second, and Peter the youngest.

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My parents were both members of the sect of Christians called Mennonites and I believe as far as their information extended, they endeavored to lead a pious life. I do recollect perfectly well, that I have seen them both on their knees many a time before the bed, offering up their prayers or evening sacrifice to God, although in silence. When I was yet very young, the spirit of God strove already with me, and knocked at the door of my heart; but at the time I was ignorant thereof, and did not know what it meant. I do recollect, when in my childish thoughts I reflected on death and eternity, and on getting to heaven or going down to hell, it was always my sincere desire to get to heaven; whenever I saw, or happened to be in company with a person who bore the name of a pious character, I continually felt a wish rising in my youthful breast, O! that I also may once be a good and pious man.

At a certain time I was present when my parents held a conversation respecting my grandmother. They said she was very melancholy and sad, in great doubts about the salvation of her soul, and in distress of being lost;—adding, that she ought not to do so, but cast herself on the mercy of the Lord her God. O! what an impression did this make on my young and juvenile heart. Ah! said I to myself, if such persons as my pious grandmother (for I considered her a pious character) do lament and are in distress on account of their salvation, what will become of me? how shall I appear before the great Judge of all the Universe, to give an account of all that I have done? This impression lasted a considerable time; sometimes I wished, O! that I had never been born, or had died in my infant days, in my ignorance. O! how did fear torment my poor heart; the thoughts of eternity, of being lost forever, continually haunted my imagination:—my pen cannot possibly express the feelings of my tender heart. When I read in the sacred volume in riper years, how the Saviour of mankind was persecuted, betrayed, and abused; yea, ultimately, scourged and crucified, I often shed tears of pity, wondering how the Jews who were his kinsfolk could deal so unmercifully with him; and thought that I surely could not assist in treating even the worst of malefactors in so cruel a manner. I recollect of having once read that the soldiers who guarded the sepulchre of the Lord Jesus Christ after his crucifixion, had reported, that when they were asleep, the disciples of Jesus came and stole the body of the Lord; and this foolish report was believed by the Jews and their children, even to the present day; this made so pitiful an impression on my heart, as to excite within myself the question, who is it that I am in gratitude bound to, that I am not born of Jewish parents? if I were, I would consequently believe the same as they do, and what would then become of me?

O! how my thoughts and dreams of Judgment and Eternity, disturbed my mind. I could see no way how I could be saved; reasoning with myself in this manner,—where so many are lost, and so few saved, thou also wilt be lost. This conclusion bore so heavily on my mind as to almost distract me, being convinced of my sad condition, and knowing no way to make my escape, or accomplish a delivery. In the mean time, the grace of God continued to work powerfully in my heart, I formed resolution after resolution to forsake sin and do better, but alas! all availed not; before I was aware, sin led me captive again. Frequently did I
endeavor to pray, in my ignorance of the plan of salvation; willingly
would I believe and persuade myself that I was one of the happy number
which are saved. I soon made the discovery, however, that I still contin­
ued in the captivity of sin and Satan, the terror of a sin-avenging God,
the fear of Hell; and my own turbulent passions continued to sway their
power without any perceivable abatement. I remember once being in a
field at work, when the grace of God wrought such powerful conviction
in my heart, that I went down on my knees in a hollow place in the field,
crying to the Lord and saying, O! thou blessed Saviour! I will cheerfully be­
lieve in thee, for thou art my Redeemer, and I am the purchase of thy
most precious blood: but something within insinuated doubts, saying, how
canst thou believe thyself one of the redeemed, when thou knowest thyself
ensnared and held in captivity by sin? if thou wouldst confess thyself
a poor captive and lost sinner, then I could save thee: alas! I did not
know that I dared, or was permitted to come to Jesus Christ acceptably, in
my miserable and sinful state. At this time I experienced two different
principles, powers, or spirits warring within me; the first trying to con­
vince and clearly to show unto me, how sinful the natural man is, in the
eyes of a just and holy God; both on account of original sin, and also of
actual transgression, thereby endeavoring to draw me unto God; the second
sought, how he could possibly make me rest secure in my present situation,
by persuading me that a gracious and merciful God would surely look
upon me propitiously, on account of my good moral conduct, and in his
compassion deal mercifully with me, so that there were no grounds of any
apprehension on this account. O! how surprisingly forbearing and long­
suffering did our good God show himself towards a poor wretched and
ignorant sinner, unto him be all the praise, honor and glory for ever,
Hallelujah.

But I have to omit many things for fear of being tedious; one cir­
cumstance, however, which I have never forgotten, nor ever shall forget,
I am constrained here to relate. One day I was harrowing some ploughed
land in a field, quite alone, and riding one of the horses. O! thou eternal
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, even at this time, after the lapse
of so many years, I am unable to pen this circumstance without shedding
tears of gratitude to thee for my wonderful preservation. Reader, stop,
and place yourself in my situation: sitting, as before observed, on one of
the horses, I pulled, in passing a peach tree, a couple of peaches, and ate
one of them, the stone of which slipped suddenly down my throat into
the wind-pipe, so that I was unable to draw my breath. O! the terror
and anguish of soul that struck me; death and eternity staring me in
the face, and my God not reconciled; no comfort, no consolation in the
soul, it is utterly impossible to describe the anguish which seized me at
this instant—suddenly to be removed into another existence, to appear
before the awful tribunal of the great Jehovah, and unprepared! O! kind
reader, imagine if you can, my situation: every thing around me began to
grow dim, my sight failed, a sudden tremor ran through every nerve, I
struggled to catch breath, but in vain: like a dart, an idea shot across
my mind (yea, I believe the good Being my God, sent it) that I should
instantly run my back against the trunk of an apple tree, which stood a­
bout 25 or 30 yards from me, in order to remove the stone and thereby
save my life. No sooner thought than done;—down I came from the horse in an instant, and ran with all my remaining strength towards the tree, though barely able to discern it. At last I reached the spot, bounced my shoulders against the trunk, and out came the peach-stone. O! great Jehovah! how did I rejoice;—pierced by gratitude I sunk down on my knees, giving thanks to Almighty God for the preservation of my life.

I now formed a new resolution to work out my soul's salvation, and no longer trifle away my precious time, which was given to me for the great and noble purpose to prepare for another and a better world. This event made so deep an impression on my mind, that nothing appeared to me too hard or difficult to perform, provided I could thereby gain the salvation of my soul; but alas! all these resolutions, impressions, and emotions, gave me no consolation; the conviction of my guilt and sin still continued to harass my poor though sin-sick soul, and it appeared to me that every individual could read my lost condition in legible characters in my countenance. O! how often have I expressed the wish that I never had been born; but as yet I was ignorant of the blessed Redeemer, the loving Jesus.

Often did I dream concerning the day of Judgment: especially did I dream once to be standing on an extensive, open, and level piece of ground; on all sides, and in every direction, as far as the eye could pierce, there appeared a multitude of people; on a sudden the thunders began to roar in a most wonderful manner, and I thought the day of Judgment at hand. In a moment I saw the Lord Jesus come down from Heaven in his glory—methought he seized me by the arm and drew me forcibly to him; with this I awoke, and instantly leaped out of bed; a ray of hope darted through my mind—perhaps, said I to myself, there is still mercy for poor unworthy me.

Sometime thereafter, a very heavy tempest arose one evening in the western horizon; presently the whole canopy of Heaven was a black darkness;—tremendous thunder following, clap after clap, and the forked lightning illuminated the objects around me, making darkness visible:—this, said I to myself, is perhaps the day of Judgment, of which I have lately dreamed. O! what anguish, fear and terror, took possession of my heart; I walked from room to room, tried to read and to pray, all to no purpose: fear of hell had seized on me, the cords of death had wound about me; I felt as if wholly forsaken, nor did I know which way to turn;—all my prayers committed to memory, would not avail. O! Eternity!—Eternity! I exclaimed,— which way shall I fly? The passage door of the house stood open wide; I saw the rain pouring down, the lightning blaze, and heard the thunders hoar. I ran or rather reeled out of the house into the yard a few paces, to the garden fence, and sunk on my knees, determined to give myself wholly and without reserve to Jesus the Saviour and Redeemer of mankind; submitting to his will and his will alone.

Having in this manner humbled myself before my Lord and Master, unable to utter a word, a vivid flash of lightning darted across my eyes; at the same instant a clap of thunder. O! what a clap!—as it ceased, the whole anguish of soul was removed; I did not know what had happened unto me, my heart felt glad, my soul was happy, my mouth was filled with praises and thanksgiving to God, for what he had done for me, a poor unworthy creature. I thought if ever a being in this world had cause
to praise the Lord, I was that creature. For several nights, tears of gratitude and joy moistened my pillow, and I had many happy hours. For some time I continued in this state of mind; my soul was happy when I arose in the morning, all nature had in my eyes put on a different appearance,—all things had become new, and I was enabled to rejoice all the day long; but by degrees I perceived an alteration in my mind; gradually I lost this pleasing sensation, fear returned again and took possession of my heart more and more, the confidence in God which I formerly was enabled to exercise, was lost; embarrassment and distress again occupied the place in my heart which they had for sometime relinquished.

In this situation I had a conversation with an elder or preacher of the Mennonite society, consulting him, and asking his advice. He counseled me to be baptized, to join the society; and take the sacrament. I took his friendly advice and did as he counseled me to do; but all this did not restore to me the joyful sensation or inward comfort which I had lost; true I was not accused, nor did any person even insinuate any thing derogatory to my religion, but I knew and felt a deficiency of something within.

Several years passed away in this situation; I had become of age, had no family to provide for, and about wealth or riches I had very little concern: all this time I avoided the company of loose and vicious characters, did not dare to be guilty of any sinful act, (taking the word sinful in its worldly acceptation) and as far as I knew, led a moral life; still on consideration and self-examination, I discovered that I had become more sane and frivolous than formerly. My bodily health and strength were perhaps better than what commonly falls to the lot of man; all sorts of labor which I had to perform, would be executed with dexterity and without weariness, so that I was generally held, within the sphere of my companions and acquaintances, the paragon of the neighborhood.

About this time I was at work some distance from home at my trade, which was that of a carpenter. My father was taken sick, and sent for me to return home: after my arrival, he requested me to sit down at his bedside, and thus addressed me:— "Christian, I am sensible that my days are but few in this world, and have sent for thee to arrange some family matters before I die. As your elder brother, Henry, has land of his own, it is my desire as well as the wish of your mother, that she should live with you after my death; we have therefore concluded to sell this home-place to you at a certain reasonable price, and you will pay to your brothers and sisters so much of their portion as they are justly entitled to"

As I had no manner of intention to settle myself or commence house keeping, this proposition of my father did not meet my approbation; therefore, I meekly but peremptorily declined to accede to the proposal, and advised him to sell the place. But my mother and sisters entreated with tears in their eyes, that I should be obedient to the will of the father, and suffer him to act in this matter as seemed best unto him; so their tears and entreaties carried the day, and against my inclination I submitted to the will of my parents. My father grew worse every day, made his last will and testament, and in a short time thereafter expired. Towards the close of his life he became greatly concerned for the salvation of his
soul, prayed heartily and sincerely for mercy, and I have the glorious hope
to meet him again in Heaven.

Henceforth I commenced a new career in my life; before this time
the concerns of the world or the care of sustenance had troubled my mind
very little; but now I had a family to provide for. My mother and sister
remained with me about a year, when the latter got married; and on ac-
count of the occupation of my mother, being a midwife, she was fre-
quently absent from home, therefore I had to seek a house keeper, which
I found in Miss Elizabeth Baer, and entered with her into a state of matri-
mony on the 31st of March, 1770.

The winter following I was taken very ill with the measles, having
taken a severe cold, the disease became dangerous; my throat was so swol-
len as almost to prevent my drawing breath. During this illness it pleased
Almighty God again to give me a clear view of the situation of my soul.
O! what unhappiness did I again experience, what a dreadful condition
did I again find myself in; the conviction of sin was more powerful and
severe than ever,—the burden thereof too heavy almost to be borne.
Sleep did forsake me, the whole world seemed a dreary waste, discontent-
ment and weariness of life subdued every faculty of soul. I tried to
pray and read the word of God, but all was in vain; Heaven appeared
to be of brass, wretchedness and distress had fallen heavily on me; my
continual groaning even distressed the inmates of the house, but I
still continued to sue and cry for mercy.

When I had been for two days and three nights in this misery, I
was reading to the best of my recollection about midnight, in the 12th
chapter of the Revelation, v. 10, 11, 12; at the latter clause of the 11th
verse I made a pause, reflecting—"and they loved not their lives unto
death:" then reading again, "therefore rejoice, ye Heavens and ye that
dwell in them;" the same instant a something (call it conviction or give
it what appellation you please) whispered within me, "this is to say, all
those who are in such a situation as yourself shall rejoice." In a moment
the peace of God and pardon of my sins was manifested to my soul, and
the spirit of God bore witness with my spirit, that God for Jesus sake had
taken away the burden of my sins, and shed abroad his love in my poor
unworthy heart. O! thou glorious Being; how did my soul feel at the
time? only those who have felt and experienced the same grace, will be
able to understand or comprehend what I am about to say. Yes, gentle
reader! if at the time I could have called a thousand lives my own, I
would have pledged them all, every one of them, to testify to the certainty
of my acceptance with God: my joy or rather extacy was so great, that I
was in some measure as one beside himself; not to disturb those who
were in the house locked in sleep, I ran out into the yard to give utterance
to my feelings; there I gave Glory and Hallelujahs to my Redeemer with
a loud voice; my whole heart was filled with gratitude to God and the
Lamb, unto him be all the praise and glory for ever, Amen.

Say not, dear reader! this is enthusiasm. Before this time, (but once) I did not
know, nor did I believe it possible, to experience the pardon of sin in
this life; but now again I was convinced of the reality, although at the
time I never had yet heard, this, what some will call Methodist doctrine
preached.
Several weeks, I am almost ready to say, perhaps the most happy weeks of my life, passed away in this happy manner, my peace flowing like a river, and the love of God dwelling in my soul. I now felt a desire, yea a something within, urging me to communicate this happiness to my fellow creatures, I thought and believed it to be my duty to inform every individual, of the loving kindness of God, and especially of what he had done for my soul; but for fear that I would be considered insane or a fool, prevented my performing this duty; ultimately I determined to go to one of our preachers, who stood high in my estimation, and held a conversation with him on the subject. I related to him with all the fervor of a new convert, what the work of grace had accomplished in my soul; my heart was full of the love of God, and my expressions were perhaps rather fervent; therefore he could not understand me; he thought me hasty, said, that I had formed too stout an opinion in this matter, and might very easily be in error, in believing such professed experience.

When I had left him and was again by myself on my way home, the enemy of souls assaulted me with fearful doubts, only see, whispered he to me, this man is a preacher, a pious character, and is ignorant of this work of grace in his soul, knows nothing of the certainty of his acceptance with God. Who art thou? how should you know more than this good man? would he bestow on you alone, an experience of grace, which it appears he withholds from other pious persons and religious characters? and yet I had imparted unto him, not near all my exercises which I intended to communicate, because I soon discovered that he did not understand me. It was after dark in the evening, I had eight miles to walk, all the way I had to fight a severe combat with the enemy, being afraid I might have expressed the work of grace in my soul with too much ardor and assurance. I held, as before observed, this preacher in high estimation; yea, loved him dearly as one of the best of men and my particular friend, and therefore felt exceedingly distressed that he could not comprehend the true sense and meaning of my conviction, which I intended to communicate to him.

We frequently differed in opinion during the conversation we had on the subject; on my side I maintained the assertion, that a person could, and would surely be conscious of the fact, when God for Christ's sake had shown mercy to him a poor sinner, in granting unto him a free pardon for all his guilt; yea more, I contended that the promised seed of the woman, should also bruise the serpent's head within us; that is to say to subdue the inclination to sin, and to conquer the power thereof in our souls; this my friend would by no means admit, and opposed such a doctrine with all his eloquence manfully; he being every way my superior in the powers of disputation: although I could contend with him no longer, still, whatever he could advance in opposition to my assertions was insufficient to convince me of any error in the premises; but my dear reader, and particularly you, who are yet babes in Christ, suffer me here to drop a caution to you: beware how you enter the dominions of your adversary; profess your Lord and Master at all times, and on every occasion when and where expedient and necessary. To do so, let all the world know you are on the Lord's side, and determined to be an humble follower of the Lord Jesus: but never unnecessarily enter into any disputes, on religious
subjects, with the ungodly, or such persons who do not enjoy the life and power of religion. You may be enticed to the combat, to gratify your vanity in exposing to view the proficiency you have made in religion, or you may think more highly than you ought to, of your talent, power and dexterity to combat your enemy: rely on it, if you are not wholly conquered and subdued, you will at least carry away some wounds, or receive some stabs injurious to your peace of mind, and without application to the physician of souls, they may prove mortal.

This was my case in some measure; after this visit, darkness overspread my mind in a considerable degree, but blessed be God, it was not of long continuance. I called to my Redeemer for help, and the dark clouds were soon scattered, bursting with new blessings on my head; my spiritual strength was renewed, and by Grace I was enabled again to rejoice.

I now felt a desire to pay another visit to my friend, in order to explain to him my views and experience, if possible, in a more evident manner than at the former time, but I was afraid lest he might be offended at my ardour; therefore concluded to write to him on the subject, and endeavor to explain myself distinctly on the assertion made by me, that the seed of the woman must bruise the serpent's head, (or as I expressed myself, the seed of the serpent) within us; that is to say, that by the power of Jesus Christ, the dominion of sin must be totally subdued, destroyed, and wholly eradicated from the heart.

Before the execution of this plan, I received intelligence that my friend the preacher had a severe sickness, and because I believed him not altogether satisfied or reconciled, I made immediate preparation to pay him a visit. On my arrival I found him in bed; I was rather shy and found no liberty within me to commence a discourse. After some time the family withdrew and we were left alone: he then lifted himself in bed, assumed a sitting posture, took both my hands into his own and said:—"Do you know, Christian, and do you yet recollect the conversation and dispute we had together, when you were here the last time; particularly in regard to the seed of the woman and the serpent." I replied, yes, I do know it perfectly well. "Since that time," he continued, "conviction has darted through my mind like a flash of lightning, that your assertion was true, that the seed of the woman can and must destroy the seed of the serpent within me, in my heart; yes," added he, "my dear Christian, I do believe that by the power of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Sin can and must be destroyed in my heart, if I shall be saved." O! how did I rejoice at these expressions; we now were of one mind, we prayed together, the love of God was shed abroad in my heart and filled my whole soul.

Henceforth whenever I was at meeting I frequently felt an urging within me to speak to the congregation, and relate to them my experience; but considering myself unfit for the task, I always declined and kept at a distance. I was esteemed by my neighbors, and most of them wished me well. Often did I pity them unto tears, and felt constrained to tell them what to do to be saved; often would an inward monitor reprehend my neglect in such like manner. Behold! I have given thee a knowledge of thy sin and misery; I have shewn unto thee grace and mercy; if thou wilt not warn thy fellow beings, and recommend unto them the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, thou mayest yet be undone forever. I do sincerely be-
lieve if I had been obedient to the call of God, I should have avoided the misery into which I was once more plunged; but the office of a preacher appeared to me of such importance, and not without cause, I attached thereunto such an awful consequence, at the same time I knew my own impotence and ignorance, that I could not be persuaded to preach, although often solicited by my neighbors to do so; I continued to resist solicitations and entreaties, until ultimately like Jonah, I sought safety in flight, by selling my plantation and removing from my neighbors, into the State of Maryland.

My neighbors in my new abode were generally a good meaning, friendly sort of people, without experimental religion, and but very few if any could be found in our part of the country, with whom I could converse on the subject. Here also did I act again in the same manner as I had done at my former home in Pennsylvania; refused to take up the cross, and disobeyed the call to preach the gospel of salvation to lost sinners. For this reason my misery and distress returned again; I was as if forsaken of my God, and his love which formerly I so sensibly enjoyed, I found myself totally in want of.

About this time commenced the Revolutionary war, between this country and England, which also created considerable distress with me, being conscientiously opposed to war and bearing arms, I was thereby placed in many instances in disagreeable situations, respecting both my temporal and spiritual concerns; I desired to have nothing to do with the war, and be at peace, bearing good will to all mankind.

At the same time I had lost the peace with my God, felt myself deprived of all comfort and consolation, and the misery of my soul continued to increase from day to day. O! the lamentable situation in which I again found myself; I was forsaken by my God, because I had forsaken him—I longed sincerely to be restored to his favor: I had discovered before this time my disobedience to his will, my burying my talents in the ground, by refusing to take up the cross and call sinners to repentance. I therefore came again to my Lord and Master, entreating him to have mercy on me a poor unfaithful servant, promising to be more faithful in the future and submit entirely to his will; but alas! all my entreaties—all my prayers and agonies, seemed to be fruitless; at last the distress of my soul arose to the highest pitch, I persuaded myself, that by my disobedience I had committed the sin against the Holy Ghost, therefore I should find no mercy to all eternity, but be forever lost.

My pen cannot possibly describe the sensation, the anguish of soul, which I felt at this time, and if it could, those only would comprehend or understand it, whose situations had ever been similar to mine; the world, with all its vanities, afforded me no enjoyment, and religion gave me no comfort—because I was deprived of the consolation attending the grace of God in the soul. Sometimes, though not often, I heard a servant of God preach of experimental religion, and of the work of grace in the soul, I knew this to be scriptural doctrine, and was constrained to give it my full approbation, but was unable to realize or draw any benefit therefrom to myself, because my soul was cold and lifeless, and nothing seemed able to touch and tender it. O! thou great and omnipotent God, what a dreadful and miserable situation was I placed in? at last an idea took
possession of my mind, that for the time to come, the spirit of God would no longer strive with me; I might do, or leave undone, what seemed best unto me in this world, there could be no possible difference in the consequence,—at any rate, mercy, the darling attribute, was clear gone, and the punishment could not be greater, as damnation, eternal damnation was my portion, at any rate already; in short, despair had seized my very soul, and distraction of mind seemed the inevitable consequence.

In this situation I was taken ill with a fever, in a short time I was thereby reduced to a weak and low state, felt no longer any pain in any part of the body, and seemed to rest at perfect ease; all the time of this corporeal weakness, I retained the power of mind in a considerable degree;—I expected to die—could recollect perfectly well that I had at a former period experienced the pardon of my sins, and enjoyed the love of God in my soul, but now I was entirely stript of every comfort and consolation; in addition, thereto, a certain something whispered continually in my ear, there is throughout eternity no mercy for you. This something (call it, gentle reader, by any name you please,) whispered so continually, and as I imagined, its voice became stronger and louder, that I thought every person in the room must hear it: ultimately, I said to my companion, as she drew near to the bed, I wonder only, that this thing, which constantly whispers to me, there is no mercy for you, does not cease, but continues all the day long; and then added, I know perfectly well it is not so; though I am very sick, and have no assurance of my acceptance with God, no love of Jesus in my soul—still will I trust in him as well as I can—commit myself to his hand, whether his will with me, be for Life or Death, let it be done as seemed good in his sight. I also was convinced that, had I been obedient to the call formerly mentioned, I should not have had to endure this severe spell of sickness—I therefore made a new promise to my God, that I would be more obedient if again restored to health; no sooner had I formed this resolution, and made this promise, my health was gradually restored and I got perfectly well.

I now was in some measure at ease, but not contented or satisfied. I felt a continued desire again to be restored to the favor of God, therefore made earnest supplication to the throne of grace to bestow on me again, the peace and joy which I had lost. I had selected a certain spot in the orchard for private devotion,—often, yes very often, had I visited this place, wrestling in prayer for mercy, so that by walking to and fro, a plain path became formed through the grass—by degrees I received a spirit of prayer—with joy I repaired, at stated times, to this particular spot, and Jacob-like, wrestled with God saying, “I will not let thee go, until thou bless me;” many a time I arose at night out of bed, humbling myself before God and crying for mercy.

One week passed away in this manner after another, until I almost despaired of success,—but at last, rising one night from my bed, when the family were all asleep, and humbling myself before God, I felt the power of prayer in a more than usual manner. I had not continued a great length of time on my knees, when the heavenly blessing came into my soul, when I again found the long lost treasure which I had sought with so great anxiety. O Lord! how did I rejoice—for fear of disturbing the family in their sleep, I left the house, walked in the yard, toward a spring—here
I gave vent to the extacy of my feelings, shouting and praising God, who had again visited a poor rebel in mercy; my poor soul was so filled with the love of God, that I prayed in my simple, child-like manner. O Lord! take, and keep this blessing in thy custody, for fear if left to my care, I might lose it again by negligence.

From hence forward my peace flowed again like a river, with confidence I could now draw to a throne of grace, crying Abba Father. My whole soul was swallowed up in the love of God—so long as I sensibly felt his presence in my soul, I could shout and triumph in the God of my salvation, and bring to him thank-offerings with joy and gratitude, and when I had for some time reason to dispense with it, I felt miserable. So I went on alternately, sometimes happy, at other times not so, at times full of spirit and courage, at other times disheartened; but whenever I had a longing desire to find Jesus precious to my soul he would manifest himself to me, by blessing me; and I was ready and willing to do and suffer for Jesus sake, all things, which he in his wisdom and goodness should desire me to do or suffer. In this manner I went on for some time, believing it to be the will of God concerning me, to enter the kingdom of Heaven, through severe trials and manifold tribulations; however, my opinion was soon changed on this point, for reading "the kingdom of God is not meat or drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans, 14—v. 17." I concluded with the poet:

Why should the children of a King
Go mourning all their days?

So I determined by the grace divine, to obtain that perfect love which casteth out fear, and is able to rejoice even in tribulation, and say, "although thou slay me, yet will I praise thee."

Since the peace of God was restored again to my soul, the former call to preach the Gospel, or rather, not to preach, only to tell to those around me what the Lord had done for me, returned with redoubled power. It seemed to me to burn like fire in my bones, that it was my duty, and that the Lord required at my hands, to exhort the people to seek the Lord their God, or be lost forever. But as before, my embarrassment also returned, I knew myself so ignorant, so unworthy, so unfit for the task, as to be totally at a loss what to do or how to act: being on the one hand afraid to take up the cross on account of my inability, and fearing on the other, to offend again by disobedience. O! said I, often to myself, what a corrupt creature I am? can there be another like me on earth?

In this manner I struggled a considerable time, unable to surmount the obstacles, or conquer my diffidence, timidity, or disobedience. About this time I paid a visit to my friends and relations, at my former place of residence, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania;—on the Sabbath day, I accompanied my friends to the meeting house, not with an intention to say any thing, but on the contrary, with a resolution to be silent. Sitting for some time, listening with attention to the discourse and exhortations of several of their speakers, I could perceive distinctly that they still continued
in the same ignorance and inexperience of religion as they were when I left them.

It now run like fire through my bones—I felt inwardly constrained to take up the cross; and whereas brethren (namely: the Mennonites,) gave the privilege or liberty to speak, I dared not remain silent any longer. I arose with a sorrowful heart, and spoke with tears in my eyes, to my old friends and acquaintances. I related to them, with all the ability in my possession, how I had oftentimes felt at meeting, when living yet among them; candidly stated my experience of the work of grace in my soul before I left them, and also what the Lord, in his infinite mercy, had done for me since my removal to Maryland. I also sincerely confessed to them that the Lord had required of me, before my removal, to warn them of their danger, and that until this day, I had been disobedient to my Blessed Master.

I was so affected as to be hardly able to speak intelligible; but I stammered as well as I could, and endeavored to recommend to them the grace of God, in Christ Jesus; every person present, was sensibly touched—all shed tears, as well as myself; and I have no doubt, many were convinced that a form of religion, a religion whose habitation is only in the head, and is not felt in the heart, is insufficient to salvation. After discharging this duty, I felt glad that I had been obedient, and an inward satisfaction rested on my mind; however, henceforth I was frequently requested to exhort and speak in public to my fellow beings, which caused many a hard combat to be obedient—it continued to be a severe cross to me—but I always feared that I should lose the peace of mind I now enjoyed, by disobedience.

Already, for a considerable time, I had become acquainted with William Otterbein and George Adam Geeting, two preachers of the German Reformed Church, and had frequently heard them preach in the neighborhood of my place of residence. These individuals endowed by God, preached powerfully, and not like the Scribes: their discourses made uncommon impressions on the hearts of the hearers: they insisted on the necessity of genuine repentance and conversion, on the knowledge of a pardon of sin, and in consequence thereof, a change of heart and renovation of spirit. Many secure and unconcerned sinners were, by their instrumentality, awakened from their sleep of sin and death—many converted from darkness to light—from the power of Sin and Satan unto God. They soon collected many adherents to, and followers of the doctrines which they preached, from the multitude that congregated to hear them. Those persons who held to, and embraced these doctrines, were by them, formed into societies, and were called Otterbein’s people, and the worldly-minded, gave them the nick-name Dutch Methodists, which in those days, was rather considered slanderous.

Whereas these men preached the same doctrine which I had experienced, and which according to my views and discernment so perfectly agreed with the doctrine of Jesus Christ and his Apostles; and blessed be God, although I withdrew myself from the Mennonite society, on account of the want of the life and power of religion among them, I never felt in any wise accursed within for so doing;—on the contrary, have received many a blessing of God when assembled with my new brethren.

The work of grace now spread very rapidly among the German population in the States of Maryland & Pennsylvania: from every quarter re-
sounded the call, "Come over and help us." The harvest was great, and the laborers few.

About this time it was frequently required of me by my brethren, to attend meetings that were appointed by the people without my knowledge; on such occasions I often had to leave home and travel hundred and more miles to attend a two or three days' meeting, which occasioned a considerable loss of time and neglect of my occupation; this also required a great degree of self-denial, and many a sore conflict; and the more I designed to stay at home and attend to my household affairs; the more certainly would it be required of me to go here and there, to this and other appointed meetings, and preach to the people. This brought me often into great straits and required considerable sacrifice of my own worldly interest; but I had to submit, and be obedient to God and the brethren; because the fear still continued to assail me, that by disobedience I might again lose the peace of my soul; in addition thereto, I felt such a burning desire in my heart, for the salvation of poor sinners, that I gave all thoughts of self-interest as chaff to the wind, by simply saying to myself, the salvation of one precious soul is worth more than the possession of the whole world.

At this moment, while writing, a particular circumstance occurs to my mind, which I cannot well avoid relating:—at a time, one of my brethren, a preacher, came to my house and entreated me with tears, to fill several appointments in his place; as his family was in such a situation that he could not possibly leave them, and moreover the appointments were at a considerable distance from his home. I also was very busily engaged in work, which had for similar causes been too long neglected, and therefore refused the application;—not thinking it prudent to lose so much time; but he continued to entreat, urging and insisting on my compliance more and more—ultimately I could resist no longer, and consented to comply with his request. The next morning I set out early on my journey—the distance to the first appointment was considerable, but I reached the place in proper time. At the commencement of the meeting, I felt as if stript of all grace—but glory be to God, when I began to speak, my mouth was filled with utterance—the Lord blessed the word spoken in his name, and we had a good meeting. Just at the same time when I had concluded the meeting, a messenger, a colored man came to the house and requested that the preacher should come along with him, to visit a dying young lady. Immediately I ordered my horse, and made preparations to go with him; after riding a few miles, we arrived at the place, although dark, I could easily perceive that the building was a large, extensive mansion, and on entering I found myself, by all appearance, in the house of very rich and wealthy people. There was the sick young lady, lying on a bed, struggling with the grim messenger; large drops of cold sweat ran from her forehead, and chased one another down her pale cheeks. Parents, brothers, sisters and some other friends, stood around the bed, and were all crying; at this view, a cold tremor run through my whole frame, and shook every nerve. As I drew near the bed, the sick lady stared at me with a look, as if she intended to pierce eternity, without uttering a word; all was silent around me—in a few moments I requested to know why I had been sent for? An old, tall, and lean man, who stood
beside the bed, looking with tears in his eyes on his dying child, said—it is our desire that you should pray for my dying daughter. O God! what was the state of my mind at this moment? an immortal spirit was to all appearance, just about launching into eternity, to try the realities of another world, and I, a poor ignorant mortal, was requested to pray for this soul; I tried to converse with the young lady, but she was unable to answer any question I put to her, only looking steadfastly at me. I endeavored in a few words to fix her attention, and pointed out to her, the merits of a bleeding, crucified Saviour, the lovely Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. After singing a few lines, I sunk down before her on my knees, imploring God, for Jesus sake, to have mercy on her—during the time I was praying, my soul was drawn out to my heavenly father, in a most wonderful manner; never before did I feel the same degree or power of faith; a power from above did run like a stream through my very soul: every person around was sobbing, shedding tears and crying aloud—my heart was so filled with the love of God, that my voice grew still louder and louder, until at last I was unable to utter another sound, only glory, glory, glory, to God and the Lamb for ever.

It seemed as if I should raise my voice to such a pitch that all the world might hear me, yea, that the sound thereof, might echo Hallelujah around the throne of God in Heaven: the sensation and extacy of my soul which I felt at the time, cannot be described, it is above all comprehension, and can only be experienced: the Apostle says eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things that God hath prepared for them that love him: but gentle reader, understand, into the unchanged heart it has never entered. But God, says the Apostle, hath revealed them unto us by his spirit.

Now pray, was not Paul and those to whom he wrote his epistle, such men as ourselves? yes certainly—but mark they were such men, who by the grace of God, had been truly converted, and in consequence, their natural hearts had become changed; but I have here made an unintentional digression, but to return to the subject.

The sick young lady appeared somewhat better; however, when I left her I had not the most distant hope of her recovery and believed most assuredly that she would die. I was pressed to stay all night, but my appointments would not permit me to do so; I therefore, commended the patient to the great Saviour and Redeemer, and returned to the house where we had held the meeting: the following morning I set out to my appointments with a serene and joyful heart; this to be sure was in no way surprising, for I had last evening received, out of the Lord's treasury, such rich provision for my journey.

A considerable time after, it so happened that I again came to this part of the country, and had an appointment at the same house; on my arrival, the brother informed me that the place of meeting had been changed for this time; your appointment, said he, is not here this evening, it is a few miles further, in the gentleman's house where you formerly visited a sick young lady—it appeared that the old man had learned of my coming again into the neighborhood, and had insisted that the meeting should be appointed at his house; to the grand house, therefore, I had to go: this was a great cross to me, a poor, ignorant soul as I was, should stand up
and preach before a congregation of well educated and far better informed persons than myself; in addition it was requested of me to speak in the English language, which at best I could speak but very broken—but what was to be done, go I must, there was no alternative, depending on the master of assemblies for help and assistance, I rode in company with the brother to the great house, here I found a tolerable congregation already assembled, waiting for the preacher—the meeting commenced, I tried to speak as well as I could, with a firm reliance on the help of God, knowing if he would take his cause into his own hands, all would succeed well; presently the burden which pressed so heavily on me was removed—I was relieved from all fear of men, and proclaimed to my attentive congregation, the proffered mercy of God, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Blessed Redeemer, with more than common liberty. While I was yet addressing the congregation, one of my female auditors suddenly arose from her seat, clapping her hands, shouting, jumping, and praising God for what he had done for her soul. But, dear reader! imagine my surprise when I understood, that this, now so happy young lady, was no other than the very same identical person, who, on my former visit, was lying at the point of death, but now restored to perfect health; the joy of her aged parents, and comfort of their declining years. After the conclusion of the meeting, I had a conversation with her, she related to me, that she had been perfectly sensible of all I said to her on my former visit, although not able to speak, yet said she, I understood every word you said; and continued she, I formed instantly the resolution to seek this dear and kind Saviour, the loving Jesus, if it should please God to restore my health: blessed be God, I did not seek long before I found him precious to my soul, the Lord had mercy on me, and for Jesus' sake, pardoned all my sins; I grew better from day to day, until restored to perfect health. O! added she, what shall I render to my God, my heavenly father for all his mercies. O! I am nothing, I have nothing, Lord here I give myself away, it is all that I can do. Amen, said I, taking both her hands into my own—God bless you my dear, prove faithful to your Lord and Saviour, be a burning and shining light to all around, & happiness will be your portion in this life, and a crown of glory in that which is to come.

As before observed, there were a good many people assembled, the grace of Good wrought powerfully among them, and I hope at the great day, we will only see and know, what wonderful work the power of God is able to perform, even by a worm and dust of the earth. Many things have happened to me since that time, often did I bear the burden and heat of the day, often derided and ridiculed by a gain-saying world, and often misconceived, even by my brethren; for all this the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ was ever all-sufficient for me—how often were the following gracious promises made, yea and amen to my soul? "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in wickedness."

"And lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "He shall deliver thee in six troubles, yea, in the seventh there shall no evil touch thee." "When thou passeth through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be-
burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.” “For he that touched you, touched the apple of his eye.”

Now, while writing this, I am upwards of Eighty years of age, and blessed be God! from infancy until the present moment, his parental care and kind forbearance has hovered over me: although often unfaithful, still did he always prove himself to me a God of Love and mercy: and now in my old age, he frequently feeds my hungry soul with heavenly manna; and refreshes my thirsty spirit out of the well of salvation, flowing from the bleeding wounds, and pierced side of my Redeemer and my God. Let the days of my life here in this world, be as many as is pleasing in his sight; they shall be all dedicated to him: I will trust to his mercy and compassion, confident that he will aid me by his spirit, support me in the trying hour, and at last call me home to the bright mansions above, where I shall praise and glorify him forever.

May God grant it for Jesus’ Sake—Amen—Hallelujah.

CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER

ENTRIES FROM OCTOBER 1795 TO DECEMBER 1798

1795, October 27th—This morning I left home, rode through Mercersburg to Spruce Creek, where I stayed for the night. 28th—This morning I am well by the mercy of God, and willing to do and to suffer all things that the hand of my Maker shall lay on me. I had rather a restless night, and when endeavoring to raise my thoughts to God, my mind was diverted, so that I had but a small share of the spirit of prayer; O! what an impotent and unfit creature I am—O! the weakness and poverty of spirit; I thought I should go distracted—but, glory be to God, his loving kindness proved sufficient for me. 29th—This day, I travelled all the day long; about dusk, the path I rode, led me up a tolerable high mountain, the ascent was very steep, I therefore got from my horse, & drove him before me; but presently he commenced ascending at such a gait, that I was unable to follow; by this time it had become dark, and I had lost all sight of him; but blessed be God, on the top of the mountain, I found him waiting for me: in descending, I lost my path; however, ultimately I reached a house; here I stopped for the night, the father of the family was very sick, and extremely glad that the Lord had sent me to him. 30th—This morning the sick man and the rest of the family pressed me to stay and have meeting at their house—when I had given my consent, a couple of the sons gave notice thereof, through the neighborhood: in the evening we had a considerable congregation, the Lord was with us in mercy, and the sick man received a special blessing. 31st—This morning I continued my journey, in the evening I preached to a set of hardened folks, on Psalm 39—v. 5, 6, 7, 8.

Sunday, November 1st—This morning before day I arose, addressed the throne of grace, beseeching God to take his cause into his own hands, and speak powerfully by his spirit to the people: in the forenoon I preached at H. Dick’s, from the ten Lepers, Luke 17—some of the hearers were considerably affected: in the evening, I preached at G. M. on Psalm 2—v. 1, and lodged with old Mr. Redlic. 3d—This day I came to Spruce Creek, staid for the night with G. H.. The Lord was graciously present
in family prayer, the daughter and daughter in law cried on their knees for mercy, glory be to God. 4th—This forenoon I tried to preach here from Math. 7—v. 13, 14; the word was attended with power. In the evening we had a prayer meeting at an old Baptist's house; the old man was very sick and requested our prayers at a throne of grace; tears flowed plentifully on the occasion, and I believe they were on account of the conviction of sin: may the Lord deepen the work of grace in their hearts. 5th—This day I preached at J. N's. to a goodly number of people, but it appeared to me as if preaching was a strange thing among them, though the lady of the house seemed to be touched, and expressed a desire that I should soon visit them again. 6th—This day I preached in St.; the people here have very little concern about their salvation: may the Lord have mercy on them. 7th—To-day I rode to Akwick, and was astonished at the mountainous country which I traversed: what a wonderful fabric is this globe which we inhabit? who can fathom the nature thereof, or of him who created the same?

Sunday, 8th—This forenoon I preached a funeral sermon at J. Sm's; his son had died: the text was 2d Peter, 1; v. 5 to 8, inclusive. After the meeting closed I led the class, and we enjoyed the presence of the Lord. The father of the deceased was especially blessed;—unto God be all the glory forever. 9th—This forenoon I rode 20 miles to my appointment; preached from Luke 17—v. 12 to 19, inclusive; had not many, but attentive hearers; the people are poor, but serious—many cried aloud, and praised God for his mercy. In the evening I preached at R. S's.; from Psalm 40—v. 1, 2, 3; had but common liberty to speak, but the audience were lively. A woman was convicted, and prayed for mercy: may the Lord hear and answer her petition. 10th—This day I preached to an attentive congregation, many were touched to the heart; the meeting was at the house of J. S.; bless the Lord, O my soul! 11th—Riding to-day to my appointment, I lost the way; it was but a path I had to ride. After considerable exertion through brambles and briers, I found the path again;—had to contend all day with manifold temptations:—O! Lord, have mercy on me. 12th—This day, blessed be God, I arrived safe at home.

December 11,—This morning I set out again from home on the circuit, and spoke at the first appointment from John, 3—v. 14., at Virumbach's, in Virginia, by candle light. The 15th, at Frederick Kemp's, from 2d. Peter, 1—v. 5, 6, 7. 16th—At Liberty, from John 3—v. 14 to 18, inclusive. 17th—At Br. Bishop's: in the forenoon I preached from Luke 17—v. 12 to 19, inclusive; in the evening, I spoke at a School House, from Romans 1—v. 5. On the 18th, at Shryack's, from John 3—v. 14. 19th—At Degis's, from Luke 17—v. 14. 20th—At Emmittsburg, from Psalm 1—v. 1. 21st—I had a meeting at Br. Herbaugh's. 22d—I preached at Christian King's, from Psalm 1—v. 5, 6, 7. 23d—I returned home.

January 9, 1796—This day I again left home to take my round on the circuit. 10th—I had an appointment at Brother Ganf's; preached from Psalm 39—v. 6. 11th—At Hoffman's, from 2d Peter, 1—v. 5, 6, 7. 12th—At Brother Kemp's, from Psalm 81—v. 9. 13th—In Liberty, from Psalm, 39—v. 6. Sunday 14—I preached in the forenoon at Br. Bishop's, from Malachi 5—v. 3 to 7, inclusive: by candle light, at Springer's, from
Psalm 81—v. 9. 15th, at Shriver's, from 2d. Peter, 1—v. 5, 6, 7. 17th—At Br. Smith's, from Psalm 39—v. 6 to 9. 18th—At Hoover's, from Psalm 81—v. 39. 19th—At Solius's. 22d—At L. M.'s., from Psalm 39—v. 6. 23d—At Middlekauff's, from Psalm 81—v. 9, 10. 24th—At Shank's Meeting House, from 1st. Peter, 1—v. 5.

February 7.—Today I again left home for the circuit; my first appointment was at Shuey's: here I spoke from 2d Peter, 1—v. 5 to 8. 8th—I preached at Hoover's. 9th—I had an appointment at Kemp's; spoke from Matthew 8—v. 5. 10th—At Bovey's, from the same text. 11th—At Jacob Degan's, from Genesis 19—v. 17. 12th—I preached at Emmitsburg, from Romans 8—v. 17. 13th—At Herbaugh's, from the same words; at candle light, we had a meeting at M. Bear's. 14th—At Peter Stadtler's; the text was Psalm 39—v. 6, 7, 8. On the 15th, I returned home and found my family well.

April 16th—I left home for Pennsylvania. 17th—I was in a place called Turkey. 18th—At the Monocacy. 19th—Held a meeting in the forenoon in what is called Paradise; in the evening at Strickler's. Here we had a two-days' meeting on the 20th and 21st; administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: blessed be the Lord for all his mercies. I preached in the evening at Strasburg. 22d—I had an appointment at M. S's. 23d, 24th and 25th—We had a Sacramental meeting at the Sinking Spring; I preached the first day from Psalm 9: Glory be to God, it was a blessed time. 26th—This day I came in company with Br. George Geeting, to what is called Berner's Church, but we were not permitted to preach therein; so Br. Geeting spoke in the grave-yard adjoining the church, to a numerous congregation, with remarkable power. 27th—We held a meeting at a place called Black Ridge Church; here we were also refused to preach in the church, and brother Geeting spoke in the School House adjoining. 28th—I preached at M. S's., from Psalm 34—v. 15. 29th—Was our appointment at a church called Pibob's; Br. Geeting spoke in the forenoon, and I in the afternoon, from John 3—v. 14. 30th—This day our Quarterly Meeting commenced at Br. Drakel's; I made the beginning by speaking from Luke 11—v. 21, 22.

May 1—This forenoon Br. Geeting preached from Psalm 47; in the afternoon, Br. Boehm gave an interesting discourse from these words: "The Son of man is come, to seek and to save that which is lost." 2d—This day we had a great time: the grace of God wrought powerfully among the people; all were melted into tears, and I hope there was lasting good done. 3d—This day we set out from Swatara; we rode the whole day over hills and through valleys; in the evening we arrived at Shamokin. The people received us friendly; we had a meeting at candle light; I suppose the people here are very ignorant about religion: may the good Lord have mercy on them. 4th—To-day we arrived at Sunbury; all this day long the Lord was precious to my soul, and I was enabled to rejoice in the Lord my God: blessed be his holy name, forever. 5th—This day Brother Geeting preached in Sunbury, from Matth. 28—v. 19, 20. 6th—This day we rode into Buffalo Valley, stopped for the night at Stows; a few persons assembled, and we held a class-meeting; several were concerned about the salvation of their souls. 7th—This day a Quarterly Meeting is to commence here; I am to preach, and feel myself poor and needy:
my prayer is—Lord revive thy work, revive it first in my poor heart, and enable me to say something: to thy name's glory. I spoke from Romans 8—v. 17, with tolerable liberty.

8th—This forenoon, Br. Geeting spoke to the people with demonstration and power; I think not a few were convinced of their awful situation. In the afternoon, I spoke from these words—"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;" the meeting continued. On the 9th we had a powerful time, many poor souls confessed openly that they had rebelled against their God, lamented that they spent their best days in sin and folly, and cried for mercy. Among the rest, a woman came forward leading her daughter by the hand, both crying. The mother said, here is my poor child; for some time she has opposed her husband in religion, but now she is convinced of her error, and seeks an interest in your prayers: the daughter crying, 'O! yes, pray for me, for I am lost forever.' Blessed be God, she, with many others found mercy. In the afternoon we rode to Middle-creek, where we held a meeting in the evening.

10th—We commenced our journey towards home, and arrived on the 12th. On the 14th, 15th and 16th, we had a three-days' meeting at the Antietam, not far from Br. Geeting's.

October 12th—This day I left home for Virginia. 13th—I preached at Henry Crans. 14th—In Millers-town. 15th—A Sacramental meeting commenced at Stoney Creek; I delivered the first discourse from Psalm 40. 16th—Br. Geeting preached with uncommon power. The 17th was a blessed time, many sinners were convicted, and I trust some happily converted to God. 18th—I preached at Snider's, near Lynnville's Creek, from Matthew 5—v. 3. In the evening I came to an uncle of mine, a preacher of the Mennonite society; here I spoke with considerable liberty from Psalm 34—v. 15. 19th I was this day greatly indisposed with a pain in my head, and severe tooth ache, but tried to preach at J. P's., near Smith's Creek, in the forenoon, from Luke 17; and by candle light, from Psalm 34—v. 15. On the 20th I rode to Messinurte; on the 21st preached here with uncommon liberty, from Matthew 5—v. 3. At candle light, I spoke at Br. Hiestand's, from Psalm 34—v. 15. The people here are rather hardened: may God have mercy on them. 22d—This day I rode from Messinurte to the forks of the Shenandoah; staid for the night with Jacob Weaver; he was very sick, and apparently had no knowledge of himself. 23d—I preached at the house of J. Fa., in the forenoon, from the words—"It is time that Judgment should begin at the house of God," in the afternoon the Lion roared wonderfully. 24th—I had meeting at the house of a widow, whose husband had lately died. I spoke from Matthew 5—v. 3; but the people appeared cold and lifeless. 25th—This forenoon I spoke in Newtown, from Hebrew 12—v. 15; the Lord was present. At evening I preached in Winchester, to a large congregation, from Psalm 34.

26th—This forenoon I visited two criminals in this place, under sentence of death, conversed and prayed with them; it appeared to make some impression upon one of them, but the other seemed altogether hardened: may the Lord in his rich mercy grant them a view of their real situation, and save them before it is eternally too late. On the 26th, I again returned home.
December 23d—To-day I rode from home to Chambersburg; the weather was so cold that I could hardly stand it to ride. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY, I preached here in Chambersburg. The 26th, at J. Hoover's; in the afternoon I returned to town, and preached again in the evening; many persons desired that our preachers should visit them frequently, and preach in this place.

January 7th, 1797—This day I went again on the circuit. 8th—I preached at A. Shue's, from Matth. 5—v. 7, 8, 9. The 9th, I came to Br. Hoffman's, spoke from Luke 14—v. 17. The words preached made no impression on the people at this place, because of discord among the brethren: O! for union and brotherly love. We endeavored to settle the difference which existed, and hope I succeeded. 10th—I filled the appointment at Nichodemus's; spoke from Luke 17, of the ten lepers; in the afternoon I preached at Peter Kemp's, from 2d. Peter, 1—v. 5. 11th—At Sprunker's, from Psalm 91.

13th—At Pipe Creek from Psalm 39—v. 5. 14th—At Br. Krebs', from Romans 8—v. 12. 15th—I preached in the forenoon from John 5—v. 24; in the evening at Peter Kemp's, Jr. from Luke 13—v. 7; "Cut him down, why cumber it the ground." 16th preached a funeral sermon, from John 5—v. 24. 17th—I was again at a funeral and tried to speak in the English language, because most people did not understand the German. On the 18th I returned home.

February 3—This evening I preached at Hagers-town, from Romans 8—v. 17. 4th—I set off on the circuit: may the Lord accompany me, and give me grace to preach his gospel. 5th—I preached at Br. Smith's, from Psalm 1; before preaching, I felt my inability and ignorance very severely, but blessed be God, when I am weak the Lord is strong; he manifested his power on the present occasion. In the evening we had a Prayer meeting at Faber's. 6th—This day I preached at Br. Hoffman's, with considerable success. O! that the living Jesus would grant unto poor unworthy me, more grace to do his will in all things. Although I am not worthy, I am needy, by his grace I am determined to continue in the straight & narrow way, come what will. 7th—I preached at J. N.'s, from Luke 13—v. 6 to 9, to an attentive congregation; in the afternoon at Peter Kemp's, from Luke 11 v. 21 to 23, inclusive. 8th—This morning I had to ride 15 miles to my appointment, no matter, when the heart is only filled with the love of Jesus, all things become easy. I arrived at D. St's. in time, and spoke on Hebrew 12—v. 25; in the evening I preached at Frederick-town, from Psalm 1—v. 1, 2, 3. 9th—Bless God for the determination which I felt this morning, to live for God, and him alone: Lord help me to do and suffer thy will. I preached this day from Luke 13—v. 6 to 9; the Lord was with us, especially did he bless us in family worship. 10th—This day I spoke to a little flock, from Matthew 5—v. 9. 11th—I had meeting at Br. Kemp's; spoke with liberty; many of the hearers were lively, especially the young people: bless the Lord. Sunday 12th—Today I preached at Bovey's, from Jeremiah 48—v. 11; the word spoken made considerable impression. At candle light we had meeting at Peter Kemp's; I spoke on Luke 11—v. 21, 22, 23. On the 13th, I returned home.
February 24th—This day I left home and rode to Chambersburg. 26th—I preached at the Rocky Spring, from Luke 13—v. 6; in the evening at Chambersburg, from Romans 8—v. 17. 28th—I preached of the ten lepers, Luke 17.

March 1st—This day I preached at Br. Lehman's, from 1st Peter, 4—v. 1. 2d—I returned home. On the 3d, 4th, and 5th, I attended a Quarterly Meeting of the English brethren, in Frederick county. 7th—This day my only daughter was married to Jacob Hess: may the Lord bless them both; this day also when I had sat down to write this, I received the melancholy intelligence that a cousin of mine, Z. M., was instantly killed by a loaded wagon running over him. O! how precarious is the life of man.

April 16th—This day I preached in the vicinity of Greencastle, from 2d Cor. 5. 18th—I started again on the circuit; preached in the forenoon at Schnebly's school-house, from Psalm 81; in the afternoon, from Revelation 3—v. 21—20th—This day I had an appointment at Br. Stadtler's. 21st—To-day I travelled across the South Mountain to Emmittsburg; here I saw the power of God in the storm. A few days ago, a hurricane passed through these parts, and laid waste everything in its course; on a piece of land perhaps several hundred acres in extent, not a tree was left standing, all were either torn up by the roots or broken off; some of them upwards of three feet in diameter, lying across each other; I found it difficult to get along. I came to a house which the storm had thrown down to the lower story. I preached this day at Brother Herbaugh's; here the storm had also done great damage, the barn was uncovered, several out-houses levelled to the ground; in an extensive orchard near the house, barely a tree was left standing; I do not recollect of ever having witnessed such destruction. O! God, Omnipotent! what is poor insignificant man; when thy guardian care and protection is withdrawn—thunder, lightning, storm and wind, all call aloud—" set thine house in order, and prepare to meet thy God." 22d—I preached in the afternoon in Emmittsburg, from Hebrews 12; v. 15; in the evening, at John Kr., from Revelation 3; v. 19, 20; here I had a large congregation, but what impressions were made, if any, is known alone to the searcher of hearts. 23d—This morning, blessed be God, I am well: my prayer to God, and sincere desire is to love my Saviour with a perfect heart; I preached to day at Pipe Creek School House, from Hebrews 12; v. 15; rode to Liberty, and put up for the night with old Brother Adam Lehman. 24th—This day I preached here from Revelation 3; v. 19, 20. 25th—I had an appointment and preached at John Bovey's; in the afternoon at P. K.'s. 26th—This day I had meeting at Peter Kemp's, sen.; while speaking, I was very sensible of my own inability; without grace I can do nothing: O! Lord, revive thy work in my heart—O! for more true religion and sincere piety; then I believe my preaching could be of more effect. 27th—This day I had two appointments; in the forenoon I preached at J. N.'s., on Carroll's Manor; in the afternoon at Fr. Hoffman's, from Genesis 19; v. 11; rode after meeting to P. K.'s, and lodged there for the night. 28th—This morning I felt the Lord precious to my soul in private prayer, preached at A. S.'s, from Revelation 3; v. 19, 20; rode from thence home, and found my family well: bless the Lord.
The next day, April the 29th, I again left home for Pennsylvania: my prayer is, continually, O! Lord, create in me a clean heart, bless my family and convert each of them. I rode this day a considerable distance, and staid for the night with a certain M., in York county: may the Lord bless him and those of his household. Sunday 30—Bless the Lord that I am yet on praying ground; Lord Jesus, be thou with a poor worm, and grant that he may this day speak in thy name, and in thy power, to poor sinners. This day I came to Bleymeister’s, and preached from Luke 17; v. 13, 14, 15; the people here were very attentive; in the afternoon I preached in Frey’s church, from 1 Peter 4: v. 17; the word seemed to take effect, several persons burst into tears: bless the Lord for all his mercies; O! that thousands on thousands might be converted to God. I lodged this night with Brother B. St.

May 1st—This day I preached below Lancaster, from Luke 17; v. 12, 13. 2d—I did not rest well last night, but still my heart was thankful that it was out of hell; had two appointments this day; the Lord was with us, glory be to his name. 3d—This day I rode to the Schuylkill, and lodged with a preacher of the Mennonites. 4th—This morning we crossed the Schuylkill river, Brother Boehm, Crum and two more, were in company; we all staid for the night with Brother John H., in Springfield. 5th—This day we visited friends in these parts. 6th—This day we arrived at Peter Kober’s, where a three days’ meeting is appointed. About eight days ago, Brother Kober’s barn was struck by lightning, and nearly the whole building was consumed. 7th—This day I preached from Hebrews 12; v. 17; the work of grace appears to the people in these parts, (a few excepted) a strange doctrine: O! may the Lord have mercy on them. 9th—This day I preached near the Lehigh river, from Romans 8; v. 17; here also the people are very ignorant with respect to experimental religion; O! what moral darkness; Lord, speak, and light will illuminate their minds. 10th—To-day I arrived at Bethlehem, a Moravian town. One of the brethren accompanied me in visiting the school and other institutions; neatness and cleanliness prevailed throughout, and I can say, that I never have seen a place of such morality. I made the inquiry, of several individuals, whether they enjoyed experimental religion in the soul; some of them answered my queries handsomely, but to others the question appeared rather strange, or perhaps inquisitive: may the Lord convert every soul of them that are yet unconverted, for they are surely a worthy people. I crossed the Lehigh river two different times to-day, at Bethlehem and Allens-town; at the latter place I also had to cross a stream called Jordan, then through Mauch Chunk at the Big Spring, to Macedon. I called at a rich man’s house and requested to lodge with him, but he refused to receive me; so I put up at a public house. At bed time, I requested permission of the landlord to have family prayers, which was readily granted; with the observation, he wished to have all such customers. 11th—This day I came through Koonstown and Reading; in the latter place there are many Germans, but it is to be feared not many that love God and work righteousness; O that the light of mercy may beam upon their benighted minds. At night-fall I arrived at a friend’s by the name of J. Hemp, who entertained me very friendly. 12th—To-day I remained here to rest myself, but time hung heavily upon me. 13th—This day a great meeting
is to commence at the Sinking Spring: O! may Almighty God grant his blessings, for Paul may plant and Apollos may water; the increase is of the Lord. Brother Draksel delivered the first discourse; the good Lord displayed his power. 14th—Brother Fremmer preached first, other brethren followed, then we broke bread in remembrance of the dying love of Jesus; the Lord was present in his saving power, and there was a great collection of people from far and near; many of them felt the spirit of God striving powerfully with their souls: to me it was a blessed time;—the meeting continued. 15th—I lodged at Brother A. K's. 16th—This day I feel determined by grace divine to love my God supremely. 17th—To-day I preached in Heller's church from 1st. Peter, 4; v. 17, with great liberty; the people seemed greatly affected at meeting while under the sound of the word preached; but I believe many do stifle the good impressions, by vain discourses when returning to their homes. Lord have mercy on the people. 18th—This day I preached at Strasburg, from Phillippians 2; v. 12, 13; my mind was seriously concerned for the salvation of souls. After meeting I visited a sick man, apparently near his dissolution; I prayed with him: O! may the Lord visit his soul in mercy. 19th—This morning I enjoy bodily health, but am rather poor in spirit: O! Lord, revive thy work in my poor soul; to-day I had an appointment to preach at Brother Martin Boehm's. 20th—This day a three days' meeting commenced at Brother Abr. R's. Br. Christian Crum preached first; I gave an exhortation. We had, blessed be God, a good time. 21st—This day the grace of God was powerfully displayed; several brethren delivered the word with energy and power; on the sacramental occasion we had a melting time, many approached the table of the Lord with streaming eyes. 22d—This forenoon we had our Love feast; it surely was a great time; the brethren and sisters spoke freely and feelingly of the dealings of God with their souls, many were filled with the dying love of Jesus, some even to overflowing, even my poor soul received a substantial blessing: glory be to God and the Lamb forever. 23d—This day I had to transact some worldly business, by which my mind was in some measure disturbed; towards evening I had again collected myself and staid for the night with Br. Ewi. 24th—This forenoon we had a meeting at Liberty; in the afternoon I preached in Schaffer's-town, from Luke 17; v. 12; at candle-light we held another meeting, the people were very attentive; may the Lord grant them grace not to be forgetful hearers of the word, but doers of the same. 25th—This day I came through Meyer's-town, and had a meeting at old Br. Martin Shuey's. 26th—To-day I preached in a school-house near the Little Swatara; the word made considerable impression: bless the Lord for his goodness. 27th—This day a Sacramental meeting is to commence at a certain Martin Krider's, near Lebanon: O! Lord, bless the meeting, that sinners may be converted to God, thy children, revived, and backsliders' reclaimed. Brother Crum delivered the first discourse; in class meeting the Lord was especially near, many hearts were tendered, and tears flowed in abundance.

Sunday 28th—Before day this morning, I received a powerful blessing at the hand of God; I could not remain any longer in bed, but arose, praising and shouting, giving glory to God for all his mercies and compassion to unworthy me. Br. Boehm preached the first sermon this fore-
noon; Br. Crum followed; in the afternoon I spoke from Psalm 2; v. 5 to 8; in the evening we celebrated the dying love of Jesus by partaking of the Lord’s Supper. 29th—This was the last day of our meeting, and the best day of the feast; many were so filled with the love of Jesus, that like at Pentecost, they appeared drunken; my heart also was not left empty, but how can it be otherwise when grace flows so abundantly out of the well of salvation: all may partake, all may come and drink of the water of life freely, without money and without price. In the afternoon we departed from our brethren, rode through Millers-town, crossed the Swatara river, and lodged at Mr. Snyder’s, who received us very friendly. 30th—This day we had a meeting at Mr. Hahn’s, in Beckston; the people paid uncommon attention to the word spoken; the grace of God wrought powerfully among them; nearly all of them promised to seek the Lord: may God strengthen this resolution. This evening we came through Harrisburg, crossed the Susquehanna, and staid for the night with Br. John Erb. 31st—This morning I felt myself in good plight, both bodily, and spiritually, for which I desire to be truly thankful; visited several families in these parts, and came to Br. David Sneider’s, on Canogoquin, where we were received with gladness and very friendly entertained: may the Lord bless them for it abundantly. I found a preacher here of the Mennonites; in conversation we happened to stumble on the subject of the straight gate, mentioned by our Lord in his sermon on the mount; he would have it to signify conscience, and contended strongly to maintain his opinion: may God grant him a better knowledge of his word. Sister Snider told me she had felt for some time past a desire to be baptised, but at the present time this desire was lost; she therefore felt some anxiety of mind, but assured me that whenever this desire would return, she would take up the cross and be baptised: may God baptise her with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

June 1st—This morning we made an early start towards home. 2d—This forenoon about 11 o’clock we arrived at my house; at 3 o’clock we had a meeting, Br. Draksel and Crum both spoke with power. 3d—This morning, blessed be God, I am in good health, and more than ever determined by grace divine, to offer myself up a living sacrifice to my Lord and Master, to spend and be spent in his service; this day the Sacramental meeting commenced at or near the Antietam; even at the beginning the Lord was present in power. In the evening we held a prayer meeting at Br. Samuel Baker’s; several brethren from Baltimore were present; we had an excellent time.

Sunday 4th—This forenoon, William Otterbein preached from Ephesians 2; v. 1 to 6, inclusive. O! how conclusively did he reason? how did he endeavor to persuade his hearers to work out the salvation of their souls? how did he try to convince all of the necessity of vital, experimental religion, and a thorough change of heart? The congregation of people was uncommonly large, and all seemed to pay the most profound attention. Poor unworthy me had to exhort after him; then Otterbein and Geeting administered the Lord’s supper; Br. Draksel preached in the afternoon. 5th—This day we had an exceedingly glorious time; a great number, both males and females, young people and hoary headed sinners were convicted, and some happily converted to God: blessed be the name of the Lord,
he is gracious and full of mercy. 8th— I tried to preach in Hagers-town. 9th— In McConnell’s Cove, in Pennsylvania. 10th—To-day I had to ride a considerable distance in a very mountainous country, to my next appointment.

Sunday 11th—This forenoon I preached from 1st. Peter, 4; v. 17, to attentive hearers; in the afternoon at Little Conococheague, from Romans 8; v. 17. 12th—I returned home. 13th—I rode to Martinsburg, Berkley county, Virginia. 14th—This day I heard a Mr. Wm. Ball preach in Martinsburg, in the Court House; he called himself a Universalian preacher. After preaching, I had a conversation with him with respect to his doctrine which I heard him advance; he said it was unnecessary to preach any future punishment; said Moses did not know more of futurity than his horse, at least he wrote nothing about it; that our God was a benevolent being, and that it was his duty after bringing man into existence, not only to provide for, but to deal kindly with him, just as much as it was the duty of parents to provide for their offspring, and do them all the good they stood in need of: poor soul! I thought the man had lost his senses and was deranged, a more fit subject for the hospital than a preacher of the gospel; I therefore prayed that the Lord in mercy might restore to him his reason, and convince him of the error of his way. On the 15th I returned home.

August 9th—This day I left home for the Warm Springs, in Virginia; came no farther than Hagers-town, where I staid for the night. 10th— I rode in company with Br. Schmucker, to the Springs. On the way my heart was made to rejoice, by hearing my fellow traveller relate the dealings of God with him. 11th—This day we spent at the Springs. 12th—To-day we had a meeting eight miles distant from the Springs; I tried to preach first, from Matthew 10; v. 28, 29, 30.

Sunday 13th—This was truly a day of grace. Br. Geeting preached this forenoon; Br. Schmucker in the afternoon, at the Springs. 15th and 16th, was a two days' meeting appointed at Sleepy Creek; I spoke from Romans 8; v. 17. At the conclusion of the meeting, a man who was affected with the epilepsy, fell to the ground and cried aloud. This frightened a goodly number; some of them cleared out as fast as they could run; others began to pray, who perhaps had never prayed before; the people requested that we should soon visit them again. On the 17th I returned home.

Sunday 20th—This day I had an appointment at the widow Ewi’s; in the evening I visited a sick man, who to all appearance is near trying the realities of another world: O! how necessary it is, to reflect when in health, on death and eternity. 21st—The sick man died. 23d—This day I preached his funeral, from Psalm 39; v. 6 to 9. 26th, and Sunday 27th, we had a Quarterly Meeting at my house; it surely was a blessed time. 28th—This morning I left home for Baltimore. 29th—I arrived in the city; this evening I saw a very large and bright comet in the firmament. 30th—This day William Otterbein left the city; I had come to serve in his place until his return: may the Lord grant me wisdom to perform the task faithfully, and discharge my duty without the fear of man. 31st—I visited some of the friends in the city.
Sunday 1st—This day I went down to what is called Fell's Point, to see a Frigate on the stocks; it is an enormous vessel, and is nearly ready to be launched or let down into the water. Whilst viewing this ship, I said to myself, what a pity that men are not as diligently employed in saving their souls, as they are in finding out and providing ways and means to destroy each other.

Sunday 3d—This forenoon I preached in the church, from Romans 8; v. 17; in the afternoon, from Psalm 39; v. 6 to 9. 4th—This day I again visited friends, among the rest a sick sister; it delighted my soul to hear her speak so intelligibly of the plan of salvation. In the evening, we had a blessed Prayer Meeting, which was numerously attended.

Wm. Otterbein returned to the city on the 5th, in the evening. 6th—I visited a few of the brethren to take leave of them; at 12 o'clock I left the place, and rode 27 miles to the Poplar Springs, where I lodged at a public house. 7th—This evening I came to Br. Peter Kemp's, and staid for the night. 8th—This day I visited Br. Geeting; from thence I rode home and found my family well.

September 19—I left home again on a journey to Virginia. 20th—I reached Newtown; here I met Br. Geeting. I preached in the evening from Revelations 3; v. 19, 20. 21st—This evening I preached in Woodstock, and staid for the night. 22d—This day we had meeting at Br. Ja. P.'s, in New Market; I spoke from Romans 8; v. 1; the Lord was present with saving power; in the evening we had a meeting at Mr. Steffy's, and staid here for the night. 23d—This morning I felt myself well in body and spirit, received very early a particular blessing in private devotion; we started for our appointment in Rockingham county; at 11 o'clock a three days' meeting commenced at Peter Myer's; I spoke first, from 1st. Peter, 4; v. 17; with considerable liberty, but to all appearance it made but faint impressions.

Sunday 24th—This forenoon Br. Geeting preached with remarkable power, from these words: "Whosoever will be my disciple, let him take up his cross and follow me." I exhorted after him: glory be to God, the Lord was present. Then we administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; at candle light we held a meeting at a Mr. Klein's; several young people were effected and prayed heartily to God for salvation. Blessed be the name of the Lord, may he deepen the work of grace in their hearts. In the evening we had a meeting at Mr. Homan's; here also we had a good time. 25th—This day our appointment was with Henry Geeting, son to Brother George Geeting; I spoke from Luke 17; v. 12, 13. On account of a very severe cold which I had taken, I was so hoarse that I could hardly speak; staid for the night with Mr. Brunk. 27th—This day I preached at a School House near the Shenandoah river, to a numerous assembly, from Luke 17; v. 12 to 15; by all appearance the word took effect: in the afternoon I rode to Messinurte, and staid for the night with a relative, who entertained me very friendly, but it seems cares very little about religion: O! may the good Lord grant him to see the importance thereof, before it is eternally too late. 26th—This day I preached at a widow's house, to a numerous congregation, who received the word
freely. Among the hearers were two German Baptist preachers; I had liberty to declare the counsel of God: glory be to his name. I believe some of my audience enjoyed religion. 29th—This day I visited Br. Zehring, in Woodstock; rode to John Funkhouser's; here I met again with Br. Geeting, and staid all night. 30th—This day a Sacramental meeting commenced in Frederick county. I delivered the first discourse from 2d. Peter, 1; v. 5 to 8. The people were uncommonly effected; tears flowed abundantly; among others, an aged man came forward with tears trickling down his cheeks, beseeching us to pray with him. With pleasure his request was granted; before the close of the meeting, he experienced the pardoning love of God in the remission of sin, and went home rejoicing; bless the Lord, O! my soul, for the riches of his grace. Br. John Senseny and his companion desired to be baptised, and made a profession to serve the Lord. I baptised them with water: may God for Jesus sake baptise them with the Holy Ghost. Sunday, October 1—This forenoon Br. Geeting preached with power and unction from above; then the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered; in the evening I preached from Psalm 1, and on the 2d, returned home.

October 4th—I again set off in company with Br. Geeting, on a journey to Pennsylvania: may the Lord be with us in mercy; guide, guard, and direct us by his unerring spirit. In the evening Br. Geeting preached in Chambersburg. 5th—This day we travelled through Shippensburg and Carlisle; at night we held a meeting at John Rupp's—I spoke from Romans 5; v. 1. 6th—This day we crossed the Susquehanna; rode through Harrisburg, Hummelsdorf, Millers-town, and lodged in Lebanon. This evening I had to encounter a severe temptation; the power of darkness seemed to hover around me; I cried for helping grace to the Lord, who answered my prayer. 7th—This forenoon we had a blessed meeting at Br. M. K's.; in the afternoon we preached at Lebanon, rode then to Shaffers-town, and staid for the night with Ph. M.

Sunday 8th—This day the church in this place is to be dedicated to God: may the Lord assist to perform the task in a manner acceptable in his sight. This forenoon, the Rev. Mr. Wagoner delivered the first sermon; in the afternoon, Br. Geeting preached with a great blessing; by candle light, the Rev. Mr. Hendel delivered a handsome discourse. 9th—The Rev. M. Rahauiser preached in the forenoon; in the afternoon, the Revd's. Lochman and Williams; in the evening I preached from Hebrews 2; v. 3. 10th—This evening I preached at Mr. Sentmeyer's. 11th—This day I arrived at my father-in-law; since my last visit, which is about six months, several of my acquaintance has died; one of them was my brother-in-law: O! how fleeting and transitory is the life of man. 12th—This evening I preached at the house of St. Kr. 13th—This day we held a meeting and preached in New Holland; visited several families. At night I preached at Jacob Bochman's, to a numerous assembly, from Psalm 81: "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it:" we had a warm meeting. 14th—This day a three days' meeting commenced at Br. Martin Boehm's. I spoke first, from 1st. Peter, 3; v. 10, 11, 12, with considerable liberty. Brs. Fremmer and Geeting followed in exhortation; at night we had a good meeting at Br. Geo. Auers.

Sunday 15th—Br. Geeting preached this forenoon; at the time of
breaking bread many were greatly effected; in the evening, I attended
a Prayer meeting at the widow Kindige's, a pious sister. She entreated
her Heavenly Father with tears for the conversion of her children: may
God grant her the request. 16th—To-day the meeting was brought to
a close; the best wine had been withheld unto the last; this evening I
preached at Br. B. B.'s. 17th—This day we had a meeting about six
miles from Lancaster, at Chr. N's.; Br. Geeting spoke first with great
power; I exhorted. A Mennonite preacher also rose and gave testimony
to the doctrine advanced. I staid for the night with my natural sister,
in Lancaster; she appears to be religiously inclined, but her husband is
indifferent about religion; his only concern appears to be in amassing
the riches and treasures of this world: may the Lord powerfully arrest
him. 18th—This day I held a meeting at Abr. Hershey's; preached from
Luke 13; v. 24; it seemed that the word spoken made some impression.
I staid for the night with my brother-in-law, Abr. Buckwalter. 19th—
I preached at Henry Brenneman's, from Psalm 32; v. 5, 6, 7. 20th—
This day I preached not far from Elizabeth-town, to a numerous con­
gregation. Among the hearers was a preacher of the Moravian society;
after I had concluded, he arose and gave his approbation to the word
spoken; at night I preached in Middle-town, to an attentive people.
21st—This day a Sacramental meeting commenced in Redland, York
county, Pa.; Br. Fremmer spoke first; I followed him; staid for the night
with a Mr. Baer.

Sunday 22—This forenoon, Br. Martin Boehm delivered the first
discourse; then I spoke from Hebrews 2; v. 3. While I was speaking,
a young woman suddenly arose from her seat and exclaimed, O! Lord,
I am lost. This created a stir in the congregation; one of the Trustees
went down on his knees and cried for mercy. Another woman commenced
crying out that the Lord should have mercy on her; her husband hearing
her, made his way to the seat, and there they both wept bitterly: bless
the Lord. To me and many others this was a precious time. 23d—This
forenoon we had our Love feast; the brethren and sisters declared willingly
what God had done for their souls, and when the meeting had closed,
they retired, greatly strengthened and encouraged. At night I preached
three miles from Carlisle, from Psalm 34; v. 17. 24th—This day at
Meyer's church; but a few assembled, on account of wet weather; rode
this evening to John Sneider's; held a Prayer meeting; the people re­
quested that we should visit them also, and dispense unto them the
word of life. 25th—This day I travelled through Shippensburg to
Chambersburg, and lodged with A. L. This day I was very sensible of
my own unworthiness: O! God, create within me a clean heart. 26th—
I returned home.

Sunday 29—This forenoon I preached at Carey's meeting house; at
night at Peter Poller's, from Isaiah 44; v. 22. 31st—I left home to go round
the circuit, preached at Chr. King's, from Romans 5; v. 1, 2, 3. About
dusk I came to old Br. Hoover's; he had lost his companion since I was
here the last time.

November 1st—This evening I preached at Emmittsburg. 2d—This
morning I felt exceedingly poor, and stripped of all grace; O! God, how
shall I preach to my fellow men; when I do not know what to say, I am as
a skin in the smoke, yet will I remember thy testimonies. O! my soul, tarry and abide with God, and he will make all things well. I preached this forenoon to a number of people, from Romans 5; v. 1, 2, 3; many hearts were effected; some of them began to shout. 3d—This day I spoke in Woodsbury, from Luke 13; v. 24 to 28; here are a few that receive the word with joy. I came this evening to John Stahl's, and staid for the night. 4th—This day I tried to preach here, from Matthew 5; v. 3 to 6, inclusive.

Sunday, November 5—This forenoon I preached from Romans 5; v. 1, 2, 3; rode to Peter Kemp's, Jr., and preached from Isaiah 44; v. 22.

6th—This day I crossed the Monocacy, found Br. Peter Kemp, sen. very ill. I gave an exhortation and prayed; the sick brother rested this night tolerably well. 7th—This day I preached at the Manor, at John Ni's., from Matthew 5; v. 3 to 6. 8th—I spoke at Fr. Hoffman's; from Isaiah 44; v. 22. 9th—I returned home, found my family well; presently received intelligence that old Br. Daniel Lederman had departed this life, and is to be buried the day after to-morrow. 11th—This day I attended the funeral of Mr. Lederman. Sunday 12—This day I preached at Martinsburg, Va., from 2d Peter, 2—v 2. 20th—The weather was cold, and so were my hearers; they considered for some time, whether they should suffer me to preach in the church; may the Lord have mercy on them.

December 29—This day I preached at Palmer's, to a numerous congregation. 25th—Christmas day, I was at the funeral of sister Shank; Br. Geeting spoke first, I followed him; this evening Br. Caleb preached at my house with power and great blessing. 26th—This forenoon I preached at Peter Stodtler's, rode thence to Br. Nichodemus's, and staid for the night. 27th—I preached at Emmitsburg, from John 3—v. 14, 15. 28th—at John Kr's. from John 1; v. 8; rode to Woodsbury and lodged with a Mr. Moses Greybill; found him in distress for the salvation of his soul; may the Lord remember him in mercy. 29th—This day I tried to preach here from John 3; v. 14, 15. Br. Kesler came and we rode together to L. St's. and staid for the night. 30th—This day I preached from Luke 2; v. 29, 30, 31.

Sunday 31st—This forenoon I preached at Br. Bovey's, from John 3; v. 16 to 18 inclusive; in the evening from John 1. He came unto his own, but his own received him not, &c.

January 1st, 1798—This day I preached at old Peter Kemp's, blessed be God I had power and liberty to declare the counsel of God. The English brother Diehl was also present, and spoke after me. 2d—I preached at the Manor, from John 1; v. 11, 12, 13. 3d—At Br. Kemp's, this was a blessed meeting: rode in the afternoon to Peter Kemp's and stayed for the night; where I read the best part of the night, in a book written by Joseph Allien, a very valuable work; he treats the subject of conversion in a masterly manner. 4th—This day I reached home with considerable difficulty, owing to the sleet, it was dangerous to ride, but the Lord preserved me from all evil; my family was well, but my old neighbor, Conrad Hogmire, had departed this life.

On the 13th & Sunday the 14th, a two days' meeting was held at Andrew Smith's, it was a good meeting. 17th—To-day I preached at George Ewi's. This day I rode to Sam. W's: at candle light, we had meet-
ing at old sister Ewi’s. 21st—I preached at Carey’s, from Luke 11; v. 21, 22, 23. 22d—I was home; at night Br. Caleb Ci. preached at my house with power—bless the Lord. 23d—This day I left home; in the evening I preached at Br. Nicodemus’s, from Luke 11; v. 12 to 15. The 24th I preached at Emmittsburg, from John 5; v. 6; rode to Br. Krebs’s and stayed with him for the night. 25th—I preached from Psalm 1; v. 3, 4, 5, and held class meeting; when our good Master, in his rich mercy, did bless us powerfully; rode to Woodsbury and lodged with Br. Greybill. 26th—To-day I preached here, from John 1; v. 16 and 17. Although I spoke with considerable liberty, still the word did not appear to make the desired impression, but I suppose the fault is in me. O! that I had more of the mind that is in the Lord Jesus, then I would be more useful. 27th—This day we had a most dreadful snow storm, which prevented the people from attending meeting; towards evening I rode to John Cronise’s and stayed for the night.

Sunday 28th—This was a remarkably cold day; in the forenoon I preached at Bovey’s, from John 1; v. 16, 17, 18. In the afternoon at P. K’s., from Matthew 19; v. 27 to 29, inclusive. 29th—This day I visited a sick man in Middletown, and held a meeting at Jacob Bowlus’s. 30th—I returned home.

February 1st—This day I left home again for Carlisle. On my way I visited several friends and lodged for the night with brother Andrew L’s. We had a profitable time in conversation and prayer with several neighbors, who had visited the house in the evening. 2d—This day I visited several families in Chambersburg; rode to John H’s.; formerly this man was deeply concerned for the salvation of his soul; but alas! he is again turned to the husks; what a pity: may the good Lord look on him in mercy and heal his back-sliding. I rode to a certain P. B’s.; formerly a school-fellow of mine; had not seen him for a long time. Here I met with a friendly reception, and was rejoiced to find him and his companions determined to find their way to heaven. 3d—This day I came through Shippensburg and Newville to Br. David Snyder’s; the appointment which I had sent had not arrived; therefore, hearing that a Mennonite meeting was appointed in the neighborhood, I concluded to attend the same.

Sunday 4th—On my arrival this morning at the meeting house, the preacher requested me to preach in his place. I spoke from John 3; v. 16 to 18 inclusive; may the Lord bless the word spoken. In the afternoon, I preached at the widow Bear’s, from Luke 11; v. 21 to 23. The 5th—This day I visited several families in these parts, and stayed again with Br. Snyder for the night. 6th—I rode to Muckville Township, and lodged with one Miller. 7th—This forenoon I preached to a numerous and attentive congregation, from Luke 17; v. 12, 13, 14; may the Lord bless the word. In the afternoon I preached at Slosser’s, from Hebrews 12; v. 15. I was very much fatigued, but the Lord gave power of utterance—the people received the word with joy—some were convicted and cried for mercy, and entreated that I should visit them again; may the Lord bless the seed sown in his name. 8th—This day I came to Shippensburg and preached to about fifty attentive hearers in the school house, from Peter 4; v. 17, 18: the land-lord with whom I had slept and left my horse, invited me to dine with him; but I had already engaged to dine with a Mr. Kearns, a saddler by trade, and a pious, religious character: he re-
lated to me, that his Lutheran brethren were very much concerned on his account, because as they expressed themselves, he had fallen from, or denied the faith. But, said he, I never before had any saving faith, being totally blind in things pertaining to religion; and ignorant of the work of grace, wrought by the spirit of God, in the soul. At the same time, added he, I also like the rest of my brethren, think highly of you and of your religious proficiency. But when it pleased God to open my eyes, I perceived that I was on the broad road to Hell and destruction, yea, verily almost in the jaws of eternal death. O Lord! have mercy—how many are secure in the same situation; may the good Lord awaken and convict scores and hundreds, aye, thousands of this multitude of ignorant sinners. I rode to Rocky springs, stayed for the night with John Huber; had this night an unpleasant dream. O Lord! cleanse and purify my heart.

9th—This day I preached from John 3; v. 14 to 18; rode towards evening to Chambersburg and lodged with a pious family, by the name of Hock. 10th—This day I had a meeting at a certain house the owner's name was Tutwiler—I preached from Luke 11; v. 22, 23.

Sunday 11th—This day we had meeting at Wenger's; I was so feeble and faint that I thought I should not be able to speak a word: but glory be to God, he gave me strength when I called on his name for help. 12th—This day we had a blessed meeting at the widow Sumbrod's; I preached to a numerous congregation. 13th—To-day I returned home.

Sunday 18th—I preached at Palmer's, from Psalm 38; v. 6, 7, 8. 24th—I rode to Loudoun county, Va.

Sunday 25th— I preached at the widow Krumback's. The 27th I returned home. March 4th—This day I preached in Hagers-town, from these words,—"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, &c." 18th—I preached at the school house, from John 5; v. 7. The 19th I set out on the circuit, and spoke at Ch. K's., from the same words. 20th—I preached with J. H., from John 3; v. 14, 15, to an assembly of mostly young people; rode in the afternoon to Emmittsburg and spoke at candle-light to a house full of people, from Isaiah 52; v. 7. 21st—This morning I felt myself remarkably stript and poor in spirit, but formed a resolution to lie at the feet of Jesus, and plead for assisting grace until he would have mercy on me: O! Lord, if I am to preach, I pray thee to give grace and power of utterance, yea the unction from above, and if I am to hold my peace, thy will be done. I tried to preach at J. K's. from John 5; v. 7; the Lord was with me, blessed be his holy name. 22d—This day I preached in Woodsbury, from the same words. 23d—I preached in Liberty, from Isaiah 52; v. 7; in the afternoon at J. Ra's.; rode to Br. Shryock's, and held class meeting: bless the Lord we had a glorious time. 24th—This day we had a meeting at Bovey's. Owing to a heavy rain which fell last night, the water courses were very high, which prevented many from attending meeting. I rode in company with Br. Kesler, to John Cronise's; we had to cross Fishing Creek, which we found very high and rapid: in the name of God we ventured into the stream; I reached the opposite bank in safety, but Br. Kessler was not so successful; the force of the water took his horse a considerable distance down the stream. I saw my beloved brother in imminent danger of his life, and could afford him no
assistance. After swimming some distance the horse gained the shore, for which preservation we were truly thankful.

Sunday 25th—This day I preached at Peter Kemp's, Jr. from Isaiah 52; v. 7, 8. 26th—I preached a funeral sermon at this place, from Hebrews 12; v. 15. A great number of people had collected on the occasion, and I believe the word spoken made considerable impression; I rode towards evening to Frederick-town, and staid for the night. 27th—This day my appointment was at Peter Kemp's, sen. 28th—I preached at J. N's.; rode in the afternoon to Br. Dobler's, and staid for the night. 29th—This day I preached here with great liberty, from John 5; v. 6, 7, 8; the Lord was with us in mercy; rode to Middletown and had a meeting at Br. Appleman's. Br. Dr. Senseny was present and preached for me; the house was crowded with people. 30th—This day as I was riding along on my way home, a man called to me from his house, and requested me to stop; on my coming into the house, he told me that he had felt himself in a very miserable condition; that a fear had seized on him which drove him almost to distraction; in restlessness he walked about not knowing what to do: O! (added he,) if I could call a thousand worlds my own, cheerfully would I part with them all, if I only could thereby remove this dreadful fear, and restore my usual tranquility of mind. He requested also that I should pray for him. I told him the best way and only means which I knew to get rid of this fear, was to humble himself before his God, and advised him to lie at the feet of Jesus, our crucified Redeemer, and cry for mercy until he would hear and answer his prayers, and his fear would be removed. After prayer I left him in the hands of God, and before night I arrived home.

April 25th—I attended a Sacramental meeting with Brother Forrest, on the manor, at the house of Br. Barts.

May 9th—I preached at Nichodemus's, from Psalm 81. We had a blessed time. 13th—I spoke at the house of the widow Hogmire. 16th—To-day I set off for Pennsylvania: may the Lord be my guide and direct me in his ways; in the evening I reached John Huber's. 17th—To-day I attended a funeral, and staid all night with Chr. Huber. 18th—This evening I arrived at Br. David Snyder's; here I found Br. Boehm's and Fremmer. 19th—This day commences a Sacramental meeting at Br. Abr. Myers', in Cumberland county: may the Lord grant that sinners may be converted to God, and backsliders reclaimed. Br. Fremmer spoke first; then spoke unworthy me. We had no particular visible excitement; I lodged at Br. Hiskey's.

Sunday 20th—This morning I am well in body, but lo! how poor in spirit. O! for a deeper work of grace in my soul: may thy servants, O Lord! who are to declare thy counsel this day be clothed with the whole armour of God and the garment of salvation. O! Lord, grant them power, wisdom and unction from above, to prove workmen, that need not be ashamed. In the forenoon, Br. Draksel delivered the first discourse, Br. Boehm followed. In the afternoon, I spoke from Romans 8; v. 17: blessed be the name of the Lord, the word proved powerful. At candle light Br. Fremmer preached a powerful sermon: the Lord was present in his convicting and converting power. 21st—This day a great number of people were again assembled; Brs. Fremmer and Draksel both spoke
powerfully. The Lord's Supper was distributed; after this we had a blessed professional meeting or love feast as it is called by some, tears flowed in abundance. A woman in the congregation suddenly cried out with a loud voice, Lord have mercy on me a poor lost sinner, O! have mercy, Lord Jesus, on my husband and my children: we are all undone forever. Both she and her husband fell down on their knees, crying and praying for mercy. At this sight others were touched, and every heart melted as wax before the Sun. Glory be to God for all the tears of grief and joy shed on the occasion. 22d—This morning, blessed be God, I still feel the grace of Jesus in my heart. I preached to-day at David Shoemaker's, from Heb. 2; v. 3. The people here are very desirous to hear preaching; the word spoken had considerable effect: may the Lord deepen the work of grace. In the afternoon I preached at a small village called Rock Hill, and lodged with P. L., an old acquaintance of mine. 23d—To-day I preached at Breshor's, from John 5; v. 7, 8. He and his wife entreated me to make another appointment soon to preach at their house. 24th—This morning I find that I have taken a severe cold, have great difficulty to breathe, and cannot speak loud enough to be understood; notwithstanding all this I rode to my appointment at Brubacher's; here I spoke with great pain and difficulty. In the evening I preached in Hagers-town. 25th—To-day I returned home and found my family all well. 26th, & Sunday 27th, we had a Sacramental meeting at the Antietam; Brothers Otterbein, Geeting, Grosh, Senseny and myself were present: honor and praise be to God for all his mercies; it surely was a warm time. 29th—This day I left home in company with Bros. George Geeting and A. Smith, for Pennsylvannia; at candle light I preached at a certain Mr. Bitzer's, in Adams county, from Romans 8; v. 17. The people here are desirous to hear preaching. 30th—To-day we had a meeting in Heller's church, and lodged with one Herbold. 31st—To-day we preached in a Mennonite meeting-house, Br. Geeting spoke first, then a German Reformed preacher, by the name of Hautz. In the afternoon we crossed the Susquehanna, and remained for the night with Bartman. June 1st—This day I preached from Romans 5; v. 1 to 4, inclusive; in the afternoon I reached Lancaster, where I met two of my sisters; one of them rode with me to my appointment. I preached with great liberty, from John 1; v. 16. My sister praised the Lord for his rich mercy. 2d—To-day we came to Litiy, visited the preachers in this place, and received a very friendly reception. Among the brethren and sisters, we found several who love the Lord Jesus Christ. From this we travelled on to Peter Ewi's, where a great meeting is to be held: may the Lord grant us his presence and grace thereunto, Amen. I preached first from Luke 13; v. 6 to 9. Br. John Neidig spoke after me. Sunday 3d—This day we had a great collection of people. In the morning we held our Love feast; Br. Geeting preached at 10 o'clock with power and grace; I exhorted after him in the English language, because several of the hearers present did not understand the German. In the evening I preached at Sentmeyer's, from John 3; v. 14, 15. 4th—This day I visited a preacher, by the name of Williams, not a great distance from Ephrata; rode from thence to my father's-in-law, and brother's-in-law; they received me very friendly and cordially, but conversion and the work
of grace in the soul, appears to them a strange work, and the language of Canaan as foreign as if it was Hottentot or Chinese. 5th—To-day I preached in Selteneich’s Church, to a numerous and attentive congregation, from Hebrews 12; v. 15. In this neighborhood I was raised and lived for many years; therefore personally known to many of my hearers. Perhaps some of them may have said or at least thought, who is he that takes upon himself to teach us; do we not know him? is he not the carpenter and carpenter’s son, Christian Newcomer. Are not his brothers and sisters still with us? In the afternoon I preached at Knege’s, from John 5; v. 6, 7, 8., and staid for the night at Jacob Boehm’s. 6th—This day I preached in Strasburg, at the house of A. K., a Justice of the Peace, a very intelligent man. The words of my text were from Psalm 39; v. 5 to 9; from thence I rode home with Br. Martin Boehm. After family prayers, when we were just about to retire to bed, a son of Br. Boehm’s, who lives about nine miles distant, arrived at the house of his parents. He had lately embraced religion, had found the pearl of great price, was yet in his first love, of course very happy, so much so, that he expressed himself in extacy of his enjoying heaven and the smiles of his Saviour and Redeemer here on earth. His mother, sister Boehm, was so rejoiced at the happiness of her youngest son, that she could not help shouting and praising God for the blessing; the father also got happy, and so we had a blessed time of it, till after midnight: glory to God;—O! that many children may be the cause of such joy to their parents. 7th—To-day a great many people were collected here; I preached from 2d. Peter, 1; v. 5 to 10, inclusive. I have reason to believe that some of my hearers were edified: may our good Lord and Master keep his humble followers under his guardian care, for they here suffer persecution, derision and contempt, as well as at other places. 8th—This day I preached in a barn, near the turn-pike road, three miles from Lancaster, from the Proverbs of Solomon 1; v. 1 to 6, to a great number of people; many of them were so powerfully convicted, that they cried aloud for mercy: my own sister prayed and entreated with a loud voice, that the Lord in his mercy might convert her, her husband and her children;—may the Lord grant her petition and answer her prayer. This surely was a day of grace to many a soul. In the afternoon I rode in company with some friends, through Lancaster, to John Herr’s, where I staid for the night. This is a fine family: may the Lord bless them with heavenly knowledge for their kind treatment. 9th—To-day a great meeting commenced at Lebanon; a multitude of persons were assembled; I tried to preach first, from John 5; v. 6 to 9, but to all appearance it made very little impression. In the evening I held a meeting at an Omish brother’s house; he and several of his children were convicted and entreated at a throne of grace for mercy: may the Lord grant them persevering power.

Sunday 10th—Br. Geeting preached this forenoon with uncommon power and grace; in the afternoon Br. St. K. and others spoke. The Lord put forth his power; many were convinced of their lost condition, and strove in agony for mercy, until they found redemption in the blood of the Lamb: may God grant that they may never lose it. 11th—This day we had a meeting at Nezinger’s; I preached from John 3; v. 14, 15; rode to Harrisburg and staid for the night with Br. Redig;—
Br. Geeting preached here in the German Reformed Church. 12th—To-day we crossed the Susquehanna river; the cornerstone of a Union church or meeting house was to be laid, wherein christian preachers of all denominations, are to enjoy the privilege of preaching. Such a proceeding or dedication as it may be called, I had never witnessed, therefore concluded to attend. We found a great multitude assembled. Br. Geeting was requested to deliver the first discourse; he preached with uncommon power, from Isaiah 28; v. 16: "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation; a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste." A Lutheran minister by the name of Herbst, delivered the second discourse. I gave an exhortation; after which they proceeded to lay the corner-stone. It was a large square block, in the center of which a square hole had been cut, and a Bible, a Catechism, and a Record, describing the names by whom, and the conditions on which this building was erected, were then deposited in this aperture. The Rev. Mr. Hautz concluded the ceremony by giving an exhortation and prayer. In the afternoon we rode to Carlisle, and lodged for the night with Br. Hautz, who kindly entertained us. 13th—To-day Br. Geeting preached in the German Reformed Church in this place, from Deuteronomy 5; v. 29. In the afternoon we rode to Br. Abr. Meyers'; here we had in the evening a class and prayer-meeting. 14th—This day we preached in Bobenmeyer’s Church, in Cumberland county; by all appearance the word spoken had but little impression. When I had concluded speaking, Br. Geeting rose once more and addressed the congregation in the most pathetic manner, entreating them with tears to be reconciled to God and flee the wrath to come. This, by the grace of God, had the desired effect; the hearts of the people were made tender, tears flowed abundantly, and some inquired what to do to be saved. 15th—To-day we came through Shippensburg; here we met with Br. John Hershey, he being on his way home from the Niagara country; we rode in the afternoon to Greencastle, and staid for the night with J. A. 16th—This day we arrived in Hagers-town; here I visited several friends; before night I arrived at home and found my family all well. Sunday 17th—This day I am well, but considerably fatigued from the journey; we held a meeting at home, I preached from John 1; v. 16. August 4th—This day I left home and arrived at Liberty. Sunday 5th—I preached there from John 3; v. 16. 6th—I returned home. 7th—I attended a funeral. Mrs. Houser, a neighbor of mine, was buried. 9th—This day I left home for the Warm Springs, in Virginia; preached in the forenoon at Br. Wolgamot’s; in the afternoon at J. H’s., from these words:—“If children, then heirs, and joint heirs with Christ.” The people were very attentive. 10th—This has been an uncommonly warm day; the heat arising from the dry and almost parched earth was nearly unsupportable. After crossing the Potomac river, a very heavy rain poured down in torrents. I stopped for a while at a house on the road side, until the rain had ceased. I again started, although it was growing late in the day, in order to reach the place of my destination. I had not rode a great distance, when a thunder-storm arose; presently night came on, and I was benighted in the woods, with no other light than that afforded by occasional flashes of lightning. In this situation I lost the
path which I had to travel, and rode for a considerable time through the
bushes, searching for the path, but in vain. At last I got off my horse,
tied him to a bush, fell on my knees, and prayed to my Lord and Master
for direction and preservation; it thundering all the time. I felt the
presence of the Lord, and I rested secure under his Almighty wing; on
rising from my knees I perceived the path only a few yards from me. I
mounted my horse again, pursued the path, and in a short time reached
Br. Ambrose’s house; here I met with a friendly reception and a good
fire to dry my clothes; my heart was filled with gratitude to God for
all his mercies. I had a comfortable night’s rest; praise the Lord, O! my
soul. 11th—This day a Sacramental meeting commenced at this place.
Br. Chr. Crum and Dr. Senseny declared the counsel of God with power.
The Lord was present. Among those who mourned his love to know, was
a native of Germany. It delighted my soul to hear him give thanks and
praises to God that he had been brought to America, and among a people
from whom he had learned the way of salvation; but above all for the
mercy bestowed on him in the pardon of his sins, and the Love of Jesus
shed abroad in his heart. The people in this part of the country are
generally poor, but seriously concerned for the salvation of their souls,
and this I presume is the best wealth when we come to try the realities
of another world.

Sunday 12th—A great many people were assembled this day. I
tried to preach to them from John 5; v. 24. When commemorating
the dying love of Jesus in the holy ordinance of the Lord’s Supper, we had
truly a melting time; glory and praise be unto the Lord. I staid for the
night at the house of a sister, who is a widow; she has two children, a son
and a daughter; the latter appears to enjoy religion, and is a pattern of
piety; her soul concern is for the salvation of her brother, who is yet out
of the ark of safety: O Lord! hear and answer the prayers of the mother
and sister in his behalf. 13th—This morning I felt myself well in body
and soul; rode to the Springs; from thence to Hancock, in Maryland. Not
being acquainted with the fording across the Potomac, I got into very
depth water and had to return. A person standing on the river bank
pointed the fording out to me, which enabled me to reach the opposite
side with safety. I intended to ride to Mr. Greybill’s, at Licking Creek,
but missed the road; after riding to and fro a considerable time, I ulti-
mately reached the place some time after night; although late I met with
a friendly reception, for which I am truly thankful: may the Lord bless
him for it. 14th—This morning I am bound in gratitude to God that
I am yet on praying ground and pleading terms. Having had a restless
night, I reflected in what state of misery those departed souls must be,
who have to endure an eternal night without any rest, in torment. I had
an appointment at this place for this day, but owing to the rain which
poured down all day long, not many attended preaching. I remained here
for another night, passing my time in reading, and praying for a clean
heart. O! Lord, revive thy work within me, and let me experience thy
perfect love, which casteth out fear. 15th—This day I came to McCon-
nell’s-town; my appointment had not been made; staid for the night at the
widow Meyers’. 16th—To-day I rode over the mountain and lodged at
Philip Bernard’s. 17th—This day I am well, bless the Lord. O! for a
deeper work of grace in my soul. About mid-day I had to ascend a very steep and lofty hill; it being remarkably warm, the exertion brought forth a plentiful perspiration;—ultimately I gained the top, where a most wonderful and exalted prospect presented itself—and humbling myself before the Great Creator of this magnificent scenery, I gave praises and adorations to my God and heavenly Father in this solitude, for the manifold blessings which I have received at his bountiful hand. I felt myself greatly strengthened: O! how many steep and rugged hills has the Christian to ascend? how many obstacles and difficulties to overcome? but by perseverance and patience he will be enabled to conquer them all. At candle light I had meeting at R. N.'s: may the Lord grant that the fruit thereof may be, if not an hundred, at least thirty fold. To him be all the glory.

18th—This day I preached at H. D's, from Hebrews 2; v. 3.

Sunday 19th—This day I preached from Luke 13; v. 24, 25, to a numerous congregation, with considerable effect. In the afternoon I paid a visit to Br. Da. Bowlus, who was very sick; I attempted to converse with him, but he was not able to give me any answer. Sometime in the night he expired; they requested me to stay and attend the funeral, but my appointments would not permit it. 20th—To-day I preached at Spruce Creek. 21st—I continued to remain in this settlement, and preached to an attentive people; they appeared to be highly pleased to hear preaching in their mother tongue, and told me they had this opportunity but seldom. 22d—To-day I preached at Heiskel's, from John 3; v. 14. Although I had but a small share of liberty or grace to speak, some serious impressions were made on some of my hearers. Here also, the people expressed a desire for German preaching. 23d—This day I preached at a Baptist's, named Spanagle, from Matthew 5; v. 3, 4, 5; the Lord was present in mercy; I rode to a certain Neff's, and lodged with him. 24th—This day I rode along the Juniata river for about twenty miles. My mind was lost in wonder and admiration of the Omnipotent Creator, whose power was sufficient to create these enormous mountains, raised apparently on the top of one another in stupendous grandeur. I staid for the night with Br. John Long, and had a prayer and class meeting. 25th—In the forenoon I preached here with considerable liberty to a people desirous to hear the gospel; rode in the afternoon to John Sherrer's, at Ackwigcreek, where I was friendly entertained.

Sunday 26th—I preached in Henry Werner's barn, to a considerable congregation. I think but little impression was made on the hearts of the hearers: O! Lord, help me to declare thy counsel more successfully. 27th—I rode this day in company with a friend, about 18 miles, to Samuel Bowman's, near Barnard's gap. Here, alas! my preaching appeared to have very little effect, until at the close of the meeting, several souls were convicted and cried for mercy, which delayed the meeting until after midnight: bless the Lord. 28th—This morning I again had 18 miles to ride, to Martin Funk's, in McConnell's Cove; preached from Isaiah 65: v. 6, 7, and held a class meeting. 29th—This day I returned home and found my family all well. 30th—This day I paid Br. Geeting a visit. 31st—I traveled with him to Thomas Creek, in Maryland, east of the South Mountain. We stopped to refresh ourselves and our horses, with a serious
and pious sister, who desired to have her house a preaching place on the circuit. We promised to attend to her request and send an appointment. In the evening we arrived at John Krebs's.

September 1st—This morning I am well, beseeching God to grant us his blessings at our Quarterly Meeting, which is to commence here today. Br. Ernst delivered the first sermon, Br. Lehman and myself followed him. At night we had a meeting at the house of Mr. Dagen; Br. Geisinger preached with power: the Lord blessed the word spoken in his name. Sunday 2d—This day a number of people had assembled; in the morning we had our Love feast; Br. Geeting preached first, then an English Brother named Browning. At the distribution of the Lord's Supper, we had a melting time; in the evening we had another meeting, Br. Lehman preached and I gave an exhortation. 3d—This forenoon we held a meeting at Bovey's; in the evening I returned home. 8th—This day I am not well, have taken a severe cold; I rode to Br. A. Smith's, and staid there for the night.

Sunday 9th—This morning I was somewhat better; rode to Trapp and attended the funeral of Br. Herschinger; preached to a very numerous assembly, from Psalm 1; v. 1 to 5; the people were very attentive, and many were affected. Among the hearers, were a goodly number who could not understand the German language, so at their request I had to address them in the English tongue. On the whole, this funeral may be a blessing to the living. 10th—I returned home. 16th—This day I preached at Chr. K's.; at night we had meeting at my house. 17th—I preached in Hagers-town. 20th—This day I attended a meeting at my brother's, Peter Newcomer. Samuel Bachtel, a Dunker preacher conducted the meeting; he was so narrow hearted that he gave no privilege to speak, or even to commune with them at the Lord's table, without being a regular member of their own society. O Lord! when will bigotry be banished from the world, or at least not suffered to shew her deformed head among thy followers. 22d—This day I preached at P. P.'s. 25th—To-day I left home for Virginia. 26th—This night I staid with my daughter, who resides not far from Martinsburg. 27th—I preached in Buckle's-town, from Romans 8; v. 17; rode to Winchester and preached in the evening from Colossians 1; v. 12, 13, 14. 28th—This day I rode to Millers-town, and preached at candle light to a little flock, from Revelation 3; v. 20. The word spoken appeared to be accompanied with the Lord's blessing. 29th—This day a Sacramental meeting commenced at Mill Creek. I spoke first from John 5; v. 6. Br. Crum and Strickler followed.

Sunday 30—Today we had a large collection of people, in love feast. The brethren and sisters spoke with warm and feeling hearts to the merciful dealings of God. At 11 o'clock I spoke from the words, "For the time is come, that judgment must begin at the house of God"—1st. Peter 4; v. 17. After we had broken bread, I gave an exhortation in English: bless the Lord for he was truly with us.

October 1st—This day I rode to Lynnvillie's Creek, and paid a visit to an uncle and aunt of mine; thence to Henry Huber's and staid for the night. 2d—I preached at the widow Brunk's, from Luke-13; v. 8, 9, 10; rode in the afternoon to Mr. Grove's and tarried there for the night.
—This day I preached here in a school-house, from Colossians 1; v. 12; the word spoken had considerable effect. At candle-light I spoke at the widow Kegis's, on Smith's Creek, from Luke 11; v. 21, 22. 4th—This day I preached at Mr. Meiles's, a few miles from Millers-town, from Matthew 5; v. 3, 4, 5. At John Funkhouser's, from Luke 13; v. 24, 25. 6th—This day a Sacramental meeting commenced at Abr. Neushwander's not far from Middletown; I spoke first but felt my self so stripped of all grace, that I did not know what to say, but for all this, the word, though stammered with weakness, was made powerful to some of the hearers; in the evening we had a glorious time.

Sunday 7th—This forenoon, the first discourse was delivered by Br. Geeting; I followed him. On the whole, this meeting did not prove so beneficial to the salvation of souls as I wished and desired. O Lord teach me to be content with the measure of grace thou seest fit to bestow. I rode in the evening to Br. Henry Crum's, and staid for the night. 8th—This day I preached at Christian Crum's, from Romans 8; v. 17; in the congregation was a Quaker sister; before the close of the meeting she was moved, (as she expressed it) by the Spirit, and gave an exhortation and prayer with astonishing power. After the meeting had closed, she remained for some time with us in conversation; said to me and Br. Geeting that she felt herself constrained to exhort us again to prove faithful, walk circumspectly before the world, and sincerely obey the dictates of the spirit of grace; then the Lord would surely be with us, and bless our labors. She requested us to humble ourselves once more before God, and she prayed with surprising power and engagedness for the success of our labors, and the general spread of the gospel. 9th—This day I returned home. 10th—I attended a funeral at Huber's, east of the South Mountains; his son was buried.

Sunday 14th—This forenoon I preached at the church, near King's; in the afternoon at Shank's. 16th—At Hogmire's and at night in Hagers-town. 17th—At P. Stadler's. 18th—In the forenoon at Leydie's Church; at night with Fr. Nichodemus. 19th—At Herbaugh's. 22th—Bless the Lord this morning, we had a fruitful rain, after a long spell of dry weather. O Lord! let a shower of thy grace descend on my heart, for I am at this time like unto a withered bush. This forenoon I preached a funeral discourse from Romans 8; v. 17, at Emmittsburg; in the afternoon I preached from 2d Corinthians 5; v. 17; rode to Valentine Bowlus's and staid for the night; here we had a Prayer meeting, and the Lord answered the petitions which I had offered up this morning; a shower of grace descended on my poor soul: praise the Lord.

Sunday 21st—This forenoon I preached to a little flock, at J. D's.; felt the love of Jesus in my heart; rode to Little's-town, where I preached in the afternoon to a congregation who were all strangers to me. At the commencement of my speaking, some of the auditors made many risible motions, but they soon became serious and paid attention to the word declared in the name of Jesus; some were touched, and desired that I should renew my visit in the place; in the evening we held a Prayer meeting: the Lord was present in mercy, and the people requested that I should preach again in the next forenoon; I therefore made the appointment, and preached on Monday morning, from Luke 17; v. 24, 25; the
Lord added his blessing. I rode in the afternoon to Bottenberg's, found three of the family sick: they were happy to see me, and entertained me friendly. 23d—This day I rode to Woodsbury, and preached from the words "Seek ye peace, and strive to obtain it," had but a small congregation. The people here appear to have become rather lukewarm: O Lord! revive thy work among them. 24th—This day I visited a man, a blacksmith by trade, who had made an attempt on his life. The enemy of souls had put it in his mind to destroy himself; it appears, he went to his shop, took the large sledge hammer in both hands, and gave himself a blow with all his strength, in the forehead. The skull was broken in such a manner that it laid the brain open to view. Finding the blow had not finished the work intended, he ran to the garden fence and struck his head against a post, where the blood is yet visible; here he fainted, and was found by the family weltering in his blood. He was carried into the house, a physician sent for, and from appearances I think he may recover. I had a long conversation with him and asked him to tell me candidly the cause of his having acted so unmercifully with himself? He replied, that he was a lost and undone sinner; he knew himself to be such, that there was no hope of mercy left for him; that his sins were so enormous and of such an aggrevated cast, as to exclude him from all hope of pardon or mercy. I endeavored to show him the fallacy and error of such an opinion; told him the blood of Jesus is sufficient for the vilest of the vile. All that God requires of you is, that you should humble yourself at the footstool of mercy; come to the bleeding Lamb of God, to the Lord Jesus Christ with all your sins; he is ready, he is able and willing to save those that are lost: his blood can make the foulest clean. Alas (rejoined he,) it is impossible. A selfmurther?—No, the shame, the scandal is too great; I would rather die. I then said to him,—no, my dear friend, here you are again mistaken in your opinion. It is true you have great cause to be ashamed before God and man, but it is the devilish pride in the heart which will not submit to bear reproach; your heavenly Father and even your neighbors, will not despise, but rather pity you; only come like the prodigal son with all your shame, to Jesus, the friend of penitent sinners, and he will have mercy on you. This operated effectually; the tears began to run down his furrowed cheeks. On inquiring whether I should pray with him, he answered, yes, pray for my poor soul; thereupon we fell on our knees. During the time I prayed he and his wife wept aloud, and he continued for some time to cry for mercy. I then commended him to the living and tender arms of mercy and left him. I will here add that he recovered from his wounds, was truly converted to God, and is now an exemplary, pious character. I preached today at Liberty, from Colossians 1; v. 12, 13; rode to Br. A. St's., and staid for the night. 25th—I preached here this forenoon; the grace of God worked powerfully among the people. In the afternoon I rode to Br. Ja. Bo's., where I tarried for the night. 26th—This forenoon I preached from the words, "Strive to enter in at the straight gate." 27—I preached at Br. Kemp's, from Romans 2;v. 4. In the afternoon I rode to Frederick-town, visited several families and lodged at F. H's.

Sunday 28th—This morning I felt the responsibility of preaching laid on me more sensibly than ever. O! God, grant me knowledge and wis-
dom from on high, to discharge my duty faithfully. In the forenoon I preached at P. Ho’s., to a considerable number of people, from Luke 13; had liberty to speak, but to all appearance the word made no impression; I believe the fault is in me. I rode to Carroll’s Manor, and preached at Ja. N’s.; here also I could not gain the attention of my hearers; the giggling and tittering of some, excited pity and compassion in my breast. When concluding the discourse which I had delivered in the German language, Br. N. stepped forward to inform me that the greater part of my audience were unacquainted with the German, and of course could not understand what had been said; therefore I tried to address them in their own tongue, which appeared to have a salutary effect; considerable impression was made on their hearts, and we had an excellent meeting; I rode this evening with old Br. Kemp, across the Monocacy, where I staid for the night and rested well. 29th—This forenoon I preached a funeral sermon at the Glass-house; in the afternoon at Jacob Bowlus’s, where I tarried for the night. 30th—This day I returned home, found my family well, except my youngest son, who was laid up with a sore leg, which was very much swollen and inflamed. To relieve him I concluded to make an incision, which gave him considerable ease.

November 17th—This day I departed from home on a journey to Pennsylvania. 18th—I preached at widow Sumbrod’s in the forenoon; at night in Hagers-town, where a goodly number of praying people assembled. A blessing from Heaven was poured down upon both speaker and hearers.

Sunday 25th—I preached at Rohrer’s, from John 5: “Wilt thou be made whole?”

Sunday, December 2d—I preached at Geeting’s or Schnebley’s meeting house. 4th—This day I set out again for Pennsylvania; rode to Da. B’s., and staid for the night. 5th—This day I preached in a German Baptist meeting house; had not many hearers; rode to A. Besore’s, and tarried for the night. 6th—This morning the weather was very cold; had 13 miles to ride to Br. Kreb’s; expected to meet Br. Geeting there, but suppose the severe cold weather has detained him. The people had assembled, notwithstanding the severity of the weather. I was so cold that I feared I would not be able to speak, but the Lord gave me grace and strength. 7th—This day I rode to John Cronise’s. 8th—We had a blessed meeting, especially in class.

Sunday 9th—This day Br. Geeting spoke first; I gave an exhortation, 10th—I returned home. 11th—I preached in the forenoon, at the widow Hogmire’s, at night in Hagers-town. 12th—This forenoon I preached at P. Stadtler’s; at night, to a tolerable number of persons at F. N’s. 13th—We had a blessed meeting this day at Jacob Huber’s, east of the South Mountain. 14th—This day I preached at Da. Dreyer’s. 15th—in Emmitsburg, to a small congregation, from 1st. Timothy, 1; v. 15; rode after meeting to J. D’s. The weather continues very severe.

Sunday 16th—This day but few attended meeting on account of the severity of the weather; consequently I had to preach to a very small flock. I rode from thence to Little’s-town and spoke to an assembly composed mostly of young people. 17th—This forenoon I preached here again, with more effect than last night; rode in the afternoon to Taney-
town, and lodged with Mr. Bottenberg. Three of his children were extremely ill, his son was buried a few days ago;—the mother had also been sick, but is on the recovery. O! what a loud call of God to this family: may God grant them mercy to obey. 18th—This day I preached at Woodsbury; most of the people here appeared hardened. 19th—To-day my appointment was in Liberty; I preached from 1st. Timothy, 1; v. 15; rode in the afternoon to A. St's; and staid for the night. 20th—This forenoon I tried to preach here to an attentive congregation; at candle-light I preached at Oehl's, from 2d. Cor. 5; v. 11. 21st—I preached at Bovey's, from 1st. Tim. 1; v. 15. 22d—I spoke at Peter Kemp's, from Romans 1; v. 16. It snowed all day long.

Sunday 23—This day I had to ride nine miles to my appointment at Br. Hoffman's; it was a very cold ride. I spoke to a small but attentive congregation, and rode from thence to Carroll's Manor, where I preached to a numerous assembly with grace and power. 24th—This day I preached at old Brother Kemp's, to about a dozen people and tarried for the night. 25th—Christmas Day, I rode in company with a Methodist preacher to Carroll's Manor; here we both preached and had a good meeting; rode in the afternoon to Jacob Bowlus's. 26th—This forenoon I tried to speak here from 1st. Timothy, 1; v. 15, and in the afternoon rode home; found my family well, but several of my neighbors had died during my absence.

ENTRIES FROM JANUARY 1813 TO DECEMBER 1816

January 1st, 1813—This forenoon I preached at Fetterhoff's, from Isaiah 9, v. 6, 7; rode in the afternoon 20 miles to Christian Newcomer's, my nephew, and tarried for the night. 2d—I returned home; Br. Nelson Reed also arrived and staid during the night.

Sunday 3d—This forenoon I preached at Peter Stadtler's; at night we had a good meeting at Herbaugh's. 4th—I wrote two letters to Kentucky, and lodged with Jacob Herbaugh. 5th—This evening I preached at Weller's, in the German and English languages. 6th—At John Cronise's, from Isaiah 9, v. 6. 7th—At Valentine Daub's. 8th—At Jacob Bowlus's. 9th—At Remsberg's.

Sunday 10th—This forenoon I preached at Smidt's, and returned home. 16th—I visited Michael Thomas; at night we had meeting at George Cronise's.

Sunday 17th—This forenoon I preached at Witter's; in the afternoon I attended a funeral in Sharpsburg; lodged with David Hess.

Sunday 24th—I attended meeting at my son's-in-law; Br. Jefferson spoke first, I followed him.

Sunday 31st—Preached at Mr. Bruce's.

February 1st—Today I enter my 64th year. How wonderful has the Lord dealt with me until the present moment: unto his name be all the glory. Rode to Shepherd's-town and lodged with my son Jacob. 2d—Returned home. 4th—To-day I set off in a sleigh for Carlisle; reached Jacob Bauman's, and staid for the night. 5th—I was in Carlisle. 6th—Returned home.
Sunday 7th—This forenoon I preached at Jacob Thomas's; in the afternoon at Huber's. 13th—We had a watch night at Schnebly's.

Sunday 14th—This forenoon Br. Jacob Bowlus spoke first, I followed him and led the class meeting. 17th—I preached at Appleman's, from Colossians 3, v. 1, 2.

Sunday 21st—This forenoon I preached at Hauser's, from Luke 8, v. 45, 46; in the afternoon in McCauley's school-house, from 1st. Chronicles 4, v. 10.

Sunday 28th—This forenoon I preached at Schnebly's; in the afternoon at Hauser's.

March 7th—To-day I attended meeting in Martinsburg, Va. The Methodists had a Quarterly meeting in their new meeting house; Enoch George spoke in the forenoon; Jefferson followed him; at night Br. Askins preached with great power, I exhorted after him. Rode home with Chr. Silber's, and staid for the night.

Sunday 14th—This forenoon I preached at Landis's; at night in Hagers-town.

Sunday 21st—I was again in Hagers-town; Louis Fechtig preached in the forenoon, Walter in the afternoon. 23d—Br. Chr. Crum arrived at my house. 24th—We set out for Baltimore, had meeting in Middletown and lodged with Jacob Bowlus. 25th—To-day we reached Mr. Sneider's.

26th—We arrived in Baltimore, I lodged with Andrew Brunner. 27th—This morning I was with Wm. Otterbein; visited Bishops Asbury and McKendree, who are here at the Conference.

Sunday 28th—This forenoon Jacob Gruber preached in Otterbein's church, I exhorted after him; Henry Boehm preached in the afternoon, Crum followed him. At night we had meeting at Bender's. 29th—We delivered a communication from our Conference to the Baltimore Conference; we were received very friendly, about 15 preachers were present. We remained in the city until

April 1st—When we left Baltimore and rode 33 miles to Mr. Sneider's. 2d—I lodged at Valentine Daub's. 3d—Returned home.

Sunday 4th—My horse was lame; for this reason I had to stay at home.

Sunday 11th—I preached at Schnebly's, from Psalm 34, v. 20. 15th—I set out for Pennsylvania; lodged with Abr. Bowman. 16th—I reached George Beshore's. 17th—Came as far as Shallenberger's.

Sunday 18th—I preached at David Sneider's, from John 20, v. 26 to 29. 19th—Rode to Joseph Hoffman's. 20th—Lodged with Mr. Straub. 21st—Reached Martin Dreisbach's. The Albright Brethren had their Conference here; 18 preachers were assembled. I tarried with them till the 24th. During my stay we discussed the propriety and practicability of a union between the two societies. I laid the discipline of the United Brethren before them for examination; they made no objections thereto, on the contrary appeared to approve the same cordially. They delivered to me a written communication on the subject, addressed to the Conference of the United Brethren; so I departed. Rode to Jacob Stamm's, where I staid for the night.

Sunday 25th—This forenoon I preached in Youngman's-town; in the afternoon at Jacob Walter's; at night at Charles Straub's. 26th—I rode
to Philip Hoffman's. 27th—This morning I did not feel as well as usual; in the evening I reached John Miller's, and staid for the night. 28th—Preached in Millersburg. 29th—Came to John Neidig's. 30th—To David Lang's.

May 1st—I came to my father's-in-law; he is still alive. Both he and his son are so debilitated that they can with difficulty help themselves: may the Lord in pity have mercy on them.

Sunday 2d—To-day I preached at Bentz Long's, from John 20, v. 26, 27; lodged with Samuel Lane. 3d—I staid with my sister Buckwalter. 4th—I lodged with Abr. Herr. 5th—To-day our Conference commenced at Chr. Herr's: may the Lord grant us union of spirit and brotherly love. I find the Brethren are greatly divided in opinion, in respect to the discipline of our society. 6th—To-day we had rather somewhat of a turbulent session; the Brethren appear not to understand each other: may the Lord grant unto each of us wisdom from on high, to perform our duties acceptably in his sight. 7th—Bless the Lord, to-day we had more unanimity in Conference. The Brethren elected a Superintendent or Bishop, who is to have charge of the whole society; if possible, to attend all the Annual Conferences of the United Brethren in Christ. He is also to have power to nominate, and with the approbation or consent of each Annual Conference, to appoint Elders to assist and support him when and wherever he may find it necessary; but to continue in office only one year, unless re-elected: may God grant him wisdom and assist him with his Holy Spirit faithfully to discharge his duties, Amen. 8th—To-day our Conference came to a close. A Sacramental meeting commenced at Abr. Herr's; Br. Jacob Bowlus spoke first. This evening B. Henry Boehm arrived, being the bearer of a communication or message from the Philadelphia Conference, to the Conference of the United Brethren. He was unavoidably detained on the way and did not reach here until the Conference was closed.

Sunday 9th—This morning we had our Love-feast; several Brethren addressed the congregation; on the whole we had a tolerable good time. 10th—I rode to Jacob Ewi's, where I staid for the night. 11th—I preached at Bentz Hershey's, from Psalm 39, v. 20; at night I spoke at Chr. Long's. 12th and 13th—We had a two days' meeting at Jacob Shelli's; I spoke from 2d. Peter 1, v. 6, 7, 8, and lodged with Keller. 14th—I travelled through Harrisburg, across the North mountain to Landisburg, and lodged at a public house. 15th, and

Sunday 16th—We had a Quarterly meeting at Peter Brown's, where I formed a class of 22 members. 17th—I rode to Fautz's Valley and lodged with Philip Hoffman. 18th—I came to Michael Mehs'. 19th—I preached at George Miller's, from Ephesians 2, v. 19, 20. 20th—I preached at Charles Straub's; lodged with Joseph Hoffman. 21st—We rode together across the North mountain to Abr. Meyer's. 22d, and

Sunday 23d—We had a Quarterly meeting here; the Lord was graciously with us in his convicting and converting power. 24th—I came to David Sneider's. 25th—I rested here. 26th—I rode to Yost Knegi's. 27th—I preached at Sheibly's, from Psalm 68, v. 20, 21. 28th—I came to Rocky Springs. 29th, and
Sunday 30th—We had a Sacramental meeting at John Creider’s.
31st—I returned home.

June 1st—I preached a funeral sermon, from John 5, v. 24. 5th, and

Sunday 6th—We had a Sacramental meeting at the Antietam. 7th—
I preached at the Stone meeting house. 8th—I rode to Hagers-town,
visited old Br. Bovey, and returned home.

Sunday 13th—This forenoon I preached at Hauser’s, from Psalm
68, v. 19, 20; in the afternoon at Shank’s church, from John 3, v. 17.
17th—I set out for Baltimore; came to Frederick-town, and lodged at
Byerly’s. 18th—I rode within 4 1-2 miles of Baltimore, and lodged with
Leonard Yundt. 19th—I reached the city, found father Wm. Otterbein
weak and feeble in body, but his mental powers as strong as ever; I
lodged this night with Brunner.

Sunday 20th—This forenoon I preached from Titus 3, v. 5, 6, 7; the
Rev. Mr. Dashield preached in the afternoon; at night we had a blessed
meeting at Bender’s. 21st—I visited some friends in the city, and lodged
with John Hildt. 22d—This day I was also chiefly engaged in visiting;
led a class, all sisters, in the afternoon, and lodged with Wm. Baker.
23d—This morning I set out very early, reached John Stouffer’s. 24th—
Returned home.

Sunday 27th—Preached a funeral sermon in Hagers-town.

July 1st—Br. John Sneider preached today at our house; Nelson Reed
also arrived and staid with us for the night. 2d—To-day we rode
together to Chambersburg. 3d, and

Sunday 4th—We had a Quarterly meeting; bless the Lord several
persons were happily converted. 5th—We had meeting at Flickinger’s.
6th—Returned home. 9th—Rode to Virginia, to pay a visit to my children.
10th—Rode to a Quarterly meeting in Charlestown; lodged with Hamilton
Jefferson.

Sunday 11th—We had a blessed time; Dr. Green preached in the
Court-house; I followed him. 12th—Returned home. 17th—Made pre-
parations for a journey to the State of Ohio.

Sunday 18th—This forenoon Br. Bowlus preached at our house, I
followed him. After meeting I took farewell of all the family, rode
to Hagers-town, bid the Brethren there farewell, and lodged with my son
David. 19th—This evening I preached in McConnell’s-town, and lodged at
a public house. 20th—Came to Matthias Smidr’s. 21st—Preached here to
a small assembly, from Romans 8, v. 14; rode to Henry Sneider’s, and
staid for the night. 22d—This evening I reached Berlin, visited Br. John-
son, and lodged with Jacob Guth. 23d—I visited Jacob Blauch; rode
through Somerset and preached at Sneider’s, to a small congregation.
24th—This evening I preached at the widow Weimar’s. When I was here
last year John Weimar was well and hearty, promising to outlive many
others; now he has gone to try the realities of another world. It ap-
pears he died in the field, and was found dead behind the plough. I spoke
from Isaiah 3, v. 10, and formed a class of 15 members: may God preserve
them unto eternal life.
Sunday 25th—This morning I had to ride 15 miles to my appointment at Andrew Trapp’s; the people awaited my arrival patiently. The word spoken made great impression on the audience; tears flowed plentifully during the time of preaching, several persons desired to be prayed for, and the meeting continued till late in the evening. 26th—I had an appointment at David Weimar’s, in Liganor Valley; I missed the road and went 5 miles astray. The time was also past, and too late for me to return. I was sorry for it, but had to continue my journey; I lodged for the night with J. B. 27th—I preached in Bonnet’s school-house, from Psalm 34, v. 20, and lodged with Br. Draksel. 28th—I lodged with Christian Berger. 29th—Preached from Galatians 6, v. 9; Br. Errett followed me. Rode to Mr. Miller’s, and staid for the night. 30th—I came to Pittsburg, paid a visit to John Schwartzwelder; rode 28 miles to Beavertown, and lodged at a public house. 31th—I came into the State of Ohio, found no German people along the road till towards evening; at night I reached New Lisbon, and lodged with Joseph Springer, Esq.

Sunday, August 1st—This day I preached in the Court-house from Matthew 15, v. 28, in the German, and from Acts 16, v. 30, 31, in the English language, and lodged again with Mr. Springer. 2d—This morning I set out early and rode 35 miles, to Canton, in Stark County: to-day I found a considerable German population along the road; I stopped at Mr. Rowland’s, at the widow Myers’s, and reached Mr. Rouser’s, at night, at whose house I had preached eleven years ago, when he lived in Pennsylvania; the whole family was sick, and they were very glad to see me, and received me very kindly. 3d—This day I visited several families in this section of country and prayed with each of them, viz: Reisher, Roth, Weaver and Bachtel; at the last mentioned I staid for the night. 4th—This forenoon I preached in Canton, from Matthew 15, v. 28: visited a sick woman, a Mrs. Eberhart, prayed with her and rode back to Rouser’s, thence to David Shreibor’s, where I preached from Psalm 40, v. 1 to 4, and lodged for the night. 5th—I rode from Canton to Philadelphia, thence 6 miles to Mathias Bortfield’s and staid for the night. 6th—I came to Christian Wolgamot’s where I found a number of people collected at a prayer meeting, bless the Lord, my soul was also refreshed: at night I preached at John Mumma’s, from Psalm 126, v. 45, and staid for the night. 7th—This day I visited a woman who appeared to be possessed with a singular spirit: may God reclaim her and bring her again to a sound and proper state of mind: came to Michael Rohr’s, where I staid for the night.

Sunday 8th—This forenoon I preached at Gabriel Cryder’s to a numerous congregation, from 1 Peter 5, v. 5; the Lord was present according to his promise. In the afternoon I preached at William Butt’s, from 1 Chronicles 4, v. 10; the congregation was very attentive, Br. Summervick, a Methodist preacher followed me, I trust the exercises were not altogether in vain; I lodged with his amiable family for the night. 9th—I visited Isaac Thomas and staid for the night with Conrad Soth. 10th—I rode again through Philadelphia, thence to Goshen, an Indian village, here I saw twelve Indians, males and females, thence to Gradenhutton, a Moravian village, this place was also formerly inhabited by In-
dians, who had been converted to Christianity, by the Moravian missionaries, but, as I was informed by the companions of the missionaries, who reside here, some years ago they were all murdered by a military expedition sent against them from Pittsburg; in the evening I reached Coshocton and tarried for the night. 11th—Today I rode 33 miles through Springfield and Zanesville to F. Huber's. 12th—I preached in Middletown and lodged with John Mohn. 13th—I reached Br. Hiestand's and staid for the night. 14th—I came to New Lancaster, left an appointment for to-morrow and rode home with Frederick Arnold.

Sunday 15th—Today I preached in Lancaster, at Mr. Miller's, from Luke 18, v. 29, 30, and lodged with him. 16th—Br. Benedum met me here, and I rode home with him. 17th—This forenoon I preached at Br. Benedum's, at night I preached at Mr. Crowl's. 18th—I staid for the night at John Conradt's. 19th—I visited Landis, his wife was sick; staid for the night with his brother-in-law. 20th—I preached at Martin Landis's; rode to old Mr. Stocker's and staid for the night. 21st—Today a sacramental meeting commenced at Peter Seitz's, I spoke first from Psalm 130, v. 7; at night I preached again from Psalm 40, v. 2, 3, 4.

Sunday 22d—An uncommonly large congregation had this day collected; I preached with great liberty from 1st. Peter 5, v. 5 to 9. I was followed by a brother in the English language; a vast number came to the Lord's table, and we had a melting time. At night I preached again at John Buck's; here we again had a soul-reviving meeting; nearly every person present melted into tears; some cried for mercy, others shouted and praised God. 23d—This forenoon we held our Love-feast; we had truly a day of Pentecost: all the glory be to our God. I lodged with Rodebach. 24th—I reached Henry Keller's, and staid for the night. 25th—I preached at old Mr. Mohn's, from Psalm 34, v. 20; rode to Peter Seitz's, where our Conference is to be held. 26th—This forenoon the session of our Conference commenced; upwards of twenty preachers were present; poor unworthy me was elected their president. The Conference continued until the 28th; all things were done in brotherly love, and the greatest unanimity prevailed throughout the session: bless the Lord O my soul! for all his mercy. The Conference was concluded, and I rode 11 miles yet to Jacob Hautz's.

Sunday 29th—This forenoon I preached in Lyday's schoolhouse, in the German and English language; in the afternoon I spoke in Middletown. 30th—Today I stopped for refreshment with Henry Huber; rode to Zanesville and lodged at a public house. 31st—This evening I stopped with a Quaker family and lodged with them for the night.

September 1st—This evening I reached Steubenville; having no acquaintances in the place, I stopped at a public house. 2d—The Ohio Conference is here in session. I went this morning to pay a visit to Bishop Asbury, who is present; he lodges with Mr. Wells, where we took-breakfast together; I went with him to Conference, and delivered a communication from our Conference. Here I found several brethren to whom I was known; was cordially invited to lodge at Br. Noland's, during my stay, which invitation I cheerfully accepted.

Sunday 5th—Bishops Asbury and McKendree both preached to-day to a congregation estimated at more than 2000 persons. 6th—This fore-
noon I received a communication from the Conference to the Brethren in our next Conference which is to assemble in Montgomery county, Ohio. After taking an affectionate farewell of the two Bishops and the other Brethren, I dined once more with my kind host Br. Wm. Noland; commended him and his amiable family to God in prayer, and set out at three o’clock in the afternoon; crossed the Ohio river, and staid for the night in a little village. 7th—I rode alone all day, came through Cannonsburg and Williams-port; before I reached the Youghogany river, night had overtaken me; I had missed the road and could not discover a house or cabin where I might find shelter for the night. When I arrived at the river bank it was with considerable difficulty that I was enabled to discover the fording. The river was pretty full, and I hesitated for some time whether to venture or not; ultimately, I proceeded, in the name of God, relying firmly on his protection, and succeeded in getting safely across, for which I felt truly thankful to my Lord and Master. The first house I came to proved to be an old mill, at the one end of which resided a poor man and his wife; they cheerfully granted my request to keep me for the night. I conversed about religion and prayed with them. They treated me very kindly, and gave me the best accommodation in their power. 8th—Bless the Lord for last night’s comfortable rest. When about to depart from these poor, but friendly people, I requested to know what I owed them for the night’s entertainment; both of them answered with one voice, “Nothing, Sir,—nothing at all, Sir.” Presently the woman approached me with a silver dollar in her hand, saying, “Here is the last dollar we have in the world; perhaps you have no more spending money and may stand in need of it on your journey,—take it, I cheerfully give it to you, and you are very welcome to it.” This was too much for me; tears of gratitude burst from my eyes. I thanked her for her kindness and disinterested benevolence, assuring her of my having yet a sufficiency to carry me home, aye and perhaps a little to spare for some charitable purpose. I again offered her payment for the kind entertainment which I had received under their humble roof; but it would not avail, they preem­ptorily refused to take any remuneration. O what a woman!—how great will be the value of her willingness to help and assist the needy in a coming day before the searcher of all hearts? Her place will surely be very near the noble soul who in days of yore cast two mites into the treasury of the Lord: May the Lord bless her and shower down on her his choicest gifts, both of a temporal and spiritual nature. They invited me cordially if I ever should happen to travel this way again, to call and see them. I prayed once more with this amiable pair, and pursued my journey; came to Christian Knegi’s, did not find him at home, prayed with the family, (a mother and ten children,) rode to Worman’s, and staid for the night. 9th—I rested here and visited several friends in the neighborhood. 10th—I preached at Mr. Dietz’s, to an attentive congregation, from Luke 19, v. 5, 6; Br. Louis Fechtig followed me; we had a blessed time, particularly in class meeting. Rode to old Br. Abr. Draksel’s, where I staid for the night. 11th—This day a Sacramental meeting commenced in Mount Pleasant; I spoke first, from Psalm 40, v. 6; Br. Fechtig followed me. At night I preached in Bonner’s school-house, from Acts 16, v. 30, 31, and lodged at Worman’s.
Sunday 12th—This forenoon Christian Berger spoke first, then Jacob Winter. I preached again, from John 3, v. 6, 7; lodged with Sloderbeck. 
13th—This forenoon we held our Love-feast; in the afternoon I rode 17 miles and staid for the night at a public house. 14th—This morning I set out before day, stopped at Jacob Blauch’s and took some refreshment; rode to Casper Stadtlater’s, where I lodged for the night. 15th—I rode 40 miles and lodged with Romer. 16th—It rained incessantly; I stopped in Mercersburg with Br. King, and rode to my son David’s. 17th—This day I returned home and found the family all well: bless the Lord for all his mercies. 18th, and Sunday 19th—We held a Quarterly meeting in Hagers-town; we had a blessed time; I lodged with John Hershey. 20th—To-day we had a meeting at Joel Newcomer’s. 21st—At John Knegi’s, in Frederick county. 22d—This forenoon we preached at Sauder’s; in the evening at Frederick-town; lodged with Byerly. 23d—I attended the funeral of Sister Simon Cronise; the Rev. Mr. Helfenstein preached first, in the German language, from Revelation 21, v. 7; I followed him in the English language, and spoke from Psalm 40, v. 1; rode to Witter’s and staid for the night. 24th—We had meeting at Schnebly’s; Br. Hauser, from Kentucky, and Neidig, spoke with uncommon power and unction from above; it was a blessed time. 25th, and Sunday 26th—We had a glorious Quarterly meeting in Middle-town; I spoke from Acts 16, v. 30. 29th—Br. Joseph Hoffman came this morning to my house, on his way to Baltimore, and requested me to accompany him. In a short time I got ready; we rode to Frederick-town and lodged with the widow Byerly. 30th—We reached Mr. Yundt’s, four miles from the city, where we were received in the most friendly manner. October 1st—This morning we came to Baltimore; old father Otterbein is very weak and feeble in body, but strong and vigorous in spirit, and full of hope of a blissful immortality and eternal life. He was greatly rejoiced at our arrival, informed me that he had received a letter from the Brethren in the west, wherein he was requested to ordain me, by the laying on of hands, to the office of elder and preacher of the gospel, before his departure: adding, “I have always considered myself too unworthy to perform this solemn injunction of the Apostle, but now I perceive the necessity of doing so, before I shall be removed.” He then requested to know whether I had any objection to make, and if not whether the present would not be a suitable time. I replied, that I firmly believed solemn ordination to the ministry had been enjoined and practiced by the Apostles; therefore, if in his opinion the performance of the act should be thought necessary and beneficial, I had no objection to make whatsoever, but would cheerfully consent: only one observation I wished to make; as Brs. Joseph Hoffman and Frederick Shaffer were present, that he should ordain them at the same time. To this he readily assented, and immediately appointed the following day to the solemn performance of his duty. 2d—This forenoon the Vestry and several other members of the church, assembled at the house of father Otterbein. The old man addressed us in so spiritual and powerful a manner, that all beheld him with astonishment. It appeared as if he had received particular unction from above, to perform this solemn act. After addressing a throne of grace with great fervency
for a blessing, he called on Br. Wm. Ryland, an Elder of the Methodist Episcopal church, (who had been invited for the purpose,) to assist him in the ordination; we were accordingly ordained to the office of Elders in the ministry, by the laying on of hands. John Hildt, a member of the Vestry, had been appointed Secretary. He executed certificates of Ordination to each of us, in the German and English languages, which certificates were then signed by father William Otterbein and delivered to each of us. At night we preached in the church; I lodged with Otterbein.

Sunday 3d—This forenoon Br. Hoffman preached first, I followed him; Br. Shaffer assisted in the administration of the Lord’s Supper. A great many persons came to the table of the Lord with contrite hearts and streaming eyes; this was truly a day of grace to many souls: unto God be all the glory. 4th—We visited several of the friends in the city. Towards evening we left Baltimore, rode to Mr. Yundt’s, where we staid for the night. 5th—This evening we reached Valentine Daub’s. 6th—This day I arrived at home. 7th—This morning I rode to Sharpsburg, where I met Br. Hoffman; we dined at Br. Beeler’s, rode in the afternoon to my son Jacob’s, where we lodged for the night. 8th—We came to Jacob Hess’s. 9th, and

Sunday 10th—We had a Sacramental meeting at Shauman’s church; Hoffman and John Sneider rode home with me, where we had a blessed meeting by candle-light. 16th, and

Sunday 17th—We had a Sacramental meeting at Leonard Middlekauff’s; at night we had a blessed meeting at Henry Kumler’s. Several were in great distress, and some obtained peace with God in the pardon of their sins. 18th—I returned home.

Sunday 25th—I preached at Peter Newcomer’s. 30th, and

Sunday 31st—We had a two-day’s meeting at J. Huber’s; the Lord was with us in his convicting and converting power.

November 2d—This day Br. Chambers arrived at my house. 3d—To-day we set out early on our journey: may the Lord accompany us. Rode to Samuel Brandt’s, and staid for the night. 4th—We had meeting at Henry Kumler’s. 5th—This forenoon we had meeting at Flickinger’s; at night in Chambersburg. I lodged with Mr. Johns. 6th—To-day we had meeting at Rhodes’.

Sunday 7th—This forenoon we preached at David Sneider’s. 8th—At Joseph Hoffman’s. 9th—This forenoon we had meeting at Christian Straub’s; rode to Carl Walter’s, on Middle Creek. A numerous congregation had assembled here; Jacob Bowlus addressed the people, from Romans 8, v. 12, 13. I followed him. It appeared as if the word spoken had some effect. 10th—This forenoon we held meeting at John Walter’s; at night I preached at Mr. Mack’s, near New Berlin, from Psalm 34, last four verses. 11th—The purpose of our journey to this place was to try whether a union could not be effected between the society of the United Brethren in Christ, and the people denominated the Albright Brethren. This forenoon the following Brethren were present, viz: Chr. Crum, Joseph Hoffman, Jacob Bowlus and myself of our society; and Miller, Walter, Dreisbach and Niebel, of the Albright Brethren. Our consultation continued until the 13th, but we were not able to effect a union. The greatest stumbling block appeared to be this, that according to our disci-
pline our local preachers have a vote in the Conference as well as the travelling preachers; this was a sine qua non which the Albright Brethren could or would not accede to; so we parted and came at night to Youngman's town, where we lodged.

Sunday 14th—We preached here in the forenoon and afternoon, and were entertained by Christopher Wagner. 15th—I preached at Carl Straub's, from Hebrews 12, v. 15. 16th—We had meeting at Peter Swartz's. 17th—I spoke at P. Hoffman's, from Psalm 40, v. 6. 18th—We came to Joseph Hoffman's, where we staid for the night. 19th—We had meeting at John Sneider's. 20th—This day we took refreshment at Abr. Meyer's, and rode to David Sneider's.

Sunday 21st—We had meeting in Shippensburg; staid for the night at Schnebly's. 22d—I preached at the Rocky Springs, and lodged with Samuel Huber. 23d—We reached my son David's. 24th—I returned home, where I found a letter from Baltimore, informing me that old father William Otterbein had departed this life, on the 17th November, 1813, aged 87 years; 8 months and 11 days. He is called to his everlasting home, where he rests from his labors and his works will follow him.

Sunday 28th—This day I was at Martinsburg, staid with George Harris for the night. 29th—We had meeting at George Osborn's; Joseph Frey spoke in the English and I in the German language.

Sunday, December 5th—This forenoon I preached at Schnebly's; at night I spoke at our house, from Romans 8, v. 17, in the English language; John Brown spoke in the German. 11th—I preached at Christian Remsberg's, from John 3, v. 18.

Sunday 12th—This forenoon I preached at the widow Kemp's, near Trapp, from Ephesians 2, v. 18, 19, 20; at night at Jacob Bowlus's, from 2d. Corinthians 5, v. 18, 19. 18th, and

Sunday 19th—I attended a Quarterly meeting at Shepherd's-town. 20th—I rode to my son Jacob's. 21st—I visited Chr. Silber, and staid for the night. 23d—This evening I preached at John Leymeister's, from Matthew 15, v. 27, 28. 25th—I attended meeting in Middle-town, Nicholas Sneethen spoke wonderfully from Luke 2, v. 10 to 13; I followed him, from Isaiah 9, v. 6.

Sunday 26th—Br. Sneethen preached again to-day, I exhorted after him; in the afternoon I returned home.

January 1st, 1814—This day I was in Hagerstown; heard Mr. Rahauer preach in the German Reformed church.

Sunday 2d—I preached at Schnebly's, from Luke 2, v. 27, 28.

Sunday 9th—I preached at Henry Frey's, in Loudoun county, Virginia, from Zachariah 9, v. 12. 10th—I rode across the Blue Ridge to Charles-town, and staid for the night with Henry Guth. 12th—I came to my son Jacob's. 14th—I returned home.

Sunday 16th—I was at home; my son-in-law and daughter had come on a visit. 22d, and

Sunday 23d—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Chambersburg; Sneethen spoke in the forenoon, from Psalm 100, v. 3; I preached in the afternoon from John 3, v. 17, 18. 24th—I preached at the Rocky Springs, from Psalm 32, v. 8, 9; lodged with Abr. Huber. 25th—I had meeting at S. Wenger's; staid for the night with Flickinger. 26th—I came to my
son David's. 27th—Returned home. 28th—Rode to Jacob Bowlus's. 29th—Attended meeting at Schnebly's.  
Sunday 30th—We had meeting in Hagers-town. 31st—At Flickinger's.  
February 1st—This day I have attained the age of 66 years. O Lord! how hast thou borne with my infirmities: glory be to thy name forever. 2d—I returned home.  
Sunday 7th—This forenoon I preached in Williamsport, in the German, and in the afternoon in the English language; staid for the night with Peter Light. 12th—This forenoon I preached a funeral sermon, from Romans 8, v. 17; rode to Henry Kumler's and preached from Psalm 34, v. 14.  
Sunday 14th—Many people were this day assembled, I spoke from Luke 17, v. 13. We had a blessed time; rode to Hagerstown and preached from Romans 8, v. 17; staid with John Hershey. 15th—Returned home. 19th—Rode to Jacob Bowlus's, and staid for the night.  
March 1st—This day I felt very unwell, and was at home all the week. 3rd—I preached a funeral discourse; D. Newcomer's wife was buried. 14th, and 15th—I preached at two funerals. 16th—I set out for Baltimore; rode to Middle-town and lodged with Valentine Bowlus. 17th—I rode in company with Jacob Bowlus; we staid for the night at a public house 21 miles from Baltimore. 18th—We arrived in the city; the Methodist Conference is in session here; 19th—we attended the Conference and delivered a communication from our Conference.  
Sunday 20th—This forenoon Jacob Gruber preached in Otterbein's church; in the afternoon, Jacob Bowlus; I spoke at night. 21st, and 22d—We visited the friends in the city. 23d—This day the Conference came to a close; in the forenoon Bishop Asbury preached a funeral discourse for the late Wm. Otterbein, from Revelation 3, v. 10, 11. The congregation was so numerous, that the church was much too small to contain all the people. Here were ministers of different persuasions assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to this servant of the Most High; Methodists, United Brethren, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians—all mingled together to pay homage to departed worth. Bishop McKendree closed the service with fervent prayer. This afternoon we left Baltimore; rode 21 miles and lodged at a public house. 25th—We reached Jacob-Bowlus's, near Middle-town. 26th—I arrived at home, and heard that three of my neighbors had died during my absence.  
Sunday 27—I preached at Schnebly's. 28th—At Flickinger's, from Psalm 146, v. 8, 9.  
April 1st—This day I was in Hagerstown; rode to Christian King's, and staid for the night.  
Sunday 3d—I attended a meeting of the Albright Brethren at Wagner's. 5th—I rode with my brother Peter to Waterford, in Loudoun.
county, Va.; we lodged at Manual’s. 6th—I attended a Quaker meeting. For a considerable time silence reigned throughout; presently a Sister arose and addressed the congregation in a brief, but intelligent manner. She then sat down, and another Sister rose up, spoke short also and powerful, then humbled herself and prayed fervently. I also would cheerfully have given my testimony, but was afraid I might by so doing infringe upon the rules and order of the meeting. Rode this afternoon to the widow Kemp’s, in Maryland, where I staid for the night.

Sunday 10th—I attended meeting with the River Brethren. 11th—I preached at Henry Kumler’s, from John 20, v. 7; staid for the night with Wenger. 12th—I had meeting at Rhodes’. 13th—I crossed the North mountain, and lodged at a public house in Landistown. 14th—I came to Joseph Hoffman’s. 15th—Lodged with David Long. 16th—With Philip Hoffman.

Sunday 17th—I preached at George Hoffman’s, from John 21, v. 5, 6; rode to Mr. Crow’s, and staid for the night. 18th—I preached in Millertown, from John 20, v. 27 to 29. 19th—I lodged with Mr. Miller. 20th—With John Neidig. 21st—Came to Lancaster, and staid with my sister. 22d—I arrived at my father’s-in-law; he is now 88 years old. 23d—Visited my old associates in the neighborhood.

Sunday 24th—This morning I preached in a school-house, from John 3, v. 16, 17, 18; rode to Christian Hershey’s, and staid for the night. 25th—Came to Christian Smidt’s. 26th—To-day I rode through Columbia. They are building a bridge across the Susquehanna river at this place; this is a wonderful undertaking; where will the inventive genius of man stop? I came to Br. Strickler’s, where I was cordially received. Rode to John Spangler’s, and staid for the night. 27th—Came to Yost Herbaugh’s. 28th—Arrived at home.

Sunday, May 1st—This morning I preached at John Reis’s; in the afternoon at David Newcomer’s. 2d—At Sherer’s. 3d—At Witmer’s. 4th—I was at Michael Thomas’s, 5th—At Valentine Doub’s. 6th—At John Cronise’s. 7th—At Simon Cronise’s.

Sunday 8th—This afternoon I attended meeting in Frederick-town; Br. Hanson spoke first, I exhorted. In the afternoon I preached at Valentine Doub’s; rode to Jacob Bowlus’s, and staid for the night. 9th—Returned home. 14th, and

Sunday 15th—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Hagerstown; lodged with John Hershey. 21st, and

Sunday 22d—We had a Sacramental meeting at Henry Kumler’s; we had a good time, several persons were under deep conviction, and some obtained peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. At night I preached at Middlekauff’s, from Romans 8, v. 14. 24th—This day our Conference commenced in Hagerstown, and continued until the 27th. More preachers were present than at any Conference before. The Brethren elected poor unworthy Christian Newcomer as Bishop and Superintendent, for three years. May God have mercy on me, and grant me his assisting grace to discharge my duty faithfully, 28th, and

Sunday 29th—We had a Sacramental meeting at the Antietam. 30th—I attended the funeral of Mr. Hamilton.
June 1st—This day I rode to Virginia; came to Chr. Crum's and staid for the night. 2d—To-day Br. Crum accompanied me; we rode through Winchester, and tarried for the night with John Senseny. 3d—We lodged with Zehring in Woodstock. 4th—We arrived at Mr. Artz's, in Shenandoah county, where a Sacramental meeting was appointed; Br. Geo. Geeting spoke first, then Henry Spayth. At night we had a blessed time; many were in deep distress for the salvation of their souls; we prayed with them. The people could not leave the place, but continued to sing and pray during the whole night. Several were enabled to rejoice in the pardon of their sins: unto God be all the glory.

Sunday 5th—This forenoon I preached from Ephesians 2, v. 17 to 20. We then administered the Sacrament; many drew near the table of the Lord with streaming eyes. In the afternoon we returned to Zehring's and staid for the night. 6th—This evening we lodged with Philip Crantz-dorf. 7th—with Haman. 8th—We arrived at Peter Meyer's; they rejoiced to see us. I was also very well satisfied to come to so friendly a shelter from the rain to which we had been exposed all day. 10th—We came to Staunton, dined with Mr. Raab, and proceeded on to Lewis Shuey's. 11th, and

Sunday 12th—We had a Sacramental meeting here; preached from Luke 15, v. 22, we had a blessed time; Br. James Sewell, a Methodist preacher, a fine young man, assisted us in the exercises. 14th, and 15th—We had a two-days' meeting at Peter Meyer's: I spoke from 2d. Peter 1, v. 5, 6, 7, Br. Creavens followed me: at night I preached at Mr. Zimmerman's, near Kiseltown, to a numerous congregation, in the English language. 16th—I rested here. 17th—I rode more than forty miles to Millerstown, and preached at candle light, from 1st. Chronicles 4, v. 10. 18th—We came to Mr. Funkhouser's; his wife is sick, and to all appearance near the close of her mortal life. We prayed with her, and at her request staid for the night.

Sunday 19th—I preached at the widow Funkhouser's; in the afternoon at Abr. Neuswander's. 20th—I came to my son Jacob's. 21st—To Hess's, my son-in-law. 22d—I returned home.

Sunday 26th—I preached at Hauser's. This week I remained at home and assisted in the harvest field.

Sunday, July 3d—I preached in Shank's church.

Sunday 10th—We had a blessed meeting at Peter Stadtler's.

Sunday 17th—I was at home; having received an injury in one of my legs, it was very much swollen and inflamed, so that I was not able to be about. I therefore remained at home, and made preparations for a journey to Ohio.

Sunday 24th—I preached at home with great liberty. 25th—I set out in company with Peter Beeler and Michael Ewi, for the State of Ohio; at night I preached in Mercersburg, from Romans 8, v. 17. 26th—I lodged with Mr. Barndoler, at Bloody Run. 27th—We came through Bedford, and lodged with Matthias Smidt. 28th—We came to Jacob Blauch's, and staid for the night. 29th—To Br. Worman's, in Westmoreland. 30th—I lodged with Abr. Draksel.

Sunday 31st—This forenoon I preached in Mount Pleasant; in the afternoon at Mr. John Draksel's, where I tarried for the night.
August 1st—To-day I preached at Conrad Roder’s, from Jeremiah 21; v. 8, 9; lodged with old Mr. Stecher. 2d—Preached to an attentive congregation in Wyand’s church, and lodged with Mr. Huett. 3d—I preached at Winter’s, and staid for the night. 4th—We crossed the Ohio river, stopped at a public house for the night. 5th—We pursued our journey, and lodged at a public house. 6th—Lodged with Mr. Andrew Derner.

Sunday 7th—This day we reached Zanesville; staid for the night with Henry Huber. 8th—To-day I preached in Middle-town, and lodged with Mr. Sturm. 9th—This day I visited Mr. Lyday, and lodged at Herman’s. 10th—I came to Brother Hiestand’s, found him sick, and staid for the night. 11th—I preached at Frederick Herman’s, from Jeremiah 48, v. 11; lodged with Peter Seitz. 12th—To-day I came through Lancaster; rode to Benedum’s, thence 4 miles to George Raul’s, where I staid for the night. 13th—This forenoon I had to ride 20 miles to a Quarterly meeting at Jacob Lutz’s, on Salt Creek; Br. Benedum and Hiestand spoke this afternoon, I lodged with Jacob Stump.

Sunday 14th—A large congregation was assembled, I preached from Luke 24, v. 45, 47; on the whole it was a tolerable good meeting: rode 10 miles in the afternoon to Samuel Holtz’s and tarried for the night. 15th—I preached at Benedum’s. 16th—At Philip Kremer’s. 17th—I came through Columbus and lodged with Mr. Grubb. 18th—Rode this forenoon 20 miles and preached at Gabriel Markle’s, from Romans 8, v. 17, in the English language. 19th—I preached in Springfield. 20th—at Jacob Herrin’s.

Sunday 21st—This forenoon I preached at the widow Eli’s, from Luke 18, v. 29, 30: in the afternoon I preached in Dayton, in the Methodist meeting house; Br. Finley was present, and concluded the meeting with prayer, I lodged with Peter Lehman. 22d—I arrived at Br. Andrew Zeller’s, where our Conference is to be held. Here I found several Brethren who had arrived before me. 23d—This morning our Conference is to commence: O! may the Lord take the helm into his own hands, grant us grace and wisdom to transact our business, patience and brotherly love to bear one with another, and that all we do may be according to His will and tend to His glory: Amen.

As president, I opened the session of the Conference with prayer; the Conference continued until the 27th. We had considerably less difficulty than I expected, and closed the session in great harmony and unanimity. Praise the Lord for it.

Sunday 28th—To-day I preached from 2d Peter 1, v. 5 to 8; had great liberty to declare the counsel of God; lodged with Frederick Wolf. 29th—To-day we had meeting again, and administered the Sacrament. After meeting the preachers dined once more together at Br. Andrew Zeller’s. We then bid each other an affectionate farewell and departed to our own respective fields of labor: may the Lord make each of us a fit and useful instrument in his hands to work in the vineyard. Rode to Chr. Hahn’s and staid for the night. 30th—Last night my horse took sick, and this morning he died; I borrowed one of Hahn, rode to Cincinnati and lodged with Mr. Mason. 31st—This day I spent in the city; at night we had meeting at Mr. Ernst’s.

September 1st—This forenoon Br. Hiestand and myself preached
in the Presbyterian church. To-day I bought myself a horse, rode 19 miles to Daniel Ewi's, and preached from Luke 19, v. 10. 2d—I lodged with Matthias Young. 3d—I preached at David Lehman's, rode to Herr- ring's and staid for the night.

Sunday 4th—I came to a Camp-meeting; I was astonished at the vast multitude of people that were assembled on the occasion, and could not conceive from whence they possibly could have come, it being only a few years since this country is inhabited by a white population. The first Brother I heard preach was John Seals; he spoke wonderfully. In the afternoon I addressed the congregation, and bless the Lord he granted me grace and liberty on the occasion. The power of God was displayed; many souls were convicted of sin and I trust not a few happily converted to God. O! said I to myself, the power of God is everywhere the same, and works in the heart of man nearly in the same manner in every place, from the first Pentecost even unto the present day. Singing and prayer alternately was continued during the whole night. The meeting was near Xenia, in Green county. 5th—I rode to George Kremer's. 6th—I came through Chillicothe, lodged with Henry Musselman, who received me very kindly and entertained me with the most liberal hospitality. 7th—I preached at Frederick Pontius's, from Ephesians 2, v. 18, 19; rode home with Martin Dreisbach, and staid for the night. 8th—I preached at John Conrad's, in Fairfield county; rode to Lancaster, thence to Conradt Fetter's, where I staid for the night and rested well. 9th—This morning I felt a restless desire for a deeper work of grace in my soul; visited Stocker, Arnold and Mechlin, and lodged with Brother Fremmer at Herman's. 10th, and

Sunday 11th—We had a two-days' meeting at Dewalt Mechlin's; a great number of people were assembled, I spoke from Luke 24, v. 47. The Lord's Supper was administered and we had a blessed time; I lodged with Jacob Mechlin. 12th—The meeting continued to-day; in the morning we had our Love-feast: many praised God and confessed freely what the Lord had done for their souls. I rode to Daniel Lyday's, and staid for the night. 13th—I preached in Middle-town. A gentleman who keeps a public house insisted on my going home with him, which I did; he entertained me very kindly. 14th—I stopped with Henry Huber for refreshment, rode through Zanesville and lodged with John Bowers. 15th—We rode to Mr. Hoffman's, a public house. 17th—Was a rainy day, and the roads were very deep; reached Mount Pleasant, Ohio. 17th—To-day I crossed the Ohio river, and staid for the night with Perry McCoy, in Washington county.

Sunday 18th—This day I preached in Washington, in the German church; the hearts of the hearers were sensibly effected: dined with Chr. Harnish. At night I preached three miles from town, at John Moser's. 19th—We had a blessed meeting at Stecher's. 20th—I came to Worman's. 21st—To old Brother Draksel's. 22d—I preached at Bonnet's school house. 23d—I rode to Liganor Valley and lodged with Mr. Drapp. 24th, and

Sunday 25th—We had a Sacramental meeting here; Winter, Dreyer, and Berger were present; I spoke from Acts 16, v. 30, 31, and lodged with Chr. Senft. 26th—I preached in Somerset, and staid for the
night with Adam Sneider. 27th—I came to Mr. Smidt's. 28th—To McConnellsburg. 29th—To Henry Kumler's, here they had just commenced meeting; Abr. Meyers spoke first, I followed him; we had a blessed time, some jumped and shouted for joy. 30th—I arrived at home: bless the Lord for all his goodness and mercy.

October 1st and Sunday 2d—We had a Quarterly meeting in Hagerstown; in the afternoon I attended a funeral at Samuel Newcomer's.

Sunday 9th—We had meeting at Schnebly's, visited sister Hess found her near the close of life; attended a prayer meeting at Simon Geeting's, returned to old Br. Hess's. Sister Hess died about 4 o'clock, while we were praying. 11th—I attended the funeral, and spoke from John 5, v. 24.

12th—I set out for Sherman's Valley, in Pennsylvania; came to John Cryder's, and staid for the night. 13th—I came to Shallenberger's. 14th—To Mr. Hock's, a pious family. 15th, and 16th—We had a Sacramental meeting at John Sneider's, in Sherman's Valley, we had a good time, Chr. Berger, John Neidig and David Sneider were present; I lodged with Mr. Dunlop, rode 17 miles to Abr. Meyer's. 17th—I lodged with Joseph Knegi. 18th—This morning I set out before day, rode through Shippensburg, took refreshment in Chambersburg with Br. Brasher; at night I reached my son David's, found him very ill, to all appearance near his end; he confessed with a contrite heart that the spirit of God had often convicted him of the error of his ways, but that he had resisted the grace of God continually; he desired with tears in his eyes, to be prayed for, and expressed his fears that it might be too late, that he had grieved the Holy Spirit, and God would no more have mercy on him. We all humbled ourselves before a throne of grace and mercy, crying mightily to God not to cut him off in his sins, but have mercy and prepare him for the awful change which he perhaps may shortly have to make. 19th—Returned home. 20th— I rode again to my son David's, found him still very ill. 21st—He was somewhat better. O! that the Lord may truly convert him, before he shall be removed to an awful eternity. 22d, and 23d—We had a Sacramental meeting at Shank's church; I rode in the afternoon, 19 miles to my son David's. He still continues very ill. 24th—I returned home. 25th—Last night my sick son sent a messenger to me to come and see him again. On my arrival I found him exceedingly distressed; he chattered like a crane and mourned as a dove; said "O! father, what shall I do? I have to die and meet a God whom I have so often offended,—whose mercy I have so often refused: a God to whom I am not reconciled; no hope, no assurance of a better world in my soul." This language pleased me greatly; I prayed with him, encouraged him not to despair, but fly for his life to the outstretched arms of sovereign mercy, cry mightily to God for the pardon of his sins, and pray him to have mercy for Jesus' sake. 26th—I remained with him. 27th—Returned home. 29th, and November 1st—This evening I preached at Valentine Doub's from 1st Peter 1, v. 3, 4. 2d—I had meeting at Benjamin Sauder's. 3d—I staid
for the night at Henry Sneider's. 4th— I visited the Rev. Mr. Grubb, in Taneytown, dined with him and rode to Bishop's.

Sunday 5th—This forenoon I preached here, rode in the afternoon to Spangler's. 6th—This forenoon I preached in the Pigeon hill church; at night in York. Lodged with W. Bentz. 7th—Br. David Sneider met me to-day; we rode across the new bridge at Columbia, came to Chr.Herr's, where we had a blessed meeting. 8th—I preached at Abr. Herr's, from Eph. 2, v. 16, 17; at night we had meeting in Millerstown. 9th—I visited my sister in Lancaster, rode to my father's-in-law, who is now 89 years old, and staid for the night. 10th—I visited several old friends, and lodged with John Gerber. 11th—I visited Buckwalter, and lodged with John Cryder. 12th—Preached at Christian Hershey's.

Sunday 13th—This forenoon I preached in Rupp's school-house, from Hebrews 2, v. 3; at night in Lancaster, from Matthew 15, v. 24; lodged with my sister. 14th—I came to John Neidig's. 15th—Came through Harrisburg, stopped with Erb for refreshment, rode to John Stemm's, where I staid for the night. 16th—I preached at David Sneider's, from Isaiah 3, v. 10, 11. 17th—Lodged with Abr, Bauman. 18th—This day I came to my son David's. I had left him very sick, but found him considerably better. 19th—Returned home.

Sunday 20th—We had meeting at Schnebly's; I lodged with old Mr. Hess.

Sunday 27th—I preached at Leymeister's, in Virginia. 28th—I staid for the night at my son Jacob's. 31st—Rode with Br. Henry Spayth to Mr. Shaffner's.

December 1st—To-day I came through Winchester, stopped with Mr. Lauck, rode to Newtown and lodged with Peter Geeting. 3d—I called with John Senseny, rode to George Shepler's and staid for the night.

Sunday 4th—I preached at Abr. Neuswander's, from John 11, v. 43, 44; I staid for the night with John Senseny. 5th—I came to Chr. Crum's. 6th—To my son Jacob's. 9th—I staid with J. Hoffman. 10th—with Jacob Hess.

Sunday 11th—Preached at Schnebly's. 17th, and
Sunday 18th—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Shepherd's-town. 19th—Returned home. 21st—I set out for Baltimore, came to Middle-town and lodged with Valentine Bowlus. 23d—I reached the city; Br. Joseph Hoffman is now stationed here: I lodged with Benjamin Macher. 24th—I visited some of the friends in the city.

Sunday 25th—This morning at 4 o'clock we had prayer meeting; the Lord was near. Br. Hoffman preached in the forenoon, I exhorted after him; we then administered the Sacrament. I preached in the after-noon from Luke 2, v. 12; had meeting in the evening at Mrs. Bender's, lodged with John Hildt. 27th—I staid all day with John Hildt; we were engaged in forming or revising our discipline. 28th—To-day Br. Bowlus also came to the city; I attended class meeting and returned again with Bowlus to Hildt's, where we lodged. 29th—I visited Brs. N. Reed, Baker and Rehman; at night I preached at Lewis Kalbfus's, to a large congregation. 30th—Today old Mr. Weller and myself visited many of the friends in the city; at night we had a blessed meeting at Mrs. Bender's which continued till after midnight.
January 1st, 1815—This morning we had meeting at Hoffman's; I preached from John 1, v. 45 to 47; in the afternoon I attended a funeral in the African church, I presume more than 1000 colored persons were present; at night we had meetings at Smidt's where I lodged. 2d—To-day the male members of the society had their annual meeting to elect Elders and Trustees for the church; I staid for the night with Joseph Hoffman. 3d—The weather is remarkably cold; I attended a class meeting and went to my lodgings at Hildt's. 4th—I attended another class meeting; at night we had prayer meeting at Hoffman's. 5th—I again preached at Kalbfus's. 6th—I rode with Hildt 4 miles out of town and visited old Brother and Sister Tschudy, dined with them and returned again to Hildt's. 7th—I visited several friends, rode to Fort McHenry which the British had bombarded so tremendously in September last, the effect whereof is yet plainly to be seen.

Sunday 8th—This morning I led the class; at 11 o'clock I preached from Isaiah 3, v. 10, 11; at night we had meeting at Mrs. Bender's, returned with Hildt to my lodgings and rested comfortably. 9th—This morning I set out early from Baltimore, rode 40 miles to J. Funck's, in Montgomery county, and staid for the night. 10th—I came to Ewi's. 11th—To Frederick-town, lodged with Byerly. 12th—Was appointed by the President a day of humiliation and prayer; I attended meeting in the Lutheran church and heard the Rev. Mr. Sheaffer deliver an appropriate discourse, rode to Valentine Dub's and staid for the night. 13th—Returned home.

Sunday 15th—Preached in Shank's church. Sunday 22d—We had a tremendous snow storm, which forced me to stay at home. Sunday, February 5th—This day I attended meeting at Hauser's. Sunday 12th—This forenoon I preached at Peter Stadtler's; at night in Hagers-town, lodged with John Hershey. 13th—I preached at Henry Kumler's. 14th—At Abr. Bauman's. 15th—In the forenoon at John Creider's; at night I spoke at Huber's from Romans 5, v. 1, 2, 3. 16th—I preached at Wolgamott's, from John 3, v. 17, 18. 17th—Came to David Sneider's and staid for the night. 18th—I lodged with M. Barr. Sunday 19th—I preached at David Sneider's, from Romans 5, v. 1 to 4. 20th—I was at Joseph Knegi's. 21st—I visited Br. John Davis, preached at Yost Knegi's in the evening; the grace of God wrought powerfully. 22d—We had meeting at Mr. Boyer's; the meeting continued till after midnight, several persons were happily converted to God: glory be to his name. 23—to-day I visited Abr. Huber; several neighbors collected together, we began to sing and pray. The power of God came down, several persons cried for mercy; and while all engaged: bless the Lord, the mother of the house and daughter-in-law obtained peace with God, through the merits of Jesus Christ. 24th—I came to my son David's. 25th—To Hagers-town, from thence home.

Sunday 26th—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Hagers-town, rode with Br. Painter to Williams-port, where we had a watch-night; I lodged with Weber.

March 1st—This day I received information that John Hess was very ill; got my horse and rode there, found him very low. When attempting to
speak I perceived that he still knew me. I prayed with him, and about 9 o'clock he expired while we were at prayer around the bed. 2d—I attended a funeral in Boonsborough in the forenoon, and spoke from Matthew 15, v. 27, 28. 3d—I preached at John Hess's funeral, from John 12, v. 46.

Sunday 5th—This forenoon I preached in Sharpsburg, from John 6, v. 37; in the afternoon I preached at Schnebly's, and lodged at Geeting's. 11th—I preached in Sharpsburg, from Romans 8, v. 17.

Sunday 12th—I preached again at Schnebly's. 18th—I had meeting at H. Kumler's.

Sunday 19th—This morning Kumler accompanied me to Habecker's, where I had an appointment; I spoke to a numerous assembly from Romans 5, v. 1 to 4; rode in the afternoon about 20 miles home. 22d—I set out for Baltimore, to the Methodist Conference, came to Mr. Barsh's and staid for the night. 23d—I reached the city and lodged with John Hildt. 24th—This morning I paid a visit to Bishops Asbury and McKendree, went with them to the Conference room. At 11 o'clock Enoch George preached an ordination sermon, Bishop McKendree gave an exhortation; seven Brethren were then solemnly ordained. At night James Smidt preached a powerful sermon; I lodged again with Hildt. 25th—I attended Conference again; in the evening I was at Eutaw meeting house, and returned to my lodgings at Hildt's. I have a room to myself at his house: (like the Prophet Elisha with the woman of Shannon,) where I can go in and out as I please.

Sunday 26th—This forenoon Br. George Geeting preached in Otterbein's church, I exhorted after him; Br. John Swartzwelder preached in the afternoon. At night I heard Asa Shinn preach in Eutaw meeting house; he is a wonderful orator and reasoner. 27th—I was again at the Conference; Br. Hoffman preached in Light street meeting house at 11 o'clock, I exhorted after him; in the afternoon the session of the Conference was brought to a close. 28th—This day I bid Bishops Asbury and McKendree farewell; rode a short distance out of the city to Kalbfus's, and staid for the night. 29th—This morning I feel my spiritual strength renewed, and fresh courage to be more engaged than ever. O Lord! strengthen this resolution, and grant that my old days may be appropriated to thy name's glory. Came to Mr. Sumwalt's and staid for the night. 30th—I rode to Jacob Kleinfelter's. 31st—I visited W. Bentz, and lodged with old Mr. Naylor; had a bad night's rest, and wrestled for a clean heart.

April 1st—I attended a meeting of the Albright Brethren, near Conewago, and returned to Naylor's.

Sunday 2d—This day I was in York; Bishop McKendree and Henry Smidt preached in the meeting house; I spoke after them in German, lodged with W. Bentz. 3d—This morning my poor soul is drawn out in prayer to God for sanctifying power: O! Lord, impart into my soul thy nature and thy perfect love. I rode with Br. Henry Smidt to Jacob Kleinfelter's; the Albright Brethren had their Conference here; about 14 or 15 preachers were assembled. I made another attempt to effect a union between the two societies, but in vain. 5th—I left them, rode to Bishops in Little's-town, and staid for the night. 6th—I felt the love of God
powerfully in my soul; rode all day long joyfully and serene. Towards
evening I reached Benedict Sauder's, where I tarried for the night. 7th—
This day my soul was also enabled to rejoice on account of the presence
of the Lord; came to Middle-town and lodged with Valentine Bowlus.
8th—Returned home.

Sunday 9th—I preached at Schnebly's. 12th—I left home, called
at Henry Kumler's, and lodged at night with Abr. Huber, at the Rocky
Springs. 13th—This morning I set out early, stopped at John Meyer's
and took refreshment; rode to Peter Brown's, in Sherman's Valley; where
I tarried for the night. 14th—I rode all day over hills and valleys, and
staid for the night with David Long. 15th—Rode to Michael Mase's,
in Union county.

Sunday 16th—This morning I rode to Martin Driesbach's, where I
preached with great liberty. 17th—I preached at George Miller's, from
2d. Peter 1, v. 5 to 8. 18th—I remained here and had a long conversa-
tion with Miller and Niebel respecting the union of our respective societies,
but all in vain; we could not bring matters to bear. 19th—This morning
I left them and came to Fry's, he rode with me to Charles Straub's, where
I preached from Romans 8, v. 17, and staid for the night. 20th—I
preached at David Long's, from Luke 24, v. 49. 21st—I reached Abr.
Meyer's. 22d—I had meeting at Yost Knegi's.

Sunday 23d—I preached at the Rocky Springs, from Luke 24, v. 47;
rode to Fetterhoff's and staid for the night. 29th, and

Sunday 30th—I attended a Quarterly meeting at Britton's; I preached
from Acts 16, v. 30, 31; rode to my son David's and staid for the night.

May 3d—I preached at Henry Stadtler's, from John 3, v. 17, 18.
6th, and

Sunday 7th—We had a Sacramental meeting at Fetterhoff's; I spoke
from Luke 24, v. 46. Bless the Lord we had a good time; several were
convicted, and some, I trust, happily converted to God. 8th—I preached
to a numerous congregation at Henry Kumler's, from John 3, v. 17, 18.
9th—Our Conference commenced here to-day: may the God of peace be
with us. In the evening Br. Hoffman preached with great power. 10th
—This was also a day of grace; at night I preached at Br-Neidig's. 11th—
Bless the Lord for the love and union that prevails in the Conference; this
evening I preached first, Hoffman followed me; I then washed my preacher
Brethren's feet, in imitation of our Lord and Master, and administered the
Lord's Supper. The meeting continued till after midnight, and all were
filled with love and joy in the Holy Ghost. 12th—This day Brs. Abr.
Meyer and Jacob Dehof were solemnly ordained and the session of the
Conference concluded. 13th, and

Sunday 14th—We had a Sacramental meeting at the Antietam; a
vast number of people were collected; I staid for the night with Michael
Thomas. 15th—We had meeting in Shank's church; Hoffman spoke
first, I followed him. 20th—I rode to Frederick-town; the Lutheran
Synod is here in session at this time; the Rev. Mr. Probst preached at
night from Romans 8, v. 1; rode home with Valentine Doub.
Sunday 21st—This forenoon the Rev. Mr. Helmuth from Philadelphia, preached from Acts 20, v. 28, with power; in the afternoon Mr. Walter spoke from Ephesians 5, v. 14; at 3 o'clock Mr. Shafer spoke from 1st. Peter 2, v. 16; at night Mr. Lochman, from the words, "If the son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." 22d—This day I attended the session of the Synod; in the evening Mr. Muhlenberg preached from Luke 19, v. 10. 23d—I rode to Virginia to visit my daughter.

Sunday 28th—This day we had meeting at our house; Br. Jacob Bowlus spoke first, I followed him in the English language. 29th—This day I set out to our General Conference in Westmoreland; we rode to Henry Kumler's and had a blessed meeting. 30th—Came to McConnell's-town, preached at night in a school-house, from Luke 21, v. 36; lodged with Henry Brubacher. 31st—Brs. Jacob Bowlus and Neuswander overtook me to-day on the top of Sidling Hill; I expected Br. Hoffman to be with them, but learned to my sorrow that he was very ill in Baltimore. We rode through Bedford and on the road overtook Brs. Meyer and Sneider; we all rode together to M. Smidt's, who entertained us kindly.

June 1st—To-day I preached here, from 1st. Peter 1, v. 5, 6, 7. 2d—We came to Jacob Guth's and staid for the night. 3d, and

Sunday 4th—We had a Sacramental meeting at Ja. Blauch's; I spoke from 1st. Peter 5, v. 5; eight preachers were present. Rode to Somerset and preached in the Court-house by candlelight; lodged with Adam Snyder. 5th—Came to Worman's. 6th—This day the General Conference commenced at old Brother Draksel's: may the Lord have mercy on us. Instead of love and unanimity, the spirit of hatred and discord seemed to prevail. May the Lord in mercy grant us more wisdom and grace. I lodged with John Shupp. 7th—This day we met again: bless the Lord, the heat had considerably abated, and the business before us was conducted better than I had expected. The Conference continued until the 10th; I rode to Sloderbeck's, and staid for the night.

Sunday 11th—We had meeting in Mount Pleasant; Andrew Zeller spoke first, I followed him; a Methodist Brother named Frey spoke in the English language: Zeller and myself rode yet 12 miles to Chr. Knegi's, where I spoke from Psalm 40, v.1, 2. 12th—We came to Washington, and lodged with Chr. Harnish. 13th—We staid for the night with Mr. McCoy. 14th—We rode 40 miles and lodged at a public house. 16th—We came through Zanesville and again staid at a public house. 17th—We came through Somerset and lodged with Mr. Hautz.

Sunday 18th—I preached in Lyday's school house, from Psalm 146. 19th—I came to Br. Hiestand's. 20th—We had meeting at John Zellers; I staid for the night with George Rodebaugh. 21st—I preached at Jacob Zeller's. 22d—At Emanuel Zimmerman's, from Hebrews 2, v. 3; rode through Lancaster and lodged with Conrad Fetter. 23d—I visited Frederick and Daniel Arnold. 24th, and

Sunday 25th—We had a Sacramental meeting at Dewalt Mechlin's; a great many people were assembled. We administered the sacrament; many came with streaming eyes and contrite hearts to the Lord's table. At last the lamentation increased to such a degree that the voice of the
preacher could no longer be heard; many were deeply convicted, and some found peace with God through the merits of Jesus Christ: unto God be all the glory. I staid for the night with Peter Seitz. 26th—This forenoon we had our Love-feast; it was indeed a blessed time again, many were in deep distress and cried to God for the pardon of their sins. 27th, 28th and 29th—We held our Conference at Jacob Mechlin's: bless the Lord for the unanimity and love which prevails throughout. 30th—

July 1st—We came to Mr. Hautz's. We experienced today one of the most severe thunder storms, that has happened within our recollection. We happened to be in a close and thick forest; the lightning, thunder and rain was the most tremendous I ever saw or heard; limbs of trees were broken off and carried in every direction as chaff before the wind. All around the trees were cracking and some came to the earth with a terrible crash, torn up by the roots; many who had bid defiance to the winds of heaven perhaps for centuries, were subdued, and had to bow their mighty heads in submission to the hurricane. Endless thanks and praises be to our heavenly Father who in mercy preserved us unhurt in this crush of matter.

Sunday 2d—This forenoon we had meeting at Lyday's; in the afternoon in Somerset, lodged with John Mehn. 3d—we came to John Bower's. 4th—we rode 40 miles and staid for the night at a public house. 5th—Came to Mr. Deibler's. 6th—we had meeting here; our labor was not altogether in vain. 7th—we came to the Ohio river at Simpson's Ferry, rode to Christopher Winter's and staid for the night. 8th—Came to Washington, stopped with Christian Harnish, attended a Quarterly meeting of the Methodists.

Sunday 9th—I preached here, from Luke 11, v. 21, 22; we had a blessed time. 10th—I rode to Christian Knegi's, and staid for the night. 11th—Visited Worman, and lodged with old Mr. Draksel. 12th—I preached at Worman's, from 1st. Peter 5, v. 7, 8. 13th—I rode about 40 miles to Jacob Blauch's. 14th—Visited Br. Johnston, in Berlin, and rode to M. Smidt's. 15th—Lodged with Michael Riedel.

Sunday 16th—I preached at Mr. Halsey's, from Ephesians 2, v. 19, and returned with Matthias Smidt. 17th—Rode to McConnell's-town. 18th—To Jacob Wenger's. 19th—Returned home safely.

Sunday 23d—We had meeting at our house. 27th—Preached at Hauser's, from Psalm 126. 28th—I felt somewhat indisposed. 29th—I was very ill.

Sunday 30th—This morning I am somewhat better.

August 1st—Today I rode to a Camp-ground at the Rocky Springs, found them busily engaged in clearing the ground; I lodged with Samuel Huber. 2d—I visited Joseph Knegi and David Sneider; lodged with Shallenberger. 3d—Rode to Mr. Wagner's, in Fautz's Valley. 4th—I was all night with David Long. 5th—I preached at George Miller's, from 1st. Chronicles 4, v. 10, and staid for the night.

Sunday 6th—I preached from Luke 17, v. 17, 18; at night we had meeting at David Long's, I spoke from Psalm 40, v. 2, 3. 7th—I came to David Sneider's. 8th—This day I visited Br. John Davis; rode to Henry Kumler's and staid for the night. 9th—Returned home. 10th—
We had meeting in Shank’s church. 11th—I preached at Schnebly’s, from Luke 11, v. 22, 23.

Sunday 13th—I was at home. 15th—I set out to our Camp-meeting at the Rocky Springs; came to Chambersburg and lodged with Beshore. 16th—Came to the ground and lodged with Samuel Huber. 17th—This day the Camp-meeting commenced. This is the first Camp-meeting held by the United Brethren. The meeting continued until the 21st. The Lord was truly in the Camp.

Sunday 20th—We had particularly a blessed time; a vast concourse of people were assembled, many were the slain of the Lord; many were happily converted and enabled to return home rejoicing in God their Saviour: glory, honor, and praise be to God and the Lamb forever. 21st—I rode to Henry Kumler’s, and staid for the night. 22d—Returned home. 24th—Rode to Virginia and lodged with my son Jacob. 25th—Rode to William Ambrouse’s. 26th, and

Sunday 27th—We had a Sacramental meeting on Sleepy Creek. 28th—I lodged with Wm. Rankin, at the Warm Springs. 29th—At Leymeisters’s. 30th—I came to a Camp-meeting in Berkely county, Va.; James Smidt preached first, I followed him. The meeting was continued till

September 5th—We had pleasant dry weather the whole time: bless the Lord for all his goodness. My poor soul was happy above measure: glory be to God. We do not serve the Lord for naught, he will feed his children, with heavenly manna and give them of the waters of life freely. 6th—This morning my heart is filled with gratitude: O Lord! assist me with thy grace, never suffer me to depart from Thee any more, and help me, ultimately to gain the prize. 9th, and

Sunday 10th—We had a Quarterly meeting at Shauman’s church; I spoke from John 3, v. 7, 8. 16th—I rode to Loudoun county, Va. 17th—I preached at Henry Frey’s, from Ephesians 2, v. 17, 18. 18th—I rode to Middle-town and lodged with Valentine Bowlus. 19th—I returned home.

Sunday 24th—This forenoon I preached at Schnebly’s; in the afternoon at Shank’s church. 29th—We had meeting at home. 30th, and

Sunday, October 1st—We had a Sacramental meeting in Middle-town; Brs. Hoffman, John Snyder and Nicholas Sneethen were present. 2d—I returned home. 3d—Was in Hagers-town; lodged with John Hershey. 4th—Attended a funeral in Sharpsburg. 6th—Preached at Peter Stadtlers. 7th, and

Sunday 8th—I attended a Quarterly meeting at Yost Herbaugh’s; I spoke from Colossians 3, v. 12, 13, 14; we had a good time, praise the Lord. Rode this afternoon 18 miles home. 12th—This morning I set out early on a journey to Lancaster, Pennsylvania; came to a Camp-meeting on Pipe Creek, Frederick county, and tarried until the 17th. The Lord wrought powerfully with his spirit among the people to the conversion of many precious souls. Came this evening to Bishop’s, in Little’s-town, and staid for the night. 18th—I lodged with W. Bentz, in York. 19th—I crossed the great bridge at Columbia, and staid for the night with John Foris. 20th—I visited Br. Christian Smidt and lodged with my sister in Lancaster. 21st—I came to Baer’s, my brother-in-law; my old
father-in-law is still alive, but not able to be about much or help himself.

Sunday 22d—I preached here in the school-house; lodged with Henry Guth. 23d, and 24th—I visited my old friends and acquaintances in this section of country; at night I had meeting at Joseph Huber’s. 25th—I lodged with Jacob Gerber. 26th—I preached at Joseph Lang’s, from 2d. Peter 1, v. 5, 6. 27th—I preached in Lancaster, from 1st. Chronicles 4, v. 10. 28th—I lodged with Abr. Herr.

Sunday 29th—This forenoon I preached at a Mennonite meeting house, from John 3, v. 14, 15, 16; in the afternoon at Millertown, from Romans 8, v. 17. 30th—I preached at Musselman’s, from Luke 19, v. 9, 10. 31st—I came through Columbia and lodged with John Spangler.

November 1st—This day I preached in the Pigeon hill church, rode to Philip Bishop’s and staid for the night. 2d—Came to Jacob Herbaugh’s. 3d—Returned home.

Sunday 5th—I preached in Shank’s church. 6th—Rode to Virginia to see my children. 10th—Returned home.

Sunday 12th—I preached in Funks-town. 18th, and Sunday 19th—We had a Quarterly meeting in Hagers-town; I spoke from 2d. Peter 1, v. 1, 2, 3; lodged with John Hershey.

Sunday 26th—I preached in Martinsburg, Virginia; staid till the 29th, with my son Jacob; his companion was very ill. Rode to my son’s-in-law. 30th—Returned home.

Sunday, December 3d—I preached at Bechtel’s. 8th—I preached at Wenger’s on a watch-night, from Acts 16, v. 30, 31.

Sunday 10th—I preached in Funks-town, from Hebrews 12, v. 15, 16th, and

Sunday 17th—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Williamsport; I spoke from 2d. Corinthians 5, v. 20, 21.

Sunday 24th—I preached a funeral sermon from John 5, v. 24, 25; the widow Rohrer was buried. 25th—Christmas Day, I preached in Hagers-town, from Isaiah 9, v. 6; lodged with John Hershey.

Sunday 31st—I had meeting in Funks-town.


Sunday 7th—I spoke at Hoffert’s. This week I visited my children in Virginia.

Sunday 14th—This day I was at home. The weather is very cold; the snow remarkably deep and drifted together in such a manner, that it is difficult to get along. 16th—I set out for Baltimore, stopped at Valentine Doub’s for refreshment and visited old Brother Adam Lehman; rode to Frederick-town and lodged with Sister Byerly. 17th—This morning it set in to rain; I proceeded on my way, found it very difficult to get along, and stopped at Mr. Barsh’s, where I staid for the night. 18th—I reached Mr. Yundt’s, 4 miles from the city. 19th—I came to Baltimore and put up at my lodgings at Br. Hildt’s; I visited Brs. Hoffman and Mattiott. At night I preached in the Methodist meeting house in Oldtown. 20th—I visited several families in the city.

Sunday 21st—To-day I preached twice in the church; at night we had meeting at Smith’s. 22d—I continued visiting. 23d—I attended a Class-meeting of the Sisters. 24th—To-day I went with Brs. Hildt and Hoff-
man to the Museum, where I saw many wonderful curiosities; different animals, birds, insects, crocodiles, snakes, &c.; also, the whole skeleton of an enormous animal which they call Mammoth, and which was found many feet under ground, somewhere in the western country; also, some bones of a whale, and many other things both natural and artificial, which I had never before seen or even knew that such things existed in the world: O Lord! how wonderful are the works of thy creation? Visited Sister Bender; her husband died since I was here the last time. At night I preached at Lewis Kalbfus's, about a mile from the city. 26th— I left Baltimore and came to Jacob Eichelberger's, where I was received in the most friendly manner. 27th—Rode to Mr. Zollikoffer's and staid for the night.

Sunday 28th—This forenoon I preached here and led the class; we had a happy time. Rode to Jacob Senseney's and staid for the night. 29th—This morning I was very happy in the God of my Salvation. O Lord Jesus! grant that I may never depart from thee. Rode to Liberty, dined with Mr. Haines and rode to Simon Cronise's, where I staid for the night. 30th—I preached at Valentine Doub's, from 2d. Corinth. 5, v. 17, 18; in the evening we had a watch-night at Jacob Bowlus's. 31st—we had meeting at John Huber's.

February 1st—This day I am 67 years of age; so many years has my heavenly Father bore with me and preserved me: Lord! grant me grace during the few remaining days of my life, and let them all be spent to thy name's glory. This evening we had meeting at John Byerly's. 2d.—I returned home. 3d—Attended a funeral.

Sunday 4th—I spoke at the funeral of Mrs. Jacob Lein, at Schnebly's. Sunday 11th—I was in Middle-town; Nicholas Sneethen preached in the forenoon, I spoke at night from Luke 11, v. 21, 22, 23; rode home with Eberhardt. This week I spent in Virginia with my children.

Sunday 18th—I preached in Williams-port; rode to my son David's and staid for the night. 24th—Attended the funeral of Mrs. Hoffman, in Shepherd's-town.

Sunday 25th—This day I attended meeting at Samuel Harrison's; Br. Jefferson spoke first, I followed him.

Sunday, March 3d—This day we had meeting at Br. Henry Kumler's, Wm. Brown, a young man, exhorted after me, the Lord was present; rode to Jacob Wenger's and staid for the night.

Sunday 10th—To-day I rode 10 miles to a meeting and returned home again. 14th—We had meeting at our house, Br. Kumler spoke first, young Br. Brown exhorted after him very feelingly. 16th—We had a blessed time at a watch night, at Schnebly's; I lodged at Rhinehart's.

Sunday 17th—I preached here in the forenoon, rode to Hagers-town and preached at candle light; staid for the night with John Hershey.

24th—I attended meeting in Funks-town. 29th—I rode to Abr. Bauman's. 30th—To John Huber's.

Sunday 31st—I preached at Moses Besher's, from Titus 3, v. 5 to 8; at night we had meeting at Benjamin Huber's; I spoke from Psalm 146, v. 8, 9; we had a blessed time, the meeting continued until after midnight.

April 1st—This day I came to old Mr. Shiebly's and staid for the night.
2d—I visited several sick persons and lodged with Gusman. 3d—I returned home.

Sunday 7th—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Hagers-town. 8th—I went to Virginia and lodged with John Sneider. 9th—with my son Jacob. 10th—at Shaffner’s. 11th—at Lamber’s, in Winchester. 12th—at Zehring’s, in Woodstock.

13th and Sunday 14th—we had a Quarterly meeting at the widow Funkhouser’s, I preached from Mark 16, v. 15, 16. 15th—I preached at Mr. Hay’s. 16th—at Christian Funkhouser’s, rode to Abr. Neuswander’s and staid for the night. 17th—I lodged with Mr. Shaffner. 18th—I staid for the night at my son’s-in-law, Jacob Hess. 19th—at Br. Michael Thomas’s. 20th—Returned home.

Sunday 21st—This forenoon I preached in Funks-town; in the afternoon at home. 27th—I set out to the Methodist General Conference, in Baltimore; came to Valentine Doub’s and staid for the night.

Sunday 28th—I attended meeting in Frederick-town; Sneethen preached in the forenoon and Wells preached at night with great power; rode home with Joseph Knegi. 29th—I rode to Baltimore and arrived at Br. Hildt’s, very much fatigued, having travelled 44 miles. 30th—This morning I visited Bishop McKendree; Asbury was no more, he had died a few days since, on his way to the General Conference, near Fredericksburg, in Virginia; in the afternoon I led a sister’s class at Br. Hoffman’s.

May 1st—the General Conference commenced its session this forenoon; at night I attended meeting in Oldtown, and lodged with Hildt. 2d—This day I left Baltimore in company with Br. Hoffman to attend our annual Conference in Fautz’s Valley, in Pennsylvania, 110 miles from this place; we rode to Jacob Kleinfelter’s and staid for the night; he received us very kindly and related to us how he was convicted and converted under father Otterbein’s preaching. 3d—we rode to Mr. Greish’s, in Cumberland county. 4th—we staid for the night with Daniel Hoffman.

Sunday 5th—we had a Sacramental meeting here, and had a blessed time. 6th—I staid for the night with Mr. Kauffman. 7th, 8th, and 9th, we held our Conference, love and unanimity reigned throughout: bless the Lord, O! my soul, for all his mercies. 10th—I rode home with Abr. Meyer. 11th, and

Sunday 12th—we held a Sacramental meeting here; rode to David Sneider’s, and staid for the night. 13th—I came to Abr. Bauman’s, found his wife very ill, to all appearance near the close of her existence here on earth; she is perfectly sensible, but what is better than all, she is in possession of a glorious hope of immortality: may the Lord be with her in the trying hour and receive her to himself. Rode to my son David’s and staid for the night. 14th—This day I set out for the State of Ohio: may some kind guardian angel be my companion on my journey, and preserve me through dangers seen and unseen. Rode to McConnell’s-town and staid for the night. 15th—I came to Matthias Smidt’s. 16th—I crossed the Allegheny mountains and lodged with Mr. Hess. 17th—to-day I visited Br. Johnston, in Berlin; also, Jacob Blauch; lodged with Mr. Shultz. 18th—I came to Worman’s.

Sunday 19th—I preached here, and staid for the night with old Mr. Draksel. 20th—I preached at Henry Erret’s, from Eph. 2, v. 16, 17.
21st—This morning I concluded to take my road through Pittsburg; lodged with Bentz Herr.
22d—I staid for the night 6 miles west of Beaver.
23d—I came through New Lisbon and lodged with Martin Brittenstein; this family received me with pleasure.
24th—I lodged with Jacob Roland, near Canton.
25th—I reached Philip Slosser's; found Br. Draksel here. To-day and
Sunday 26th—we held a Sacramental meeting here; I preached from Luke 24, v. 47.
27th—I rode in company with several Brethren to Tuscarawas county, and lodged with Michael Rohr.
28th—I visited Br. Bortsfild and old Wm. Butt's; at night I preached at Christian Wolgumott's.
29th—This morning I pursued my journey to Coshocton; some places the road was very bad; it was late when I came into the forks of the Tuscarawas and Whitewoman rivers, which here form the Muskingum. I was not able to ford the water and could procure no ferry boat, so I had no other alternative than to turn around, measure my way back and hunt a shelter. At last I discovered a light, rode towards it and found a small cabin wherein dwelt a man with his wife and eight children. He had no feed for my horse, and very little for myself, but I had to stay for the night; and although my bed was none of the most comfortable, I enjoyed a good night's rest.
30th—This morning I crossed the river, not without considerable danger, rode 7 miles to a public house where I fed my horse, took breakfast and pursued my journey to Zanesville. Lodged this night at a public house.
31st—This day I preached at Lyday's, and staid for the night with Herman.
June 1st, and Sunday 2d—we had a Sacramental meeting here; I spoke from Luke 24, v. 47, and administered the Sacrament; several persons were converted.
3d—We had meeting at George Dreisbach's.
4th—I came to Br. Froshauer's and staid for the night.
5th—I lodged at Duckwalt's.
6th—I had meeting in Lebanon.
7th—I visited Br. Henry Frey and came to Andrew Zeller's.
8th, and Sunday 9th—we had a Quarterly meeting here; many Brethren who had come to Conference, were present; I spoke from Ephesians 2, v. 17, 18, 19. Many came to the Lord's table with contrite hearts and streaming eyes.
10th—This morning we had our Love feast; it was truly a gracious time, many cried for mercy and not a few found peace with God in the pardon of their sins; others were shouting and praising God.
11th, 12th, and 13th—we held our Conference; the Lord was with us.
14th—I set out in company with Br. Froemmer; we came to Mr. Michael Shock's, who received and entertained us in a most friendly manner.
15th—we lodged at Mr. Drake's.
Sunday 16th—we stopped for the night with a Baptist preacher.
17th—This day we rode through Madison and New Lexington; from the latter place we took a pilot along to show us the way, and with some difficulty arrived some time after night at Henry Steinseifer's, where we received a friendly welcome and cordial entertainment.
18th—Bless the Lord! this morning I am well, and determined by the grace of God to do and suffer the will of my heavenly Master. I am now in Clark county, State of Indiana, more than 100 miles west of the State of Ohio. We came to-day to an elevated spot of ground from whence we had a view all around to a considerable distance; here I humbled myself on my knees.
in gratitude to God, who in mercy has preserved me in this wilderness to the present time: ultimately we reached the house of a Mr. Swartz, where we took some refreshment and rode to John George Froemmer's, where we staid for the night. 19th—I reached Corydon, in Harrison county. A Convention of the people is at present assembled here to form a State Constitution. I visited Mr. Reis and returned to Froemmer's. 20th—I preached here to a numerous congregation, both in the German and English languages. The people appeared to be greatly effected, nearly all of them shed tears: I bid them farewell, rode to Mr. Zeller's, thence to John Bauman's and staid for the night. 21st—This day I came to Louisville, in Kentucky; here I met my old friend Ewinger, who insisted on my going home with him. 22d—This morning I did not feel as well as usual, took some medicine, rested part of the day; towards evening I rode to George Heik's and staid for the night.

Sunday 23d—This forenoon I preached in Brunner's-town; in the afternoon I rode to Peter Haas's and staid for the night. 24th—I preached at old Mr. George Wenger's, where we had a blessed time; Br. Conrad Roth had come here to me. The people entreated us with tears to visit them again, or at least to send them one of our preachers, and made a voluntary and generous offer for his support among them. 25th—We arrived in Shelbyville; lodged at Mr. Middleton's, a public house. We were entertained in the most friendly and polite manner, nor would he receive the least remuneration. 26th—This day we came through Frankfort, the seat of Government of the State of Kentucky; we lodged with David Reis. 27th—We visited three of his sons Jacob, John and Michael, and lodged with John. 28th—We visited Baker and Huber, held a meeting and lodged with Jacob Rohrer. 29th—We visited Andrew Huber and Joseph Bauman.

Sunday 30th—I preached in a Baptist meeting house, from Matthew 15, v. 27, 28, in the English, and from John 3, v. 16 to 18, in the German language; dined with Henry Rohrer and rode yet 10 miles to John Reis's.

July 1st—This day we came to Lexington; lodged with Mr. Howard who received us very friendly. 2d—We came to a village called Millersburg. When the people learned that we were ministers of the gospel, they requested us to stay and preach to them; we consented to do so, and in about half an hour a considerable number of folks were collected together. We preached at a public house; Br. Roth addressed them first, I followed him. The word spoken appeared to produce considerable effect; some shed tears of joy. After meeting a lady came up to me, (she was a New England woman, and the wife of a physician of the village,) giving me her hand and expressing her gratitude for the doctrine she had heard, she left a dollar in my hand. Several persons invited us to go home and dine with them; we accepted the invitation of a Mr. Bell, a saddler by trade. He and his companion appeared to be a pious couple. We rode across the river, and lodged with Mr. Jenkins. 3d—We came through Washington and Limestone; here I met an old acquaintance, Peter Swartzwelder, whom I had not seen for the space of 21 years; we crossed the Ohio river and lodged in Adams county with Mr. Bradford. 4th—We rode to John Kohr's, and staid for the night. 5th—I rode in company with Froshouer to John Kohr's, senior. 6th—I rested here.
Sunday 7th—This day I preached here, first in the German and then in the English language. A very numerous and attentive congregation had assembled, and the word had considerable effect on the hearers. 8th—We came to Martin Dreisbach's. 9th—I visited Frederick Pontius and Peter Miller, and lodged with the widow Seiler. 10th—I came through Lancaster, and staid for the night with Conrad Fetter. 11th—I visited Abr. Hiestand and lodged with Emanuel Zimmerman. 12th—I staid with old Mr. Arnold. 13th—With Jacob Mechlin.

Sunday 14th—I preached here to a numerous congregation, from Revelations 21, v. 6, 7, 8. 15th—I visited Rodenbaugh and Montgomery; lodged with Lyday. 16th—We rode 44 miles and lodged at a public house. 17th—We again travelled 40 miles and reached Christian Wolgamott's. 18th—I visited Isaac Thomas and Herbaugh. At the house of my travelling companion, Conrad Roth, I met a Lutheran minister named Sneider; he appeared to be an agreeable young man; we dined together. After committing them to the grace of God in prayer, I departed; visited Jacob Welty and Wm. Butt; rode through New Philadelphia, the county seat of Tuscarawas county; it is but a small place and in my opinion will not improve in a short time, and rise to any consequence as rapidly as many other places in this western country. Rode to Gabriel Cryder's and staid for the night. 19th—This morning I had to ride 16 miles to Mr. Nafzinger's; I preached here in the forenoon and at night. 20th—I came through Romley to Mr. Brown's, where we had a blessed meeting; when I had closed the people still tarried and seemed loth to depart. I commenced an inquiry and asked each individually respecting the state of their souls; they all began to cry for mercy.

Sunday 21st—I preached twice at Bear's; at night at Jacob Nafzinger's. 22d—We came through Salem and Steubenville; crossed the Ohio river, and reached Christopher Winter's at night. 23d—This evening I preached in Washington and lodged with Christian Harnish. 24th—This forenoon I preached in Wyant's church; at night we had meeting at Stecher's. 25th—Lodged at Worman's. 26th—I preached in Mount Pleasant, and staid for the night with Henry Spayth. 27th—Lodged with Walter.

Sunday 28th—This forenoon I preached here with great liberty, from Revelations 21, v. 6, 7, 8; in the afternoon we had meeting at David Weyman's, in Liganor Valley. 29th—I preached in Berlin, from Psalm 40, v. 3. 30th—We had meeting at Jacob Blauch's; at night in Berlin, at Br. Johnston's; lodged with Jacob Guth. 31st—Came to Matthias Smidt's.

August 1st—To-day we rode to McConnell's-town. 2d—To my son David's. 3d—I returned home and found all well.

Sunday 4th—I preached at Hauser's to a large congregation. 8th—This day a Camp-meeting commenced on the land of Leonard Middlekauff, which continued to the 13th. It was truly a blessed time; many were brought to a knowledge of their condition and obtained peace with God through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord grant that they may prove faithful, and never turn back to the beggarly elements of this world.

Sunday 11th—I attended meeting at Joel Newcomer's. 22d—I came to a Methodist Camp-meeting and staid till the 27th. I preached once in the German, and once in the English language. 28th—I preached in

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Hagers-town and lodged with Marteny. 29th—I rode through Green­
castle, Chambersburg and Shippensburg, to Joseph Knegi’s, where I staid
for the night. 30th—I came to a Camp-meeting in Cumberland county, Pa.,
and preached from Revelations 21, v. 7; a large number of people were
assembled and more than 100 tents erected.

Sunday, September 1st—Several thousand persons were this day as­
sembled on the Camp-ground; Swartzweiller and Tidings preached in the
forenoon, I spoke in the afternoon in the German language. 2d—I left
the Camp-ground and lodged with Bastian Wonder. 3d—I came to Henry
Strickler’s, a Mennonite preacher; he received and entertained me very
friendly. 4th—I came to Columbia and staid for the night with Chr.
Herr. 5th—I again came to a Camp-meeting of our society in Lancaster
county; Hoffman, Sneider, Meyer and another Brother were present. The
Lord was with us in power.

Sunday 8th—I preached from Mark 10, v. 29, 30; the meeting was
closed on the 10th: bless the Lord it was a soul-reviving time for myself
and many others. 11th—I visited my sister in Lancaster. 12th—I was
with my brother-in-law, Baer; my father-in-law had departed this life, in
the 90th year of his age. 13th, and 14th—I visited my friends and rela­
tives in the neighborhood.

Sunday 15th—To-day I attended the funeral of old Michael Bauman,
and preached from John 5, v. 24: he had attained the age of 89 years.
16th—I lodged with Chr. Herr. 17th—I preached here from 2d. Corinth.
5, v. 21, 22, formed a class of eight members, lodged with Chr. Smidt.
18th—Came through York; staid for the night with Spangler. 19th—
I rode 45 miles, took refreshment at Bishop’s, and lodged with Mr. Walker.
20th—Had meeting at Valentine Doub’s. 21st, and

Sunday 22d—We had a Quarterly meeting in Middle-town; I spoke
yesterday from Revelation 21, v. 7, 8; to-day from 2d. Corinthians 5,
v. 20, 21; in the evening I rode home.

Sunday 29th—This forenoon I preached in Sharpsburg; in the
afternoon at Schnebly’s; lodged with David Hess. 30th—Had meeting
at home.

October 1st—Br. Conrad Roth preached in Sharpsburg; I exhorted
after him and lodged with Peter Beeler.

Sunday 6th—I had meeting in Hagers-town. 7th—Rode to Henry
Kumler’s, 8th—I was with David Sneider, 9th—I staid for the night
at Jacob Kumler’s. 10th—I had meeting at George Hoffman’s. 11th—
I preached at old Mr. Eyerly’s. 12th—I came to Martin Dreisbach’s.

Sunday 13th—This day we had meeting here in the forenoon, and at
night. 14th—This day the Conference of the Albright Brethren com­
menced at this place; I attended their session, and staid for the night at
Wormly’s. 15th—I attended a funeral at Mr. Gilmore’s; at night I
preached at Solomon Betts’s. 16th—I returned to the Conference; at night
I preached in Youngman’s-town, from 2d. Corinth. 5, v. 20, 21, and lodged
with Mr. Carlis. 17th—This day I felt very unwell; came to Martin
Dreisbach’s, and lodged with Wormly. 18th—Lodged with Mr. Shraub.
19th—I came to Philip Hoffman’s.

Sunday 20th—This forenoon I preached at John Hoffman’s; was
very unwell, and spoke but a short time; at night I attended my appoint-
ment at Wagner's. 21st—I lodged with Long. 22d—I preached at Frederick Rodes'. 23d—At Jacob Kumler's. 24th—I staid for the night with Joseph Stemm. 25th—With Michael Barr. 26th, and Sunday 27th—we had a Sacramental meeting at Rodes'; I preached from 2d. Peter 1, v. 8, 9, 10; rode to David Sneider's and staid for the night. 28th—I preached at Green-castle; lodged with Jacob Wenger. 29th—Returned home.

November 2nd, and Sunday 3d—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Williams-port; lodged with Weber, 9th, and Sunday 10th—we had a Sacramental meeting in Hagerstown; I lodged with Jacob Meyer. 12th—This evening we had meeting at Shaffner's, in Virginia. 13th—I lodged with Sharf. 14th, and 15th—I was at my son Jacob's. 16th—At my son's-in-law.

Sunday 17th—I attended meeting in Shepherd's-town; Gill Watt preached, I followed him. 23d, and Sunday 24th—we had a two-days' meeting in Shank's church.

Sunday, December 1st—This forenoon I preached at Funck's; in the afternoon in the school-house. This week I was detained at home with a very sore leg.

Sunday 8th—I was at home; my leg is still so bad that I cannot stir from home; O Lord! prepare me only to enter into thy rest.

Sunday 15th—This day I was also at home; several of my neighbors came to see me; one of them advised me to bathe and warm my sore leg before the fire, which I did, and found great benefit. Rode this week to Virginia.

Sunday 22d—I preached in Shepherd's-town. 25th—Christmas Day, I preached in the forenoon at Schnebly's; at night a Mr. Thomas, who calls himself the Pilgrim, preached here.

Sunday 29th—I preached at Henry Kumler's, from Luke 2, v. 12 to 14; we had a blessed class-meeting. 30th—I lodged with Jacob Wenger. 31st—I returned home.

ENTRIES FROM JANUARY 1828 TO MARCH 1830

January 20th, 1828—This day I preached, for the first time since New-Year, at Hauser's. I have not been away from home much for the last four weeks.

Sunday 27th—I was at meeting at John Cronise's; Br. Jacob Bowlus was here from the State of Ohio. 28th—We visited in Frederick-town, and lodged with Valentine Doub.

February 1st—I attended meeting at Hauser's; Br. Zahn spoke first, I exhorted after him.

Sunday 3d—I was at Schnebly's meeting house, and lodged with David Hess. 7th—I preached at a funeral from Revelation 14, v. 13.

Sunday 10th—I attended a meeting at Mr. Keys's, in Virginia; Christopher Frey spoke first, I exhorted after him; lodged with my son Jacob.

Sunday 17th, and Monday 18th—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Middletown, and lodged with Appleman.
Sunday 24th—I was at home; have a sore foot which occasions much pain, but I am truly thankful to God that it is nothing worse.

Sunday, March 3d—This day also I staid at home. 7th—I rode to Hagers-town; here I met Bros. Kumler and Hildt, from the State of Ohio. I lodged with Joseph Hershey.

Sunday 10th—To-day we had meeting twice in Hagers-town; Bros. Hildt and Kumler preached, and we had truly a blessed time. 11th—I rode with Br. Kumler to Samuel Huber's. 12th—I preached at Mr. Young's. 13th— Lodged with Joseph Knegi.

Sunday 17th—This forenoon we had meeting at Abraham Huber's; at night in Chambersburg. I lodged with Br. Oaks. 18th—With Jacob Wenger. 19th—Returned home.

Sunday 24th—I had to stay at home on account of my sore foot. 31st—I rode to Jacob Thomas's, in Frederick county, where our Annual Conference for the Hagers-town district is to be held.

April 1st—This day the Conference commenced its session, and continued from day to day until the 5th, when the business was brought to a close: bless the Lord for the peace and harmony which prevailed on the occasion.

Sunday 6th—I attended the funeral of the widow Funk. 7th—This forenoon I set out for the State of Ohio, came to Hagers-town where I met Br. Kumler, rode to my son David's and staid for the night. 8th—We rode 32 miles and lodged at a public house. 9th—Rode to Cumberland. 10th—Lodged at Mr. McCall's, in Somerset county. 11th—Lodged in Connell's-town. 12th—At John Draksel's, in Westmoreland.

Sunday 13th—This forenoon we preached in Mount Pleasant, rode in the afternoon to Henry Spayth's, and staid for the night. 14th—it was very windy, snowing all day long; lodged with Mr. Hill. 15th—We rode 45 miles to the Ohio river, and lodged with my friend Browning. 16th—Came through Steubenville, and staid for the night at Shampach's. 17th—We had a blessed meeting at Joseph Nafzinger's. 18th—We came through New Philadelphia and lodged with Jacob Welty. 19th—This morning we came to Br. Hildt's, on Crooked Run, where we had meeting; I preached from Psalm 40, v. 1 to 4.

Sunday 20th—We had meeting again; Br. Kumler spoke first, Stambach followed him. The sacrament was administered; we had truly a blessed time: I lodged with John Mumma, a relative. 21st—We had our Love-feast; many souls were blessed: unto God be all the glory. I lodged with Br. Hildt. 22d, 23d, and 24th—We held our Annual Conference for Muskingum district, at Broad Run meeting house, near Christian Köhr's; two preachers were ordained. 25th—We rode about 30 miles to Coshocton, and lodged at a public house kept by John Brown. 26th—We again staid at a public house for the night, a few miles west of Zanesville.

Sunday 27th—We came through Somerset; I lodged with Herman. 28th—Had meeting at old Br. Herman's; lodged with Dewalt Mechlin. 29th—Had meeting in Lancaster; I staid with Arnold. 30th—Came to Joseph Hoffman's.

May 1st—To-day we stopped with the widow Ernst, and took refreshment; rode thence to Peter Johnson's and staid for the night. 2nd—Came through Circleville and lodged in Bloomingsburg.
Sunday 4th—This forenoon we preached at Mr. Jones' ; at night I spoke at another house, from Acts 16, v. 30 to 32; Br. Eckert exhorted after me. 5th—I lodged at Peter Meyer's. 6th, 7th, and 8th—We held our Annual Conference here for the Scioto district. 9th—I rode about 40 miles, lodged with Mr. Slater. 10th—I came to old Br. Andrew Zeller's.

Sunday 11th—I preached at John Meyer's and staid for the night. 12th—I returned to Br. Zeller's. 13th—I visited his children and lodged with John King. 14th—I visited several families and staid for the night with Gabriel Thomas. 15th—I preached at the widow Good's, and rode home with Br. Kumler. 16th—I rested here. 17th—I visited Br. Flickinger and lodged with David Dauner.

Sunday 18th—This forenoon I preached at John Zinn's, from John 3, v. 16, 17, 18; in the afternoon at Flickinger's. 19th—I lodged with Daniel Hess. 20th, 21st, and 22d—We held our Annual Conference for Miami district. 23d—I came to Lebanon and lodged with Vogelgesang. 24th—This day I came to Br. Frey's; he rode with me to Mr. Bauser's, where we had this day and

Sunday 25th, also Monday 26th—A sacramental meeting; bless the Lord, it was really a day of Pentecost. 27th—I rode 46 miles to Leesburg, and lodged with Mr. Bently. 28th—I rode 40 miles to Martin Dreisbach's. 29th—I staid for the night with Joseph Hoffman. 30th—I lodged in Rushville with Br. Buck. 31st, and

Sunday, June 1st, also Monday 2d—I attended a Camp-meeting near Lyday's; it was a blessed time, many souls were brought from darkness to light, and converted from the power of sin and Satan unto God. 3d—I travelled 32 miles over miserable roads. 4th—I rode 40 miles and lodged at a public house. 5th—I crossed the Ohio river at Wheeling and lodged with Jacob Winter. 6th—I came through Washington and lodged at a public house. 7th—I staid for the night with Brother Henry Spayth.

Sunday 8th—I preached at Br. Sumbrod's, from John 5, v. 6, and lodged again with Br. Spayth. 9th—I paid a visit to Br. Daniel Worman, rode to Liganor Valley and staid for the night with Weimar. 10th—Came through Somerset and lodged with Jacob Blauch. 11th—I staid with Barndoler for the night. 12th—With the widow Bechtel. 13th—Returned home.

Sunday 15th—I attended a Quarterly meeting in Hagers-town, and lodged with Jacob King. 20th—I rode to Virginia on a visit to my children.

Sunday 22d—To-day I was at my son's-in-law; attended a Sunday school with the children and closed it with prayer. 23d—I returned home. This week my son Andrew was engaged in harvesting; I also tried once more to reap with a hook, but was soon obliged to desist, finding my corporeal strength inadequate to the task. Praise and adoration be to my God for all his mercy and beneficence towards me.

Sunday 29th—I preached at Schnebly's meeting house.

Sunday, July 6th—I preached at Hauser's.

Sunday 13th—I had meeting at Sherfy's.

Sunday 20th—I preached again at Hauser's. 26th—Rode to Br. Witter's and staid for the night.

Sunday 27th—I preached on the Camp-ground near Boons-borough. August 1st—I attended a funeral.
Sunday 3d—I was at Schnebly's meeting house; Br. Zahn preached, I exhorted after him. 8th—This day our Camp-meeting commenced near Boonsborough: may the presence of the Lord attend us in mercy. The meeting continued till Wednesday 13th. On the 14th, I set out early on a journey to Pennsylvania, rode through Chambersburg and Shippenburg to Joseph Knegi's, and staid for the night. 15th—Lodged with Br. William Brown. 16th—Rode 47 miles and arrived at night, at a Camp-meeting in Lebanon county, Pa.

Sunday 16th—This forenoon I delivered the first discourse, Winebrenner followed me. 17th—I spoke from John 5, v. 6 to 9; the meeting was brought to a close on the 20th, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, and I rode yet 47 miles to Wm. Brown's. 22d—I came to a Camp-meeting in Franklin county. 23d—I preached from Matthew 15, v. 21.

Sunday 24th—This day a vast multitude had assembled on the Campground; the brethren addressed the people powerfully. 25th—I returned home. 26th—I accompanied Br. Brown to Virginia, came to my son's-in-law and staid for the night. 27th—I came to Winchester. 28th—To Daniel Funkhouser's. 29th—To a Camp-meeting in Shenandoah county. 30th—I preached here, from Psalm 40, v. 3, 4, 5.

Sunday 31st—This forenoon I preached from John 5, v. 6, 7, 8; Br. Wm. Brown preached in the afternoon; Br. Rhinehart at night; we had a powerful time, bless the Lord.

September 3d—This morning the meeting came to a close; we rode to Br. Reichwein's and staid for the night. 4th—We lodged at Jacob Weitzel's, in Rockingham county. 5th—We came to a Camp-meeting in this neighborhood; I spoke first, from John 1, v. 11, 12. On Monday I preached again, from Luke 17, v. 12 to 15; the meeting closed on the 10th; we rode yet to old Br. Weitzel's, where we had meeting at night, Brown spoke in the German and myself in the English language. 11th—We came to Harrisonburg, stopped at Mr. Tutweiler's for refreshment; rode 10 miles and had meeting at Lauman's. 12th—We came to a Camp-meeting at Jacob Lentz's, in Brock's Gap; this is the seventh Camp-meeting I attended this summer. The number of people assembled on the present occasion was very numerous, but most of them remained hard and uneffecte4 under the most powerful preaching of the gospel; may the Lord have mercy on them. 15th—The meeting was brought to a close; we rode yet 10 miles to Matthias Sneider's and staid for the night. 16th—I lodged with George Bender. 17th—I rode 40 miles to Winchester and lodged with the widow Senseny. 18th, and

October 3d—This day I attended a funeral, my neighbor Ewi was buried.

Sunday 5th—I was at meeting in Hagers-town and lodged with Joseph Hershey.

Sunday 12th—I attended a sacramental meeting across the south mountain. 18th, and
Sunday 19th—We had a sacramental meeting in Hagers-town. 24th—I rode to Samuel Huber's and staid for the night. 25th—I rode to Shippensburg, a new meeting house was dedicated to the Lord; Brs. William Brown, Griffith and a Presbyterian minister were present.

Sunday 26th—This forenoon Br. Brown preached first, in the German language, from Psalm 22, v. 25, 26; Br. Griffith followed him in the English Language, the Presbyterian minister preached in the afternoon. 27th—I rode home with Br. Brown. 28th—I visited the widow Myers and returned to Br. Brown's. 29th—I preached at Mr. Bachman's from Luke 24, v. 45 to 47, and lodged in Chambersburg with Br. Oaks. 30th—I returned home. 31st, and

Sunday, November 2d—We had a sacramental meeting at Jacob Thomas's. 3d—I returned home. 8th, and

Sunday 9th—I attended a sacramental meeting at Shauman's church in Pleasant Valley, and lodged with Conrad Thomas.

Sunday 16th—To-day I attended meeting in Hagers-town and lodged at my son David's. 12th—We had meeting at Hausers.

Sunday 23d—I attended meeting at Jacob Thomas's and staid for the night. 27th—I preached at the funeral of Catharine Dietrick.

Sunday 30th—To-day I was in Hagers-town; Br. Zahn preached in the English language, I exhorted after him in German. 6th, and

Sunday, December 7th—I attended a sacramental meeting in Shippensburg; we had a precious season, many drew nigh to the table of the Lord with streaming eyes and contrite hearts. 8th—I preached at Gusman’s and staid for the night. 9th—We had meeting at Fetterhoff's. 10th—I lodged with the widow Shallenberger, in Green-castle.

Sunday 14th—To-day we had meeting at home; this evening I attended a watch-night in Shank's church. 18th—I returned home, and learned that my daughter in Virginia lay very ill. 19th—This morning I set out early to visit her, but alas! on my arrival I found her already speechless. 20th—This morning about 4 o'clock she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, without the least groan or motion: may the Lord preserve me faithful unto the end, so that I may meet her in another and a better world.

Sunday 21st—To-day I attended the funeral of my daughter to Maryland, where she was buried by the side of her father-in-law; Br. George Geeting preached a funeral discourse in the German, and a Methodist Br. named Catton spoke in the English language; I rode home, and was this week confined to the house by indisposition.

Sunday 28th—I was still indisposed and remained at home.

January 1st, 1829—This day I preached in Sharpsburg, dined with Peter Beeler; at night we had meeting at Schnebly's church and lodged with Br. Geeting.

Sunday 4th—I am not yet as well as usual; the weather is also very cold, so that it would not be prudent for me to leave home. This whole month I was chiefly confined to my room.

Sunday, February 1st—This day I am 80 years of age: glory, honor and praise be unto the Lord for ever: Amen. This forenoon I preached in Schnebly's meeting house; in the afternoon I attended meeting in Boonsborough and lodged with Mr. Wagner. 4th—We had meeting in Green-castle; I staid with Wenger. 5th—I lodged with Samuel Huber. 6th—
I staid for the night with William Brown. 7th—I came through Carlisle and lodged with John Shopp.

Sunday 8th—I preached here in the new meeting house, from Luke 18, v. 1 to 8; the Lord was with us and blessed the word spoken; Br. Dreisbach preached at night, I exhorted after him. 9th—I visited several families and staid for the night with Bowman. 10th—Came through Harrisburg, visited Winebrenner and Riley, and lodged with Jacob Rupp. 11th—I rode 36 miles to Lancaster, and lodged with my sister-in-law, Baer. 12th—I visited several old acquaintances; lodged at the same place. 13th—I lodged with Frederick Stam. 14th—This was a very cold day; came to the widow Herr's.

Sunday 15th—This forenoon I preached at Bortsfeld's; in the afternoon at the widow Herr's. The word spoken took effect, several persons were in distress and cried for mercy, others were rejoicing and praising God with shouting; I rode home with John Herr. 16th—I came through Columbia and lodged at John Fori's. 17th—I visited the Rev. Mr. Schmuckler, in York; came to John Spangler's and staid for the night. 18th—I came to Br. Bishop's. 19th—To John Herbaugh's. 30th—Returned home.

Sunday 22d—To-day I preached in Hagers-town; rode to my son David's and staid for the night. 26th—I set out with my son David's companion for Baltimore; we stopped for the night with the widow Barsh. 27th—We arrived in the city; I lodged with Br. Neidig. 28th—I visited Brs. Cronemiller and Heide.

Sunday, March 1st—This forenoon I preached from Matthew 7, v. 12 to 14; I tarried this week in the city and visited some of the friends daily.

Sunday 8th—This forenoon I preached again, from Romans 5, v. 1 to 4; Br. Neidig spoke in the afternoon; at night we had a blessed prayer meeting. 10th—This morning early we left Baltimore, and travelled 47 miles to Valentine Doub's. 11th—I returned home. 14th—This evening my beloved Br. Henry Kumler arrived at our house, from the State of Ohio.

Sunday 15th—This forenoon we had meeting at Hauser's; in the afternoon at John Doub's; this week I visited my son in law and my son Jacob, in Virginia. 21st, and

Sunday 22d—We held a sacramental meeting in Hagers-town; Kumler, Burtner, Zahn and other brethren delivered their messages with power and unction from above; several persons were awakened and converted: unto God be all the glory. I lodged with Joseph Hershey. 24th—I rode with Br. Kumler to Jacob Doub's and staid for the night. 25th—Had meeting at Valentine Doub's. 26th—Lodged with Jacob Thomas. 27th—Kumler preached here in the church, I exhorted after him; in the afternoon we returned home.

Sunday 29th—This forenoon we had meeting at Hauser's; at night in Hagers-town. This week I made preparation for another journey to the western country.

Sunday, April 5th—To-day we had meeting at home. 7th—This day our Annual Conference commenced for the Hagerstown district, in Schnebly's meeting house, Washington county, and continued to the 10th; 42 preachers were present, and the business was transacted in peace, love
and harmony. 11th—This morning I took a cordial farewell from the family and set out once more (in my 81st year) for the state of Ohio.

Sunday 12th—This day we attended the dedication of a new meeting house in Green-castle. 13th—Rode to McConnell's-town and staid for the night. 14th—We lodged with Br. Matthias Smidt. 15th—Came to Jacob Blauch's, found him in bed with the disease of the dropsy, and to all appearance near the close of life: may the Lord grant him grace to prove faithful to the end. 16th—To-day we rode 40 miles and lodged with John Bonnet. 17th—We held meeting in Mount Pleasant; I lodged with Wm. Gerry. 18th, and

Sunday 19th—We had a sacramental meeting; I preached from John 5, v. 6, 7, 8. 20th—This forenoon we had our Love-feast and administered the sacrament; rode 12 miles and lodged with Henry Spayth. 21st—This day we came to Pittsburgh and staid for the night. 22d—Came through Economy; rode 46 miles to-day and lodged at a public house. 23d—Came through New Lisbon, staid for the night at a small village. 24th—To Henry Werner's. 25th, and

Sunday 26th, and Monday 27th—We held a Sacramental meeting here; in the afternoon we rode to George Frank's. 28th, and 29th—We held our Annual Conference here, for Muskingum district. 30th—Came through Canton, took refreshment in a village called Zoar, inhabited by a German society of Separatists, who hold all the property in common; rode to Christian Kohr's and staid for the night.

May 1st—This day I rested here and lodged with Michael Kohr. 2d—I rode to Dover, visited Christian Deardorff and William Bowers; rode from thence home with Br. Hildt and staid for the night.

Sunday 3d—This forenoon I preached at Crooked Run meeting house, from Matthew 15, v. 21 to 28; Br. Zahn followed me in the English language, Brs. Kumler and Hendricks preached at night. This night I lodged with John Jacob Shoub. 4th—To-day we came through Coshocton and lodged with Eberhardt. 5th—Came through Zanesville and staid for the night with Lenhardt. 6th—Reached Rushville and lodged with Buck. 7th—Came to Br. Herman's. 8th—I lodged with Jacob Mechlin. 9th—At old Mr. Keller's.

Sunday 10th—We had meeting at Herman's in the forenoon; rode in the afternoon to Jacob Arnold's and staid for the night. 11th, 12th, and 13th—We held our Annual Conference for Scioto district; three brethren were ordained, peace and harmony prevailed. 14th—I returned to Jacob Mechlin's, where I found Br. Andrew Zeller: we heartily rejoiced to see each other once more. 15th—To-day the session of our General Conference commenced; I opened the session by reading the 3d chapter of Proverbs and singing and prayer. 16th—This day the Conference adjourned until Monday, to give the brethren time, to fill several appointments, some of which were a considerable distance. I rode to Daniel Arnold's and staid for the night.

Sunday 17th—This day a great congregation assembled here; Br. William Brown spoke first in German, Br. McNemer in the English language, I exhorted after them; at night we had meeting at Jacob Mechlin's. 18th—The members of the General Conference met again, proceeded to the election of two bishops, and on counting the ballots it appeared that Henry
Kumler and myself were re-elected. O Lord! give me grace and strength to discharge my duty. 19th—This day the session of the General Conference was brought to a close, and the brethren separated in peace: my whole soul is filled with gratitude to God for what he has hitherto done for us as a society or people. In the year 1810 I was the first time in the State of Ohio, to visit several brethren; since, I have travelled annually, with the exception of one year, through many parts of the western country. In how rapid a manner has the work of God spread and extended itself in this section of our country: may the Lord our God continue to prosper us as a people, and grant us grace to prove faithful laborers in his vineyard. Rode to Br. Joseph Hoffman's and staid for the night. 20th—I rode to Washington, in Fayette county. 21st—Rode 45 miles and lodged with Br. Frey. 22d—I accompanied Br. Andrew Zeller to his house. 23d—I rode to German-town, thence to John Kemp's, where we held this day, and

Sunday 24th—A sacramental meeting; I spoke from John 5, v. 12, 13, 14; rode home with Br. Kumler and staid for the night. 25th—This day I visited Br. Jacob King and lodged with his son Isaac. From the 26th to the 29th—We held our Annual Conference for Miami district, in German-town; six brethren were ordained. 30th—I commenced my journey towards home, came to Dayton and lodged with Br. Burtner.

Sunday 31st—This forenoon I preached here in the German, Br. Zahn in the English language; in the afternoon we preached in a meeting house about 5 miles distant from this; the Lord was present in power. I lodged with George Hoffman.

June 1st—To-day we rode to Springfield, in Clark county; Br. Asa Shinn preached here in the Court-house; we lodged at a public house. 2d—Came to Bellefonte. 3d—Rode 40 miles and lodged with Mr. Richard Hopkins. 4th—Came through Upper Sandusky and lodged with John Sauder, an old acquaintance, near Fort Ball. 5th—Arrived at Br. Jacob Bowlus's. 6th—I rested here and visited his children.

Sunday 7th—This day we preached in Lower Sandusky. 8th—This morning I set out early, and rode 52 miles to Truxville, in Richland county, where I staid for the night. 9th—I came to Wooster and lodged with John Baer. 10th—Came to Christian Kohr's. 11th—Rode to Br. Hildt's and staid for the night. 12th—Rode with Br. Hildt through Bethlehem and Massillon, to a Camp-meeting at Adam Shilling's, in Stark county; we had 32 miles to ride, Br. Christian Knegi was addressing the congregation when we arrived; I exhorted after him. 13th—This forenoon I preached from 1st. Chronicles 4, v. 10.

Sunday 14th—A great many people were this day collected; Br. Hildt preached in the forenoon in the English language; Cheney, Barsh and others, also spoke powerfully, and the grace of God was wonderfully displayed in the conviction and conversion of sinners. 15th—I preached again, from Ephesians 2, v. 16 to 19, with great liberty; rode through Canton and lodged with Jacob Roland. 16th—I came to New Lisbon and lodged with Mr. Springer. 17th—I crossed the Ohio River and staid for the night at a village called the Cross Roads. 18th—Came to John Fried's, in Westmoreland county. 19th—I visited Br. Spayth and rode to Mount Pleasant, where I lodged with C. Kister. 20th, and

Sunday 21st—I attended a Methodist Quarterly meeting here; rode in
the afternoon 10 miles to Weimar's, where I staid for the night. 22d—I came to Jacob Blauch's, found him very weak and low, prayed with him, and at his request staid for the night. 23d—I came through Bedford and lodged with Mr. Barndoler, at Bloody Run. 24th—This day my horse appeared to know that he was not far from home, he travelled with uncommon speed and spirit; I rode more than 40 miles and lodged with Jacob Wenger. 25th—I came to Hagers-town; from thence I rode home and found the family all well, bless the Lord.

Sunday 28th—This forenoon and also at night I attended a meeting in Hagers-town; lodged with Joseph Hershey. 29th—I returned home. 30th—This day I went out with the reapers into a harvest field, and tried once more to cradle, but alas! my strength soon failed and I was obliged to desist.

July 1st—This day I preached at the funeral of the widow Reis.

Sunday 5th—This forenoon we had meeting at Schnebly's meeting house; in the afternoon I preached in Shauman's church from Matthew 7, v. 12, 13, 14. 6th—I rode to Virginia to my son Jacob's. 7th—I came to Jacob Hess's, my son-in-law. 8th—I returned home.

Sunday 12th—I preached on the Camp-ground, near Boonsborough; in the afternoon in Haman's school-house. This whole week I did not feel well.

Sunday 19th—I am still indisposed, remained at home engaged in reading and prayer; my loving Saviour extended his loving kindness unto me in secret prayer, and blessed my poor soul so abundantly, that it became impossible for me not to shout and praise the Lord aloud: glory and honor be to his holy name forever,—hallelujah! 23d—This day I rode through Greencastle and Chambersburg, and lodged with Samuel Huber. 24th—I came to Br. William Brown's and staid for the night. 25th, and

Sunday 26th—We held a sacramental meeting in Shippenburg; I preached from 1st. Chronicles 4, v. 10. 27th—This day I visited Abr. Huber and the widow Brazier, in Chambersburg; rode to my son David's. 28th—I returned home.

Sunday, August 2d—This forenoon I preached at Hauser's; in the afternoon I rode to Virginia and lodged with my son-in-law. 3d—I staid for the night with my son Jacob. 4th—This day I took my grand daughter Elizabeth in my carriage to Maryland, on a visit. On the way, at a bad and particularly dangerous place, the carriage upset, and nothing but the merciful providence of our God prevented our being precipitated into an abyss on our side: unto God, the Omnipotent Jehovah, be eternal praises; for our preservation. None of us received any injury of consequence. 5th—We arrived safe at home. 7th—This day I accompanied the family to our Camp-meeting near Boonsborough, on Br. Boehm's land. The meeting continued until Wednesday evening the 11th, when I returned home with the family. 12th—I set out again for Pennsylvania, came to Bishop's in Little's-town, and staid for the night. 13th—To-day I missed my way; in the evening I came to Conrad Rhinehart's, where we had a blessed prayer meeting. 14th—I arrived at a Camp-meeting in York county. The meeting continued until the 19th, when the people departed to their respective homes; many souls were convicted and converted; it was truly a gracious season; I have not attended a Camp-meeting for some time, where
the grace of God was so powerfully and wonderfully displayed: glory be to our God!—he continues still unchangeably the same, and will be found of all, who will seek him sincerely and with their whole heart. I rode with Brs. Schneider and Sholty 36 miles to Br. Kreish's, where we had meeting and staid for the night. 20th—I came to Carlisle, took dinner at Mr. Zollinger's and came again to a Camp-meeting at John Meyer's; here also the grace of God wrought powerfully, the meeting continued until Wednesday 26th. About 40 persons of both sexes were received into society on probation. I rode to Br. William Brown's and staid for the night. 27th—I lodged with Br. Huber. 28th—Returned home.

Sunday 30th—This forenoon I attended meeting at my neighbor John Doub's; a Lutheran minister addressed the congregation. I took the liberty myself to exhort after him, recollecting the passage of holy writ, "Where the spirit of God is, there is liberty."

September 4th—This day I came to an English Camp-meeting 4 miles from Hagers-town. The meeting continued until Wednesday the 8th: glory be to God, here also the saving power of the Lord Jesus was wonderfully displayed in the conversion of sinners; in great numbers poor penitent souls were lying prostrate on the ground, crying for mercy. Two of my grand children, Elizabeth and Sarah, also experienced the pardoning grace of God in the remission of sin; more than one hundred persons joined in the Methodist church: Saviour, Lord Jesus! ride on in thy gospel chariot from conquering to conquer; let thy glorious work spread over the whole globe, until all the earth shall be full of thy glory, and not an individual of the whole human race be found in the world to advocate sin. 9th—I rode home with my grand daughters. 11th—Returned home. 12th, and Sunday 13th—We had a sacramental meeting in Green-castle; here also we had a most gracious time in the conversion of poor immortal souls. 14th—I returned home. 18th—I rode to Jacob Herbaugh's. 19, and Sunday 20th—We held a sacramental meeting at old Br. Weller's; I spoke from Romans 5, v. 1 to 5; Brs. Geeting, Krack, Zahn and Winter were present. The word spoken in power took effect, and 18 converted souls were the fruit of this meeting: bless the Lord, my soul and my old body also rejoices in seeing poor sinners coming home to God. 21st—I lodged with Br. Hemp. 22d—I preached here, from John 5, v. 6, 7, 8; rode to John Cronise's and staid for the night. 23d—I visited Valentine Doub, and lodged with Staley. 24th—I returned home.

Sunday 27th—This day I attended meeting near Funks-town; Br. Zahn spoke first, I gave an exhortation; rode home again. In the night I was taken ill, and continued so during the week; a great part of the time I was confined to my bed.

Sunday, October 4th—Although weak and feeble I ventured this morning to ride to Hagers-town, where I attended meeting and lodged with Joseph Hershey. 5th—Bless the Lord! this morning I feel somewhat better, visited some friends in town and returned home.

Sunday 11th—I remained at home, engaged in reading and prayer; found my soul particularly drawn out to God in behalf of all my brethren in the ministry. I feel my feebleness increasing from day to day; the power and strength of my constitution is gone: O Lord! have mercy on me and grant me strength in the inner man to prove faithful unto thee the
fear remaining days of my life. 12th—This evening I attended a meeting not far from home; a Methodist brother was to preach, but did not come; though weak and feeble I tried to preach from Psalm 40, v. 1 to 4. 17th, and

Sunday 18th—We had a two-days' meeting at John Stadtler's; 20th—I attended a funeral. 24th, and

Sunday 25th—I attended a sacramental meeting in Frederick county.
26th—I rode to Virginia to visit my son Jacob. 27th—I came to my son-in-laws, Jacob Hess's. 28th—I returned home, again felt very much indisposed; this old and frail body of mine will soon break into pieces and sink into the grave, but I am thankful that it is not worse.

Sunday, November 1st—This day I am so unwell that I am not able to leave my room, but glory to my God! I can have sweet communion with him; though solitary I am not left alone, my Saviour is still with me and continues the best of friends. O! how blessed is the condition of aged people, when they know they have a reconciled God and Saviour: nothing am I now more sorry of, than that I have not served my Lord and Master more faithfully. Lord! I pray thee pardon all my neglect. On account of my weakness I had to stay at home all this week.

Sunday 8th—This day I was also unable to leave home; my prayer is that the will of my heavenly Father may be done, in me, through me and by me. Lord Jesus only continue to be my help and strength, and let thy gracious presence always accompany me: Amen. 10th—Though weak and feeble I attended the funeral of old Mrs. Samuel Funk, and when I returned home I felt somewhat better. 11th—This morning I am not so well, I find that I am barely able to hold a pen to make this entry into my journal, and do not know what to write; one thing I am sure of, namely, that my time is short. Not many days are left unto me to live in this world; soon the call will be made, "give an account of your stewardship." Bless the Lord, I am in no wise afraid to appear in his presence, for I know one who is my surety and has paid all my debts. 19th—To-day I commenced bleeding at the nose, and though all means were tried to stop the bleeding they proved ineffectual until evening. I felt very thankful to God during the day, that my dissolution was apparently to be in so easy a manner; I rested very comfortably during the night. 20th—To-day I feel very weak and feeble, and have an attack of diarrhea.

Sunday 22d—Though I am still sick, bless the Lord I am yet able nearly in all things to help myself; every day I am out of bed for some time: bless the Lord, O my soul! for his mercy.

Sunday 29th—I am still confined to my room, and feel myself particularly thankful to God for the gift of his only begotten Son; this friend of sinners was this day remarkably precious to my soul: hallelujah to God and the Lamb forever.

Sunday, December 6th—It is now upwards of five weeks since I am confined to my room and am not able to go from home, but bless the Lord for the patience with which I am enabled to bear the privations of the opportunities to meet with the children of God. Lord! subdue my will wholly that I may learn to submit cheerfully unto all things that seemed good in thy sight. My strength continues to decrease, and I am so feeble that it is with difficulty I am able to continue my journal.
Sunday 13th—As yet I feel very little change one way or the other; weakness constitutes the greater part of my complaint: O Lord! do not take thy holy spirit from me, but enable me to bear all things patiently. 16th—This day Br. Hildt, from the State of Ohio arrived at our house; this made my soul rejoice. To-day Br. Hildt and myself were engaged in examining my journal; this was an interesting and pleasing occupation to me, as it brought to my recollection many circumstances which I had lost from my memory. 17th—To-day I could not resist the desire I felt to accompany Br. Hildt to Hagers-town; it was rather a hard task, but being encouraged by him to do so, and desiring to be as much in his company as possible, I rode with him, and though very feeble the good Lord gave me strength. At night Br. Hildt preached in the meeting house, and I closed the meeting with exhortation and prayer: glory be to God that I had one more opportunity to sit under the sound of the gospel, declared by one of my brethren whom I so highly esteem; my poor soul was rejoiced and ready to shout praises and adorations to the God of my salvation. I lodged with Joseph Hershey. 18th—I staid in Hagers-town and lodged with John Hershey. 19th—I was at Jacob Meyer’s; several of my acquaintances in town came to visit me; towards evening I rode home and had a good night’s rest: bless the Lord.

Sunday 20th—This day I feel considerably better, but remained at home. 25th—Christmas Day, I rode to Jacob Thomas’s, where we had this day, and 26th and Sunday 27th—A sacramental meeting; we had a most gracious and powerful time; unto God be all the glory. 28th—I returned, and apparently continue to mend, at least I feel better. 30th—I again rode to Hagers-town and returned home.

January 1st, 1830—I attended meeting in Funks-town; rode through Hagers-town to my son David’s, and staid for the night. 2d—I returned home.

Sunday 3d—This forenoon I attended meeting at Gerris’s; Br. Winter from Washington county, Pennsylvania, preached; he and Br. John Draksel rode home with me and staid for the night. 4th—I rode to Br. Michael Thomas’s. 5th—Rode to Virginia and lodged with my son-in-law Hess; Br. Jacob Doub had an appointment here; I exhorted after him. 6th—I rode to my son Jacob’s. 8th—Returned home.

Sunday 10th—This forenoon I tried to preach again in the new school-house.

Sunday 17th—I was at home, attended our Sunday school and prayed with the children.

January 21st—To-day I am 81 years of age. Only a short time ago I discovered in some old papers that January 21st is my real birth day, and not February 1st, as I had always believed and written erroneously.

Sunday 24th—This forenoon I heard the Rev. Mr. Kurtz preach in the new school-house, from John 9, v. 4. During last week the weather was remarkably cold.

Sunday 31st—I attended the Sunday school, and on my return home I was informed that Br. Hildt had been here, but no person but the servant girl being at home, and she not able to tell where I had gone, he concluded I might be in Hagers-town.
February 1st—This morning I rode to Hagers-town and found Br. Hildt; at night we held one more meeting together; he preached, I exhorted after him and lodged with Joseph Hershey. 2d—This forenoon we visited several of our mutual friends, and after praying once more together and commending each other to God, we parted perhaps for the last time in this world, but with a glorious hope to meet again around the throne of God. He pursued his journey to Ohio, and I returned home. 6th, and

Sunday 7th, and Monday 8th—I attended a Methodist Quarterly meeting in Hagers-town; John Baer preached powerfully, so did Edward Smith; in the evening I returned home. During the week I had great pains in my limbs.

Sunday 14th—This morning I was barely able to change my clothes, on account of pains in my limbs; but I praise the Lord that it is not worse. 20th, and

Sunday 21st—I attended our Quarterly meeting in Hagers-town; Brs. Geeting, Krack and Himmelrach, each spoke with power; several persons came forward requesting to be prayed for. 22d—Returned home.

Sunday 28th—I attended in the new school-house; a Lutheran minister addressed the congregation; I closed the meeting with prayer.

March 1st—This day I rode to Boonsborough and lodged with Br. Michael Thomas. 2d—My intention was to ride to Virginia to-day, but finding the weather rather disagreeable this morning I returned home. 3d—This morning I was very well satisfied that I had returned home; during the past night I was very ill and had but little rest. O God! stand by me for Jesus' sake; true I am unworthy of all thy mercies, but I am so needy; Lord bless me, and thine shall be all the glory: Amen. Some time in the day my son Andrew sent for a physician. 4th—This forenoon I tried to write in my journal, but alas! I find that I am not able to perform the task, so I lay down my pen. The Lord alone knows whether I shall be able to resume it again. The Lord's will be done: Amen—Hallelujah!

NOTE

Bishop Newcomer "departed this life on the 12th of March, 1830, with perfect composure and without even a struggle . . . . in the arms of his Saviour and God, in the full assurance of a blessed immortality."

His funeral was attended by a vast multitude. Bishop Henry Kummer preached the funeral discourse in the German language, from John 16: 22. Rev. John Zahn followed with an English discourse on Deuteronomy 34; 5. The remains were laid to rest in the Beaver Creek Cemetery, near his home.

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