Henry S. Basom (1849-1920)
Introduction: The Man and His Journal

Henry Basom was born July 19, 1849, near Richfield, Juniata County PA. His parents Samuel (1821-1898) and Melinda Shaffer (1823-1884) Basom were of Mennonite backgrounds and operated a farm just southeast of Richfield in Monroe township, Juniata County. They are buried at Shelleys Cemetery, also known as the Brick Mennonite Church Cemetery, where an annex to the church building is now the office and repository of the Juniata Mennonite Historical Society.

The west branch of Mahantango Creek is the boundary between Juniata and Snyder counties from west of Richfield to the Susquehanna River. The Samuel Basom family lived on the west side of the creek in Juniata County. Almost directly across the creek in Snyder County stood Pine church, a wooden structure erected about 1840 as a union church building used by the Evangelicals, United Brethren and Methodists. The Methodists abandoned the work almost immediately. The United Brethren ceased meeting there in 1876 when they relocated to Richfield. The Evangelicals continued meeting there until the 1894 denominational split, when those siding with the United Evangelicals relocated to a new structure in Richfield and those remaining with the Evangelical Association transferred to Daniels. This building was the church home of the Basom family. Today only the cemetery remains, identified by a monument as the Evangelical Methodist Cemetery.

The family seems to have identified originally with the United Brethren, whose practices reflected their Mennonite roots, and Henry was elected superintendent of the United Brethren Sunday School. Following Henry’s attendance at the Evangelical Association school at New Berlin and the moving of the United Brethren congregation to Richfield, the family appears to have identified with the Evangelicals. In truth, the Basom family and the entire community attended services and supported special meetings without regard to denominational loyalties.

There are conflicting accounts as to the names and number of Basom children, but we know the family was large. We know that four of Henry’s sisters died in the fall of 1870: Lucilla (August 7, age 18), Sarah (August 18, age 15), Elizabeth (September 13, age 17), and an unnamed “infant daughter of Samuel Basom.” They are all buried in the Shelley’s Cemetery in Richfield. While there is assumed to be a background story, it seems not to have survived.

1 In fact, the United Brethren congregation continued to practice foot-washing with communion for over 100 years after their move from Pine church into Richfield.
The piety and sincerity of Henry and his family is evident throughout the text, but perhaps the greatest testimony to his spirituality is his legacy as a pastor, father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather – for among his descendant families are five ordained pastors in the Evangelical tradition of United Methodism. Henry S. Basom is the father of Florence Basom Furhman (1886-1964), wife of Rev. Lester A. Fuhrman (1881-1963), and of Emma Basom Jacobs (1894-1988), wife of Rev. Harry H. Jacobs (1893-1975). He is the uncle of Rev. Edward C. Basom (1878-1957) and the great-grandfather of Rev. Vance Dimmick (1938-2014) and Rev. Thomas Jacobs (retired).

It was great-grandson Rev. Vance Dimmick who first contacted The Chronicle and made the necessary arrangements with the family for the publication of the diaries. Vance had transferred from the Central Pennsylvania Conference to the Western Michigan Conference in 1977, retired in 1992, and continued to serve until 2012. He was in the final stages of an illness, but he had hoped to live to see his great-grandfather’s diary in print. Vance Dimmick passed into eternity in November of 2014, full of the spirit of dedication and kindness exhibited by his great-grandfather Henry Basom.

Pine Church, erected about 1840
primary place of worship for the Basom family
on Mill Creek Road near the western terminus of Potato Valley Road
Chapter One – Beginning January 1875
Teaching School, Juniata County PA

Fri 1/1 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today and enjoyed the New Year’s Day well – no teaching. M.E. Frey, Lizzie Rhodes, Lizzie Martin, Josephine Wenrich, John Pines, Jos. James and John Harley visited my school today. This was a very fair day. Cloudy toward evening. In the evening we went to E.S.L.S. God of this day, be ever with me.

Sat 1/2 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon I helped Mr. Frey to butcher a beef. Toward evening I went to East Salem. Stayed at Mrs. Shirey’s for supper, 

1 Cross Roads is in Delaware township, Juniata County PA, and is now known as the village of Maze. In 1875 Cross Roads was one of eight one-room schools in the township. It closed in 1948, but was re-opened as a graded school. It closed for good in 1953 when the East Juniata School Jointure was formed and all the elementary pupils of the township were brought to Thompsontown. The structure is now the Maze Community Building. H.S. Basom boarded with the Jonathan Frey family while he taught at the Cross Roads school house.

2 Mary Elizabeth Frey (1851-1924) was the oldest child of Jonathan Frey. She remained single until 1893 when she married George L. Bucher (1837-1906), a widower with several children still at home. Her brothers Samuel L. Frey (b. 1856) and James M. Frey (b. 1857) was a current student of Henry Basom at Cross Road School.

3 Elizabeth Rhodes (1855-1927) married Alphonzo B. Frey (1854-1936) and is buried in the Whiteland church cemetery near Cross Roads.

4 [Mary] Elizabeth Martin (1859-1926) was the daughter of Daniel Martin and lived ¾ mile south of Cross Roads. She married a John F. Kennedy about 1880 and settled in the Port Royal area. Her brother David Martin (b. unknown) was a current student of Henry Basom.

5 Josephine Leah Wenrich (1860-1933) was part of the large extended Wenrich family that founded the Wenrich Reformed church near Linglestown, Dauphin County. This branch of the family apparently lived in Juniata County for a time before returning to Dauphin County, and records indicate that Josephine’s younger twin sisters (b. 1862) Ida H. Wenrich and Annie E. Wenrich were current students of Henry Basom at Cross Roads school. They and their cousin Rev. George Wenrich appear later in Henry’s diary when he visits them in Dauphin County.

6 John A. Pines (1854-1921) is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem. His father Anderson Pines (1824-1873) having passed away, he was living with his widowed mother (nee Catharine Stutts) and several siblings about 1 mile south and west of Cross Roads. His younger brother Jacob D. Pines (b. 1860) was a current student of Henry Basom at Cross Road school.

7 Joseph H. James (1867-1896) is buried in Union Memorial Cemetery in Walker township, Juniata County. His father’s name was also Joseph.

8 John S. Harley (1848-1927) was the son of Philip Harley and lived ½ mile west of East Salem. In 3 months Henry Basom would attend the wedding of John’s sister Libby. In 1881 John would marry a Miss Clara Cox. Her is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem.

9 These appear to be siblings of Henry’s student’s. For the most part they are older siblings, but a few of the females had slightly older brothers still in school – probably reflecting the fact that education was considered more important for boys, and that they were kept in school longer.

10 East Salem Literary Society.

11 Jonathan Frey (1819-1895) was head of the house where Henry Basom boarded. He and his wife (nee Nancy Arnold) lived ¾ mile north of the Cross Roads school and had 5 children – aged 17 to 23, all yet living at home. He is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem.
then went to the U.B.\textsuperscript{12} church for singing, then went with Mr. Rohrer\textsuperscript{13} to Mrs. Myers’.\textsuperscript{14} Last night it rained, hailed and snowed – and part of today. Cleared off cold. Stormy toward evening.

Sun 1/3 – East Salem, Pa. Last night I stayed at Mrs. Myers’. In the forenoon we went to the U.B. church to hear brother Landis\textsuperscript{15} preach. In the p.m. we went to the M.E.\textsuperscript{16} church to hear to hear brother Schriber.\textsuperscript{17} I took dinner at Mrs. Myers’. In the evening I went to Cross Roads with D. Crater.\textsuperscript{18} Fair and pleasant today. God be with me.

Mon 1/4 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 41 pupils present and have 44 on the roll now. This was a very fair, not very cold day. God assist me still in my duties from day to day.

Tue 1/5 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the evening school I went to Mr. J.M. Stutts’.\textsuperscript{19} From there I went to East Salem to spelling school. This was a very cold day – fair part of the time, and foul the other.

Wed 1/6 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the evening after school I went home with Mr. Craig’s\textsuperscript{20} pupils. This was a cold day. Cloudy part of the day.

Thu 1/7 – Cross Roads, Pa. Last night and in the morning it snowed a little. Then it quit until about 1 p.m. when it commenced again and snowed until the night. It was pretty cold all day. Last night I stayed at Mr. Craig’s.

Fri 1/8 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 39 pupils present. Devoted the greater part of the afternoon to hearing declarations and select

\textsuperscript{12} U.B. indicates the United Brethren church. This denomination united with the Evangelical church in 1946 to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church, which in turn united with the Methodist church in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church. Henry Basom as a member of the Evangelical Association (original name of the Evangelical church).

\textsuperscript{13} William N. Rohrer was the school teacher at East Salem for winter/spring 1875. He is otherwise unknown.

\textsuperscript{14} Mrs. Myers was boarding school teacher William Rohrer for the winter/spring 1875. She is otherwise unknown.

\textsuperscript{15} John Landis (1829-1908) was licensed by the East German Conference in 1875 and transferred to the Allegheny Conference in 1880. Details on his ministry are sketchy. Even though his obituary appears in the Allegheny Conference journal, his name is not in list of preachers in Fulton’s history of that conference. He appears to have been a shoemaker, and a very active local pastor that officiated at many weddings and funerals. The Pfoutz Valley congregation is said to be the result of one of his early revival meetings.

\textsuperscript{16} M.E. indicates the Methodist Episcopal church (original name of the Methodist church).

\textsuperscript{17} William Schriber (1827-1906) served the Thompsonville appointment of the M.E. church 1872-75. Licensed in 1858, he actively itinerated for 12 years, from 1866 to 1878.

\textsuperscript{18} David Crater (1854-1919) is buried in the Richfield Union cemetery.

\textsuperscript{19} John M. Stutts (1830-1885) is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem. His wife Anna Elisabeth Bucher (1832-1915) was the sister of the previously mentioned George L. Bucher. He was the father of current students of Henry Basom Abner O. Stutts (b. unknown) and Ida May Stutts (b. 1866).

\textsuperscript{20} J. Craig lived 1 mile south of the Cross Roads school. His daughter Maggie was one of Henry’s pupils.
readings. In the evening William Frey’s family and some of my school girls and I went to E.S.L.S. and enjoyed a good debate.

Sat 1/9 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon I stayed at home and read and wrote some letters. In the afternoon I went to East Salem with Mr. Frey’s. We, a committee, met there in the school house. This was a stormy and very cold day. The snow drifted very much today. In the evening it was extremely cold.

Sun 1/10 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the a.m. I was at our school house to hear brother Hetner\(^{21}\) preach. In the p.m. Mr. Hertz\(^{22}\) preached, etc. In the evening I was at prayer meeting. This was a fair and very cold day. Last night we had the coldest night we had yet this winter. I stayed at brother Kepner’s\(^{23}\) for dinner.

Mon 1/11 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today and had to reprove Jacob Kepner\(^{24}\) and Hayes Speakman\(^{25}\) for misconduct on the playground. This was a fair but cold day.

Tue 1/12 – Was teaching today. It was cold today, and cloudy through all the day. In the evening I took supper with Mrs. Wenrich\(^{26}\). Then we went to Goodville\(^{27}\) to spelling school. Mr. B.J. Markle came to Cross Roads today.

Wed 1/13 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Last night it misted a little and most all day it snowed, sleeted or misted a little. Sledding is good now.

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\(^{21}\) John A. Hetner (1849-1942) was the Evangelical preacher assigned to the Liverpool circuit 1873-75. He went west in 1877 and served in Kansas, and eventually returned to Pennsylvania and served as a local elder in the Pittsburgh Conference.

\(^{22}\) John Henry Hertz (1846-1926) was considering the ministry. In March 1876 he was recommended for a license by Pine church, and in September 1876 he married Susan Anna Graybill of Richfield. His first appointment was to the Columbia circuit in 1877. Ordained a deacon in 1879 and elder in 1881, he served for 36 years before retiring in 1913 to Sonestown, where he and his wife are buried.

\(^{23}\) Rev. Daniel A. Kepner (1825-1901) was a local preacher for the Evangelical Association, having itinerated for several years before settling in Cross Roads in 1873. His son Daniel L. Kepner (1850-1942) itinerated in the Evangelical Church for over 25 years. Another son, John A. Kepner (1850-1919), was licensed by the Evangelical Association but never served an appointment and became an active Methodist layman in Berwick.

\(^{24}\) Jacob Albert Kepner (1858-1926) was the son of Rev. Daniel A. Kepner. At 17 years old, he would have been one of the older students. He moved to Berwick and married a Mary J. Dwefler from that area in 1878.

\(^{25}\) Hayes Pierce Speakman (1860-1929) is the son of George Washington Speakman (1832-1896) and Mary Frescoln, who are buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem. His first wife Clara Amelia Dimm (1860-1892) may have died in childbirth. He later married Mary Hannah Chambers (1847-1939) and in 1901 became the stationmaster for the Southern Pacific Railroad in San Francisco CA, where he died. Two of his brothers, Enoch W. Speakman (b. 1864) and George W. Speakman Jr (b. 1867) were also current pupils of Henry Basom at Cross Roads school.

\(^{26}\) Maria Lucinda Mader Wenrich (1819-1891) is the mother of Josephine Wenrich.

\(^{27}\) Goodville is 1.5 miles south of Cross Roads. The one-room school there closed in 1948. When the Goodville Mennonite Church began in 1967, before they erected their present building, the congregation met in the old Goodville school.
Thu 1/14 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 44 pupils present and spent a pleasant day teaching. Last night it quit sleeting, etc. and got stormy and cold.

Fri 1/15 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the afternoon we had spelling school. This was a fair but cold day. In the evening we went to E.S.L.S. and had a pleasant time. God help me still to remember thee. Make me better.

Sat 1/16 – Cross Roads, Pa. Matthew Sorenson, Samuel Frey28 and I went home to my parents. In the afternoon we went to Richfield. Father and Mother were not home but came home in the evening. It was lonely till toward evening.

Sun 1/17 – Richfield, Pa. No one formed our class at Pine church at prayer meeting. In the p.m. we went to Cross Roads again. In the evening I went to Cross Roads to prayer meeting. I led the meeting. This was a fair day. Thawed little. Sledding good most places now.

Mon 1/18 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 36 pupils present. Last night it commenced snowing and snowed all day. The snow is about 6 or 8 inches deep. It was not cold today. The snow shone toward evening.

Tue 1/19 – This was a cold day. In the evening, after school, I went along with Mr. Stutts’ pupils after supplies. I went to East Salem U.B. church to hear brother Landis preach his farewell sermon. I stayed all night at Rev. Kepner’s.

Wed 1/20 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. This was a fair day – cold in the morning, but mild during the day. God bless me and help me to live a true Christian life. Make me better by thy grace.

Thu 1/21 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 40 pupils present. I have 46 on the roll now. This was a cold day – cloudy until [unclear], but the sun shone the greater part of the p.m.

Fri 1/22 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. At noon we had a good ball play. In the afternoon we spelled a while. In the evening we went to Society and debated the girls. Resolved: “That the love of women has a greater effect on the mind of men than money.” The negative won.

Sat 1/23 – East Salem, Pa. Last night I stayed with Mr. Rohrer at Mrs. Myers’. Nannie made some tea for Mr. R., and me for our cold. I took dinner at Mr. Stutts’, did some writing for him, then started for home. This was a fair and not very cold day Yesterday and today it was warm – the snow and ice is melting.

Sun 1/24 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon I was at Cross Roads at Dunkard29 preaching. In the evening I went to prayer meeting. The remainder of the day I spent at home. Last night it commenced raining, hailing and snowing and continued so all day.

Mon 1/25 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the morning Samuel Frey made the fire and swept the house for me as I have a bad cold now and am

28 Samuel Lily Frey (1856-1929) was a son the Jonathan Frey with whom Henry Basom boarded. He married Annie E. Clair (1860-1928) in 1879 and is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem.
29 Dunkard, the common name for the Church of the Brethren, comes from the German word “to immerse” – describing their form of baptism.
unwell. Last night it cleared off and got stormy. It was stormy, cold and clear today.

Tue 1/26 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the evening I had a spelling school and a crowded house. I took supper at Mr. Peter Troup’s. A fair and cold day.

Wed 1/27 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school in the forenoon. In the afternoon the pupils taught for me and I visited Mr. Rohrer’s school in East Salem. Took supper at Mrs. Custer’s. Then I met the Committee on Constitution and By-laws of E.S.L.S. It was fair till toward evening, then cloudy and moderate.

Thu 1/28 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Last night it snowed, but a great part of today it rained and melted the snow pretty much. It is slushy now. It was not cold today. I am kept very busy now. I can hardly do all my work.

Fri 1/29 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. About 8 o’clock a.m. it commenced snowing and snowed till in the night. In the evening we walked to E.S.L.S. and got very tired as it was slavish walking. We had a pleasant time at Society. Not all members present.

Sat 1/30 – Cross Roads, Pa. Last night it was snowing. In the forenoon Mr. and Mrs. Frey, Nicholas and Mary and I went to East Salem to Mrs. Syke’s funeral. In the afternoon I stayed at home and read and wrote a letter. In the evening a sled load of us went to Mr. Carvell’s and spent the evening. It was cloudy most of the day. Keep me from sinning, O Lord.

Sun 1/31 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the a.m. we went to the school house where brother John Swartz was to preach – but he did not come. In the afternoon a sled load of us went to Mrs. Frymoyer’s to take Nicholas Frey to his school.

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30 Peter Troup (1817-1882) lived ½ mile south of the Cross Roads school.
31 Clara Winey Custer (1851-1928) was a second cousin to Henry Basom – Henry’s father Samuel being a first cousin to Clara’s mother Susanna Basom (Mrs. Joseph G.) Winey. Refer to the Basom appendix and the Winey-Graybill appendix. Clara’s husband Benjamin Halteman Custer (1843-1907) at various times operated a store in East Salem, a grain business in Middleburg, and served as postmaster in East Salem, Richfield and Swineford.
32 Nicholas Oliver Frey (1853-1939) was the second oldest child of Jonathan Frey. He was at this time teaching school in Oriental. In 1877 he married Harriet Rebecca Kepner (1855-1937), daughter of the Rev. Daniel Kepner mentioned frequently in the diary. He is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem.
33 William H. Carvell (1849-1928) lived on the farm just south of the Cross Roads school. Consistent with the Pennsylvania Dutch pronunciation, the surname appears in the 1877 county atlas as Carwell. He married a Margaret A. Yeigh and is buried in the Lost Creek Mennonite cemetery.
34 John W. Swartz was ordained a deacon by the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association in 1870. He served as a local deacon in Snyder and Juniata counties, but nothing more is known about this man or his ministerial service. He was active at least until 1882, when he united Joshua Roush [see 7/29/1875] and Mrs. Isabella Hackmaster in marriage.
35 Susan Brugger Frymoyer (1837-1893) was the wife of Henry K. Frymoyer (1833-1901). They lived immediately north of the school in Oriental, a village in Juniata County’s Susquehanna township, and boarded Nicholas Frey.
We took supper there and came home at 9 p.m. In the a.m. it snowed. It was fair in the p.m., not cold.

Mon 2/1 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school again today. In the evening I filled out my report for 3 months: males 95, females 84. This was a fair day – stormy and cold. The snow is deep now and good for sledding. In the evening I had a headache.

Tue 2/2 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the morning it was cold, but it moderated during the day. Fair all day. In the evening I wrote a letter to brother Baker and reported my school.

Wed 2/3 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Early in the morning it commenced raining and rained until almost noon. Then it cleared off and was warm and foggy until evening. The snow is soft now – and the roads watery. In the evening it commenced to get stormy. I took my supper at Mr. Yeigh’s. Then went to Miss Moyer’s spelling school.

Thu 2/4 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. This was a fair, stormy and cold day. God remember me now when I feel forsaken. This is a dark period in my teaching.

Fri 2/5 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the evening, James and Samuel Frey and Hayes Speakman and I went to E.S.L.S. Debate – Resolved: “That women are more given to gossiping than men.” I was on the negative of the question, and we lost. The roads are extremely icy now. I had a headache all day and night.

Sat 2/6 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon I stayed at home and read. In the p.m. I visited Mr. William Carvell’s sick Mary. Then a party of us played ball a while at Cross Roads. The remainder of the day I read. Foul weather most all day, and very cold. In the evening I received a letter from Father.

Sun 2/7 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon I was to Cross Roads to hear brother Hetner preach. In the p.m. I stayed at home and read. In the evening I went to the school house to prayer meeting. It was cold all day. Cloudy most all day. About noon it commenced and snowed slowly all p.m.

Mon 2/8 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. I went to the school house early. Had 40 pupils present today. It was very cold all day. We are now having good sleighing and severe winter weather. God bless me in my labors.

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36 Francis M. Baker (1839-1926) was the principal 1874-79 at the Evangelical Association’s Union Seminary in New Berlin, Pa. A graduate of Bucknell University and Union Theological Seminary in NYC, he served Port Trevorton and Perry circuits before becoming principal. In 1879 he withdrew from the Evangelical Association and later became a Presbyterian minister.

37 The last sentence “This is a dark period in my teaching” appears to have been added at a later date.

38 James Madison Frey (1857-1914) was a son the Jonathan Frey, with whom Henry Basom boarded. He married Mary Jane McKinsey (1857-1913) in 1880 and is buried in the Liverpool Union cemetery.
Tue 2/9 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. This was an extremely cold day. It was also stormy today. I think this was the coldest day we had this winter.

Wed 2/10 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the morning it was very cold. About noon it had moderated some. It was cold into the evening – and cloudy. In the evening I went home with Maggie Craig and stayed all night with her parents.

Thu 2/11 – Cross Roads, Pa. Last night it commenced snowing and it snowed until about 11 a.m. From that time until about 4 p.m. it was pretty warm. The sun shine part of the p.m. about 4:30 p.m. it commenced getting stormy and cold. The snow is now about 14 inches deep. Had 21 pupils present today. Severe winter.

Fri 2/12 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today and had 17 pupils present. This was a very stormy day. The snow drifted very much today. It was not extremely cold today. In the evening I did not go to Society on account of the snow.

Sat 2/13 – Cross Roads, Pa. Last night it snowed very little. In the morning and a while in the afternoon it was cloudy. The remainder of the day was fair and pleasant. In the a.m. I went home to my parents. In the afternoon Father and I went to town. In the evening brother Hornberger\(^\text{39}\) took supper at our place. In the evening he preached his farewell sermon. I attended,

Sun 2/14 – Richfield, Pa. Home. In the morning I attended prayer meeting. Uncle M. Hoffman\(^\text{40}\) and Aunt were at our place today. In the p.m. I went home. I found some bad drifts and got very cold. This was a fair, but stormy and pretty cold day.

Mon 2/15 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 8 pupils present. This was a fair, cold and stormy day. In the morning Nicholas Frey\(^\text{41}\) went to his school and sweated in the morning in sweeping and making fire, Severe winter weather.

Tue 2/16 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. This was a fair day – cold in the morning and evening, but the snow melted a little during the day. Mr. and Mrs. Frey went away today and stayed all day.

Wed 2/17 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. It was cold in the morning and cold and stormy in the afternoon. The snow melted little during the day, and also drifted some. O Lord, still assist me in my labors.

\(^{39}\) Zachariah Hornberger (c1833-1893) was the Evangelical Association preacher on the Port Trevorton charge 1873-75 and the Lewistown and Patterson [i.e., Mifflin – across the river from Mifflintown] charge 1875-77. He was licensed in 1853, ordained deacon and elder in 1859 and 1861 respectively, and itinerated for 30 years before moving to Ohio in 1888 to edit the denomination’s English Sunday School literature. His brother J.C. Hornberger was an Evangelical preacher in the New York Conference.

\(^{40}\) Michael Hoffman was married to Henrietta [Harriet] Shaffer, a sister to Henry’s mother.

\(^{41}\) This entry and the one for 3/15 suggest that Nicholas Frey did not remain at the school in Oriental, but perhaps was able to find a vacancy nearer to the Frey home.
Thu 2/18 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the forenoon Rev. Kepner and his son John were to visit my school. This was a fair day, and moderate. The snow melted pretty much. In the evening I took supper at Mr. Rhodes’ and Eli Rhodes cut my hair.

Fri 2/19 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon I taught school. At noon our stove broke, so I did not teach in the afternoon. Hayes P. Speakman and I went to visit East Salem school in the p.m. We took supper at Mr. Winey’s. Then we went to the U.B. church to preaching. It snowed part of the day. Foul weather all day.

Sat 2/20 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon John Frey and I went to the school house and tried to fix our stove that we received. In the p.m. I stayed at home. It snowed a little all day. In the evening it cleared off and got stormy and cold. Today Mary Frey gave me the worst tongue lashing I ever received. God help me to pray for my enemies.

Sun 2/21 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon I was to the school house to hear brother Hetner preach his last sermon for this year. The remainder of the time during the day I stayed at home. Messrs. and Mrs. Rombach and Ward came to our place in the p.m. In the evening we went to East Salem to preaching. Fair weather, and moderate.

Mon 2/22 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today and had quite a number of visitors. This was a fine day. Fair weather. The snow melted very much by the heat of the sun. Yesterday and today were the only pleasant and moderate we had for a good while.

Tue 2/23 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. John Pines and Thomas Hench were to visit me today. In the morning the air was pretty sharp. The sun shone most all day – dull, the greater part of the time. The snow melted very much today. O God, bless me still in my labor.

Wed 2/24 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the evening I went home with Daniel Martin’s pupils and stayed all night with them. In the morning it was a little cloudy and foggy, but it soon got clear and was clear all day. Not cold – we needed very little fire today. The snow and ice are melting fast. The water is rising.

Thu 2/25 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Last night it rained very little. In the morning it was foggy and cloudy. The sun shone a short time today. Foul weather most all day – but warm. Waters are rising. In the evening it rained a while and stormed. God bless me.

Fri 2/26 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Last night it got colder again. Water and ice were mixed on the roads today. It was stormy most all day –

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42 Christian Graybill Winey (1841-1927) was a postmaster and storekeeper in East Salem. He was raised Mennonite in Snyder County, and his brother Samuel Winey (1822-1882) was a Mennonite bishop. Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix. He is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem.

43 Jonathan Peter Frey (1845-1943) was the middle child of Jonathan and Nancy Frey. Called John to distinguish him from his father, he married Mary Ann [Molly] Switzer in 1876, had a family of 13 children, and is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem.
not very cold, it thawed a good bit. In the evening we went to E.S.L.S. Coming home John Frey and I fell in the creek in Mr. Rhodes’ meadow.

Sat 2/27 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the morning it was cloudy. The sun shone a while about 8 o’clock a.m. Then it was cloudy until about 3:30, when the sun shone. It snowed a little from about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Today I finished reading my Theology. From about 3 p.m. the sun shone till night. I was not out of the yard today.

Sun 2/28 – Cross Roads, Pa. I stayed at home until 10 a.m. when John, Mary, Mrs. Frey and I went to Mr. Speakman’s. Came home in the evening. This was a fair day. It stormed most all day and was pretty cold. Sledding on the big roads is poor now. Yesterday and today I had a sore throat.

Mon 3/1 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today and had the school pretty full. In the evening after school I read History of the World. Early in the morning it commenced snowing and it snowed until night – when the snow was about 8 inches in depth. God bless me now.

Tue 3/2 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the evening I received a book from Mr. William Rohrer entitled “Bible Looking Glass.” It was not very cold today. Foul weather most all day. The sun shone only a short time. The snow melted pretty much. In the evening and all night I was sick.

Wed 3/3 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the morning I felt sick and very weak, yet during the day I felt better. Taught today. In the morning about 7 it commenced snowing and stormed. It snowed all day. Today I finished my fourth month of teaching.

Thu 3/4 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the morning it was cloudy, but soon it cleared off. After the sun shone the snow melted some. I was not well today. In the evening we went to East Salem for preaching, but there was no service.

Fri 3/5 – Cross Roads, Pa. It was cloudy in the morning and commenced to snow about 7:30 and continued snowing until in the night, but the snow did not amount to much. It was cold all day. In the evening Samuel Frey and I went to E.S.L.S. in the sleigh. Our side of the question won. In the evening I felt better again.

Sat 3/6 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the a.m. I stayed at home and filled my school report. I have 85% for the fourth month. In the evening Mr. Frey and I went to Thompsontown. I called at Mr. Patton’s. In the forenoon it was cloudy until about 10 a.m. It cleared off and the remainder of the day it was fair. Mr. Rohrer and Miss Guyer were to see us today.

Sun 3/7 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the morning I went to Mr. Adam Rhodes’ to see his sick child. Then home, and Mr. Frey’s children and I went to their

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44 *The Bible Looking Glass* (1874) was “six books in one” by various authors and profusely illustrated with fine engravings. In today’s collector market, copies in good condition command a high price.

45 Nancy Jane Guyer (1847-1925) was the daughter of Mrs. Guyer who will be mentioned frequently in the diary.
grandparents’ – Mr. Arnold’s. About 7 a.m. it commenced snowing and snowed till evening. It was also cold and stormy.

Mon 3/8 – Cross Roads, Pa. Last night it quit snowing. This morning it is clear. The new snow is 1 foot in depth. All the snow is 19 inches in depth. In the morning it was stormy a while. This was a fair, pleasant and not cold day. The snow melted pretty much today. Still assist me, dear Lord.

Tue 3/9 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the evening a sled load of us went to East Salem to spelling school. In the morning and toward evening it was cloudy. A part of mid-day, the sun shone. The snow melted some, not much. Today Mr. William Branthoffer and Miss Libby Harley were married.

Wed 3/10 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. We had foul weather most all day. In the evening I composed and wrote a composition. The pupils of my school are now dropping off some.

Thu 3/11 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. In the evening I rewrote my composition entitled “Holidays.” This was a fair day, except toward evening it got cloudy. The sun shone fair today and it was warm. The snow melted pretty much. Sledding is pretty good yet.

Fri 3/12 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. This was a fair and warm day. Snow melted fast today. Sleds and sleighs are still used yet. In the evening James Frey and I went to E.S.L.S. I was chosen to prepare and deliver the valediction oration at our entertainment. Bad walking in the evening.

Sat 3/13 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the morning I started for home to my parents, and it commenced raining. Then I went back. In the p.m. I went to Cross Roads, played ball a while, and swept the school rooms. The remainder of the day I read. It was cloudy until about 3:30 p.m., then the sun shone. It rained a little in the a.m.

Sun 3/14 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon Mr. Frey’s family and I went to the East Salem M.E. church to hear brother Schriber preach his farewell sermon. In the p.m. I stayed at home. Miss Sallie Noss went with us after preaching. It was cloudy and foggy all day, and it rained a little in the p.m. It was not cold today. We went to East Salem in the sled.

Mon 3/15 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. After school I went home with Mr. Stutts’ pupils. Mr. Stutts and I went to East Salem to a special meeting of the Society to transact business pertaining to the entertainment. It was cloudy and foggy all day. Rained a little in the forenoon. Was not cold. Snow melting middling fast. Roads watery.

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46 Nicholas Arnold (1806-1884) was the father Mrs. Jonathan Frey. At age 68 he was preparing to have a sale and retire from farming.

47 William Harrison Branthoffer (6/28/1846 – 7/1/1918) and Elizabeth A. Harley (8/27/1851 – 1929) had a marriage that produced four children: Bertram, Laura May, Edmund H., and Amanda. William was the son of Joseph Branthoffer and Phoebe Yeager. Elizabeth was the daughter of Philip M. Harley and Deborah Price Anderson – and the brother of the previously mentioned John Harley.
Tue 3/16 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 32 pupils present. Last night it cleared off. Sun shone all day, and it was warm. Was stormy most all day. Air not very warm. Snow melted fast. The ice is now breaking up in the creeks, Good bit of snow to melt yet. God, help me to remember thee – now and forever.

Wed 3/17 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school until about 2:25 p.m. when I went with Mr. Robinson, County Superintendent, to visit Northeast school. Mr. Robinson was to visit my school today. Last night it got cold and was cold all day. Had several snow storms during the day, Fair weather most all day.

Thu 3/18 – Cross Roads, Pa. I did not teach today, but I clerked Mr. Nicholas Arnold’s sale, This was a cold day, but fair. The sun shone all day. It was stormy since about 1 p.m. It did not thaw much today. I had a busy day.

Fri 3/19 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Last night it commenced snowing and snowed until almost noon – however, the snow did not amount to much. Foul weather most all day – and fairly cold. In the evening we went in the sled to E.S.L.S. We debated the girls. Resolved: “That intoxicating liquors are more injurious to mankind than tobacco.” The negative won. I was on the negative side.

Sat 3/20 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the a.m. I stayed at my boarding place and studied and wrote several letters. In the afternoon I went home to my parents. Last night it commenced to storm, and a while in the morning it rained, hailed and snowed. It misted almost all day and was pretty cool. In the evening I was to Pine church to hear brother Smith (U.B. preacher) preach God grant him success.

Sun 3/21 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I stayed at home with my parents. In the afternoon I went to Cross Roads again. In the morning it was cloudy. About 10 a.m. the sun was visible, and part of the day afterward it was hid, Cold most all day.

Mon 3/22 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 32 pupils present. This was a fair day, The sun shone from morning till night, but the air was very cold for this season of the year, The snow melted very little today. In the evening we went to the East Salem U.B. church to preaching.

Tue 3/23 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 37 present. This was a very fair day. The air was snow cold until in the p.m. it moderated some. In the morning and evening I wrote at my valedictory.

Wed 3/24 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today and 36 pupils were present. Mr. Frey and Mr. Stutts were to visit my school today. Last night it commenced snowing and snowed until about noon. The snow did not amount to

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48 David E. Robinson (1834-1900) served as commissioner From June 1872 to June 1875. He was from Tuscarora township, Perry County - and had served in the 133rd PA regiment, company G, being wounded at Fredricksburg. He is buried in the old Eschol cemetery in Perry County.

49 Northeast school was 1.5 miles north of Cross Roads. This one-room school closed in 1941.

50 J. Francis Smith served the Susquehanna circuit of the East Pennsylvania U.B. Conference 1875-78. His name was erased from the conference rolls in 1879. He is otherwise unknown.
much. Part of the p.m. the sun shone. In the p.m. it moderated. Pleasant teaching now.

Thu 3/25 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. This was a pleasant and fair day. Middling cold. In the evening I went to East Salem to meet a committee at Society – also went to meeting. Teaching is pleasant work now, and the school well attended.

Good Friday 3/26 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 40 pupils present. Today I treated the pupils. In the forenoon it commenced raining and rained at intervals during the entire day. Was not cold. In the evening we went to Society.

Sat 3/27 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the forenoon I stayed at home and studied. In the afternoon John Frey and I went to East Salem and visited Mr. Rohrer’s school, and Miss Maggie Kinzer and I did some writing for the entertainment. Miss Maggie and I took supper at Mr. Kurtz’. In the evening I went to preaching at the U.B. church. Had a good meeting. This was the first real spring. Snow melted fast. A fair day. I stayed all night at Mrs. Guyer’s.

Easter Sunday 3/28 – East Salem, Pa. At Mrs. Guyer’s. Miss Nannie Guyer and I went to the U.B. church to class meeting. After that, attended the funeral of Maud King (John King’s daughter). I took dinner at Mrs. C.G. Winey’s. Toward evening I went to Mrs. Guyer’s. In the evening we went to church and home to Cross Roads. After the service, the sun shone fair in the a.m. In the p.m. it was cloudy. Indications of rain. Snow melted fast. I spent a happy Easter.

Easter Monday 3/29 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 29 pupils present. Saturday, Sunday and today we had spring weather. Folks are now using the buggies and wagons. Since Saturday the sledding is spoiled. Waters are high. O Lord, assist me in my labors. Help me.

Tue 3/30 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Mr. Nicholas Frey was with us all day and assisted me in teaching. In the evening Nicholas and I took dinner at Rev. Kepner’s. This was the warmest day this spring. Cloudy part of the day, and part the sun shone dimly. Wagons are in use this week.

Wed 3/31 – Cross Roads, Pa. Taught school today. Had 22 pupils present. I took dinner at Mrs. Wenrich’s. In the afternoon Messrs. George Speakman and

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51 Maggie R. Kinzer was a teacher – known to have taught at the Delaware Hill school in Delaware township, Juniata County, in 1873. She appears to have been from the area, was a member at the U.B. church in East Salem, and remained in teaching as her life’s vocation – later graduating from the State Normal School at West Chester. She was born about 1851 and last appears in the 1930 census. This surname appears in some sources as Kinser.

52 There were several Kurtz families in the area. It was the Kurtz family that purchased land from the Guyers and erected houses that became the beginning of the village of East Salem.

53 Lydia Atkinson Guyer (1816-1877) was the widow of John Guyer (1804-1857) and mother of the Nannie [Nancy Jane] Guyer and [James] Joseph Guyer referred to in the diary. John and Lydia are buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem.

54 Mrs. Christian G. Winey (1846-1929) was the former Amanda Landis. She is buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem.
J.M. Garman and Misses Lizzie Rhodes, Josephine Wenrich and Mrs. Reese were to visit me. It was cloudy most all day. The sun shone a short time toward evening. Not cold. Snow melted fast. Water high. In the morning I was to see Miss Ella B. Clair.

Thu 4/1 – Cross Roads, Pa. Today I finished my term of teaching at this place. After school Hayes Speakman and I went to East Salem. I took supper at Mrs. Guyer’s. In the evening we met at the school house to practice for the entertainment I was loathe to part from my pupils. This was a warm day – fair most of the time. I stayed all night at Mrs. B.H. Custer’s.

Fri 4/2 – East Salem, Pa. In the morning I went to Cross Roads and stayed at my boarding place until noon. I went to the school house to hear my pupils practice for the entertainment. Last night it clouded up and rained some – and it rained most all day. Waters are high now. In the evening we were to have our entertainment at East Salem. It rained and I did not go.

Sat 4/3 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the morning I packed my clothes and books. Then I went to Cross Roads a while at noon. Father came after me. In the p.m. we went home. It was a slow and muddy trip. In the evening I attended preaching at Pine church. Last night it rained – then it cleared off.

Cross Roads School in Delaware Township – where Henry Basom taught in 1775

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55 John Montgomery Garman (1851-1926) was born in Thompstown and died in Wilkes-Barre. Actively involved in education, newspapers, and politics, he served as the Superintendent of Schools for Juniata County from June 1875 to June 1878. The following announcement appeared in the 2/23/1876 Juniata Sentinel and Republican. “The Juniata County Normal School will be opened in the borough of Mifflintown, APRIL 10, 1876. The course will consist of the Common School Branches, Natural Sciences, Latin, Greek and Methods or Teaching. For terms, boarding, etc., see circulars, or address the Principal, J. M. GARMAN, Mifflintown, Pa.”

56 Ella B. Clair (1858-1943) was a sister of Annie E. Clair (previously mentioned as the future wife of Samuel Frey). The previous year they were students of Maggie Kinser at the Delaware Hill school. The girls, daughters of John (1823-1867) and Margaret Wilson (1828-1898) Clair, were being in raised by their widowed mother. Both parents are buried in the U.B. cemetery at East Salem. Ella taught school in the Delaware township area, Juniata County, for approximately 10 years – until she married Alvin H. Wilt (1850-1890) about 1885.
Chapter Two – Beginning April 1875
Union Seminary, New Berlin PA

Sun 4/4 – Richfield, Pa. I spent part of the time in the forenoon at Mr. Teats¹ and took dinner at brother Jacobs’.² The remainder of the day I spent at home. Fair weather most all day – and warm. God, help me to come nearer to thee.

Mon 4/5 – Richfield, Pa. In the forenoon I stayed at home and ciphered and did some writing. I went to town. Soon back again home and packed my clothes and books. It was stormy all day and pretty cool. The sun shone most all day. God bless me in leaving home.

Tue 4/6 – Richfield, Pa. Early in the morning father and I came to Middleburg and took dinner there. In the afternoon I took the stage and came to Union Seminary, New Berlin, Pa. I found lodging at Mrs. Gebhart’s.³ I came here as a stranger and by the grace of God I intend to prepare myself for the ministry. God help me. Fair and warm today.

Wed 4/7 – New Berlin, Union County Pa. Last night I stayed at this place with Mrs. Gebhart. I attended school during the day, but did not recite. I had many cares resting on my mind. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in the seminary. Last night it clouded up and rained a little in the morning. Foul weather most all day.

Thu 4/8 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night I stayed and slept at Mrs. Gebhart’s. During the day I got my bed arranged, which is a good one. Tonight I intend for the first time to room in the seminary. God guard me. I have recited some lessons today. God bless me in my studies. I would study to know thee better.

Fri 4/9 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and enjoyed the exercises. In the evening I joined the Excelsior Literary Society.⁴ At supper time I changed my boarding place from Mrs. Gebhart’s to the students’ union. Foul weather all day. Rained a little in the morning. God bless us.

Sat 4/10 – New Berlin, Pa. In the forenoon we the Theological Class organized a Biblical Society in the seminary. In the evening we had prayer

¹ Philip M. Teats lived in West Perry township, Snyder County, near the western end of Buckwheat Valley Road, less than 1 mile south of the Pine church. He taught school for 17 terms and served for 10 years as a justice of the peace. He later moved to Bloomsburg.
² Henry’s older brother Jacob (1847-1917) and Angeline Lauver (1850-1913) were married in 1870. They lived on the same property as Henry and his parents. See the appendix for the names and birthdates of their children.
³ This is believed to be Ella Rankin Gebhart, widow of Leonard Gebhart. Lay person Leonard Gebhart was a charter member of the Evangelical Association’s Missionary Society organized in 1839. The Gebhart house was on the southwest corner of Hazel and Water Streets – exactly one block east of the 1816 Evangelical church building.
⁴ There were two literary societies on the campus at Union Seminary – Excelsior and Neocosmian. They were friendly rivals, but cooperated on the short-lived campus newspaper (1879) and other school-wide projects.
meeting in brothers Swengel,⁵ Heiser⁶ and Berge’s⁷ room. The remainder of the day I employed in studying, reading and writing. In the morning it was foggy. Sunshine – and a fair day. Warm.

Sun 4/11 – New Berlin, Pa. In the forenoon I attended preaching in the Evangelical church. In the afternoon, S.S.⁸ In the evening, prayer meeting. The remainder of the day I devoted to reading. Fair weather. I think this was the warmest day we had this spring. O God, make me better from day to day.

Mon 4/12 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had pretty good lessons. Latin is hard for me. We had a very interesting lesson in Theology on predestination – viz., election and reprobation. Foul weather all day – and pretty cool. It rained a little in the morning and evening. In the evening brother Bilger⁹ and I went to the mill and weighed ourselves. I weigh 143 pounds.

Tue 4/13 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Last night it commenced snowing and snowed till about noon, then slacked off a little and soon commenced again and snowed on till evening. The snow at noon was about 8 inches deep. All the snow must have been more than one foot deep. I had good lessons today. I got special light on Latin today.

Wed 4/14 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had pretty good lessons. Last night it quit snowing and cleared off. The snow melted about ¾ away during the day. It was pretty cold – part of the day foul, and part fair weather. In the evening I led in chapel in prayer meeting. We had good prayers and a good experience meeting. God help me.

Thu 4/15 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. I had middling good lessons. The sun shone part of the day. It wasn’t stormy. Not very warm. The snow melted about on slopes facing the sun, but on the north sides neither new nor old snows are melted. Late in the evening it rained a little by showers. God bless me in my labors, and make me daily more serious and better.

Fri 4/16 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school. Had good lessons – except physical geography was a failure. Today was composition day. I had my composition on the subject “Duty.” We have to read our essays before the school. At Society in the evening I was to have a declamation. I did not have it – but

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⁵ Amon Willmer Swengel (1858-1945) of Paxtonville is one of four Swengel brothers (including bishop Uriah F. Swengel) to enter the Evangelical ministry. He was licensed in 1881 and served for 11 years before “transferring” to the Congregational Church and serving in Pennsylvania and Ohio until 1898, when he became an insurance and real estate agent in Harrisburg PA.

⁶ Willis Durbin Heiser (1858-1938) of Lewisburg. In 1883, he married Matilda Viola Kohn (1857-1886), daughter of prominent Evangelical preacher and superintendent Emanuel R. Kohn (1824-1894). He later married Laura C. Reeser (1858-1942), daughter of another prominent Evangelical preacher and superintendent Adam L. Reeser (1831-1906). He became a registered pharmacist in Mifflinburg, Union County PA.

⁷ Jacob Henry Berge (1856-1932) of Lewisburg became an attorney in Nebraska from at least 1885 to 1903, and eventually moved to the state of Washington where he died and is buried.

⁸ Sabbath School [i.e., Sunday School].

⁹ Wellington Winfield Bilger of Middleburg, Snyder County, became an attorney in Iowa.
rather an off-hand speech on “Philosophy of Doing Right.” It rained and stormed – stormy most all day, and cold. Sunshine part of the day.

Sat 4/17 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. we had our Bible class. In the p.m., had prayer meeting in brother Greenwald’s room. The remainder of the day I devoted to reading, writing and covering books. In the evening I studied my Physical Geography lesson. I went to sleep early because I lost sleep since I am at school and I felt tired. It was cold today – froze the ice, no sunshine. In the p.m. had a snowstorm. Mild toward evening.

Sun 4/18 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I went to the Lutheran church, where brother Bower (one of our students) preached. In the p.m. I attended S.S. The sermon in the forenoon seriously affected me – it did me good. In the evening I did not go to church on account of unfavorable weather. It was cold and stormy all day. The sun shone at intervals. We had several snow storms during the day. In the evening the snow was about 3 inches deep. Cold weather for the season. Our subject in Theology now is “Justification” – a deep subject. Myself, I cannot comprehend it. God give me light from on high. I would be better and wiser.

Mon 4/19 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school. I had good lessons except Latin – and with it I did the best I could. Last night I arose at 3:30, studied my Latin, and then went to bed again. I had a headache almost all day. Part of the forenoon had snow storms – cold and stormy all day. The sun shone fairly most all day. God bless me in my studies. May I do all for thee.

Tue 4/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended class. It was stormy all day and cold – more moderate than it had been for some time. Fair weather all day. Had middling good lessons today: Algebra – multiplication; Latin – ablative case; Physical Geography – to review on page 33; Theology – regeneration. Latin is a hard study for me. Tomorrow we have 27 pages to review in Physical Geography.

Wed 4/21 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school. Had pretty good lessons. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in the chapel. Went to the front office in the evening after study hour. This was a very fair day. Stormy most all day, and pretty cold. It is still absolutely necessary to have fire for comfort and health.

Thu 4/22 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. I had good lessons today, except Theology I did not fully understand. The weather was fair today. It was still cold. O Lord, give me wisdom from on high – which is true wisdom.

Fri 4/23 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Today in school I declaimed for the first time for me. I had my declamation middling well prepared. I had good lessons today. Cloudy a while in the morning. The remainder of the

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10 William Henry Greenwald (1851-1933) was from Catasauqua. He is buried in the Fairview cemetery at Allentown PA.

11 Amos Wright Bower (1852-1937) is a nephew to Isaiah Bower (1829-1912), the namesake of Bower Memorial UMC in Berwick PA. He was licensed in 1872 and served Prospect, Milton and Dushore before spending a year at Union Seminary. He served York Trinity 1876-77 and then transferred to the Pacific Conference. After serving Salem OR 1877-79, he withdrew to join the Congregational church.
day it was fair and a little warmer than usual. I attended Society in the evening and debated. I am a poor speaker yet.

Sat 4/24 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I read and studied the lesson for Biblical Society, and at 10 a.m. we convened. After dinner I called at professor Baker’s, had a talk with him, then came to the seminary. In the p.m. I attended prayer meeting in brother Keller’s\textsuperscript{12} room. The remainder of the day I studied. Variable weather – had rain and snow storms. Sunshine part of the time. Cold and stormy all day.

Sun 4/25 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended preaching. In the p.m., S.S. lesson: Judges 7:1-8 – of 3200 men, only 300 found valiant. God help me to be valiant and strong. In the evening I attended prayer meeting. God help me to be one of the wise and have my vessel daily filled. The remainder of the day I spent in reading. Stormy most all day – and cold. Fair most all day.

Mon 4/26 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons. Most all day I felt unwell. In the evening after supper I helped to play base ball. Afterward I felt much better. Today I commenced to assist in teaching. I heard one Written, one Mental, and one Geography class. Fair weather until toward evening it got cloudy. During this week assist me, O Lord, in my duties.

Tue 4/27 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had pretty good lessons. This was a fair and warm day. Towards evening it got cloudy. Today we had summer weather and in the evening I received a letter from W.W. Rohrer. I

\textsuperscript{12} Henry William Keller (1852-1932) was the son of Emanuel and Elizabeth Barshinger Keller. The family lived and farmed in York County until moving to Rye township, Perry County, in 1856. In 1878 Henry married Ohio native Mary Gallagher (1857-1921). Following is a letter he wrote to his parents two weeks after the prayer meeting noted in the diary. The Franklin mentioned in the letter is his brother Rev. Benjamin Franklin Keller (1851-1926) who had attended Union Seminary and had just moved to his first appointment, Jersey Shore circuit, in March.

\textsuperscript{Union Seminary}
New Berlin, Union County, Penn.
May the 8, 1875
Dear Parents,
I take the privilege this afternoon of dropping a few lines to let you know that I am in good health at present and hoping that this letter will find you in the same enjoyment of health. I read your letter on Wednesday evening and am glad to hear that you are well. I received a letter from Franklin last evening and he says he is in good health and has a good home. The weather is not very warm yet, but still the people are beginning to plant corn. The grain and grass looks well, only it is back yet. This session is going to a close fast. There is only a little over four weeks yet, and then I intend to come home and do not think that I will ever come back. I must say something about money again. I do not like to plague you always for money, but I cannot do without it. I got two of my teeth pulled last session with the dentist – and he examined my teeth and they are beginning to rot, and I am getting them filled or in a few years they will rot out. And I think it will cost about twenty dollars. Send me about twenty-five dollars as soon as you can.
I must close. Write soon.
H.W. Keller
wrote and sent a piece to the editor of the E.S.L.S. I stayed up until 10:35 p.m. In the afternoon and evening I was very forcibly struck with the thought of entire sanctification. God sanctify me more wholly to thy service and keep me so until Christ’s second appearing.

Wed 4/28 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had all good lessons, except Theology was not very good. In the evening I received a letter from J.P. Frey. This was a fair day, except for in the morning it was cloudy and rained a very little – was cool and stormy in the morning. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in the chapel.

Thu 4/29 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended and had good lessons, except Latin and Theology. In the morning and evening it was cool. Midday was warm. In the evening about 8 p.m. we had a thunder gust – not very much rain. In the evening I participated in base ball playing and hurt my foot in running.

Fri 4/30 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons, save Physical Geography. In the evening I attended Society. I was not well pleased at Society – reason not stated. Question for debate: Resolved “that the land exhibits more wonders than the sea.” I was on the negative of the question. The negative lost. Fair but stormy weather.

Sat 5/1 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I did our Saturday work, then washed and shaved, and then took a nap. In the afternoon I commenced an oration for the commencement. After supper brother Shortess\(^{13}\) and I called at Mrs. Rathfon’s.\(^{14}\) In the evening I studied and wrote letters. In the forenoon it commenced to rain and rained till about 1 p.m. Foul weather today. The sun shone a little toward evening. Late in the evening it rained again.

Sun 5/2 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended prayer meeting. In the p.m. I attended S.S. In the evening I did not go to church as I wanted some time to myself to read, etc. The S.S. lessons are doing me much good. It was extremely stormy today, so much so that the seminary shook. It was also pretty cool. Fair weather. O Lord, assist me in serving thee aright.

Mon 5/3 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had good lessons. Fair weather. It was pretty warm today. Toward evening it got cloudy and sultry and warm. In the evening I received a letter from Father. I was anxious and glad to hear from home. I did not feel well in the evening. I was dizzy in the head and could not bear to study hard.

Tue 5/4 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had middling good lessons. Yesterday and today I was wearied by studying. My head felt light. This was a fair day, not very cold. God help me in my duties, and help me to study thy word.

\(^{13}\) Thomas Albert Shortess (1856-1948) has strong Evangelical roots. He is the son of Rev. Samuel Irvin Shortess (1834-1910) and brother of prominent district superintendent and historian Rev. John David Shortess (1860-1953). He prepared for the ministry and was licensed in 1877, but had to resign from the itinerancy because of ill health and became a local preacher.

\(^{14}\) This is Mrs. George W. Rathfon, whose husband operated a general store and tin shop in New Berlin. The Rathfon home was on the northeast corner of Front and Union Streets.
Wed 5/5 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today; had middling good recitations. In the morning brother Shortess (a roommate) left school on account of sickness. I miss him. God be with him. Attended prayer meeting in the evening. In the evening I received one letter from brother Wenrich and one from brother Frey. Fair weather and warm sunshine. Time is wanting with me.

Thu 5/6 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today; had good lessons. In the a.m. it rained a little while. Foul weather most all day. I can hardly get around with all my studies, and I should now write my oration for commencement. But above all, I would study the word of God.

Fri 5/7 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. In the evening I attended Society; I enjoyed the exercises of the same. I was appointed vice-president. After Society I finished the composing part of my oration. It was after 12 o’clock when I retired. Fair weather, until toward evening it got cloudy. Warm.

Sat 5/8 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I did my Saturday’s work, then helped a while to red up in the camp. Wrote several letters. Wrote at my oration and took it to Professor Bentz to correct. Stormy and cloudy most all day – pretty cool. It is now 7 p.m. I have been busy all day but studied no school lesson. I am tired. In the evening I met old brother Witmer at Mr. King’s store.

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15 George W.S. Wenrich (1854-1931) was born in Dauphin County, licensed by the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren Church in 1875 and served 4 years before leaving the denomination to become a Presbyterian pastor. He is buried in Los Angeles CA. [Though family name was originally WENRICH, his tombstone and most of his descendants render the surname as WENRICK.] His parents John Joseph Wenrich (1819-1899) and Catherine Sheesley Wenrich (1821-1898) are buried in Raysor’s Cemetery, Dauphin County, near Penbrook.

16 “Red up” is a Pennsylvania Dutch expression for “clean up.”

17 John W. Bentz (1839-1912) was licensed in 1867 and itinerated until 1911 – including eight years (1872-80) on the faculty at Union Seminary as a professor in theology and the sciences. He also served as the interim principal of Union Seminary from the 1876 resignation of Francis M. Baker to the 1879 appointment of Aaron Ezra Gobble.

18 Isaac King (1834-1918) is buried in the New Berlin Cemetery. An interesting extended biography appears in the 1898 J.H. Beers Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania states in part

“ISAAC KING, one of New Berlin's best citizens and oldest merchants, is a self-made man, who, without extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages at the commencement of life, has battled earnestly and energetically, and, by indomitable courage and integrity, has achieved both character and fortune. By sheer force of will and untiring effort he has worked his way upward.

“In boyhood, Isaac King would walk two and a half miles to the nearest school house, where he pursued his studies for a few months during the year, but he learned readily, and later attended school at Mifflinburg, Freeburg and New Berlin, where he paid the greater part of his expenses. In 1855 he successfully passed the teacher's examination at Freeburg, and for six terms taught different schools in Snyder and Union counties.

“In March, 1858, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Mauck, of New Berlin. After his marriage, Mr. King located in New Berlin, where he subsequently embarked in business, opening a small book and confectionery store, with a capital of $175. From this start his present business has grown, and he has added to his stock other lines of goods, principally hardware. Besides his store building he owns a comfortable residence in New Berlin, and a farm of 224 acres in Jackson...
Sun 5/9 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I stayed in my room, read and took a nap. In the p.m. I attended S.S. and taught the class. In the evening I attended church. Brother Bower (one of our students) preached in the pastor’s stead – text: “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” God help me often to think of this solemn truth.

Mon 5/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons, except Latin and Physical Geography – the latter I did not recite, since I did not have it well studied. It was stormy most all day. I rose early in the morning. Fair weather most all day. About 8 p.m. we had a thunder gust – not much rain. In the evening I had a talk with the brothers Jones – brother John Jones’ (a friend’s) advice: “In preaching, keep to the text.” God help me to do so.

Tue 5/11 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had good lessons. In the evening after supper I went to Miss Lizzie Baker’s to rewrite my oration. This was a pleasant and warm day. Sitting in the room studying in the evening, I heard the whippoorwill for the first time this season.

Wed 5/12 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons, except Theology. Today in class I had to whip Abe Black. This was a very stormy day – had several short rain showers during the day. The sun shone the greater part of the day. Since noonday it is warm enough without fire.

township, Snyder county, all of which have been accumulated through his own well-directed efforts.”

Richard Richard Jones and John Richard Jones were brothers from Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, PA. They went on to graduate from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1880 and entered the ministry in the Presbyterian-Calvinistic tradition. Basom typically uses “the Jones brothers” when he is with them both and “brother Jones” without specification when he is with one of them. Later in the diary when a distinction is made, each brother will be given his own footnote.

The attendance of these academic English Presbyterian-Calvinistic students at Union Seminary, with its German and Evangelical Association traditions, speaks well of that institution’s reputation. Two notes of recommendation from their files at Princeton give additional insight: July 28, 1877, from the Presbytery of South Pennsylvania of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church affirming that they are licensed preachers in the denomination, have studied at Union Seminary “for over two years”: “[We are] pleased with the progress they have made. They are respected as pious young men and faithful workers in the cause of Christ.”

August 22, 1877, from F.M. Baker, J.W. Bentz and Lizzie F. Baker: “The bearers... have been for the last two years and a half students at Union Seminary, New Berlin, Pa. During that time they have by their patient industry and devotion to study, by their excellent conduct and blameless Christian lives, won our esteem and high regard. We take great pleasure in recommending them to the confidence and support of Christian brethren everywhere.”

Elizabeth Fredericka Baker (1848-1919) was a sister to principal Francis M. Baker. She later married a Mr. Wieand.

 Abram Howard Sherman Black (1865-1937) was a 10 year old in the primary department at Union Seminary – where Henry Basom is listed in the catalog both as a theological student and as “teacher of the primary department.” Abe was born in New Berlin PA and is buried in Oil City PA. He and his wife [nee Emily M. Bean of Akron OH] lived in various towns in western Pennsylvania [and also briefly in Oregon and California] where he worked as an undertaker, public official, and working in the gas industry.
Thu 5/13 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had middling good lessons. I can not study very well now. I can hardly keep awake. This was a fair day, a little cool in the morning. The Jacks Mountain is on fire now. In the evening I stay up. 11:45.

Fri 5/14 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had all good lessons except Latin. I am most tired of it since it is a hard study and we go most too fast. This was a fair, warm, and stormy day. In the evening I had an essay at Society. We also had an interesting debate. God bless me. 11:45 p.m.

Sat 5/15 – New Berlin, Pa. I finished rewriting my oration in the morning, read a while, and took a nap. In the afternoon Mrs. Gebhart and I swept the society hall, cleaned the lamps, etc. In the evening I wrote a letter home and one to George W.S. Wenrich and studied till 12 o’clock. This was a pretty cool day. In the evening I made fire for comfort.

Sun 5/16 – New Berlin, Pa. This was a stormy and cool May day, but fair. In the a.m. I attended preaching at the Lutheran church. Brother Sahm \(^\text{22}\) preached a good German sermon. In the p.m. I attended the Evangelical S.S. In the evening I was to preaching – brother Smith \(^\text{23}\) preached. God help me here in my duties. Give me thy spirit to direct me aright.

Mon 5/17 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons except Theology. I felt good today to study. This was a pretty cool day. Foul weather part of the day, sunshine the other part. It is pretty dry now. We are now about moving our place to board \(^\text{24}\) from Mr. Walter’s.

Tue 5/18 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons. I was excused from the algebra class, after having reported, because I have much work. Most all day it was cool, a little cloudy most all day. In the evening we made fire for comfort. In the morning we (the club) changed our boarding place from Mr. Walter’s to Mr. Dreisbach’s.

Wed 5/19 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons, save Physical Geography and Latin. In the evening, after supper, in my room I in prayer received a blessing from God. In the p.m. I attended prayer meeting – the professors were not up. This was a cool day, and cloudy part of the time. We had fire today.

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\(^{22}\) Peter M. Sahm (1809-1876) graduated from the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg in 1833 and served in central and western Pennsylvania. He served the Lutheran church in New Berlin from 1874 until his death March 16, 1876. He is the father of Lutheran pastor Melanchthon Oecolampadius Tritle Sahm (1853-1923), commonly designated Rev. M.O.T. Sahm. Melanchthon was a colleague of Luther, Oecolampadius was a colleague of Zwingli, and Tritle was the maiden name of Mrs. Peter Sahm.

\(^{23}\) Samuel Smith (1833-1915), a native of Centre County, served Union circuit 1875-78. He entered the itinerancy in 1857 and retired in 1905. His service included four years (1871-75) as superintendent of the Williamsport District.

\(^{24}\) The male students roomed on the third floor of the Union Seminary building, but they took their meals in town. The females students roomed and boarded in town. The seminary building was “up” on a hill at the edge of town. The female dorm and board was “down” in the town.
Thu 5/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons except Physical Geography. This morning it was cloudy a while. Stormy most of the day. The roads today were so filled with dust that we could not see any distance. It is also very smoky. The sun appears like a ball of fire. The ground is very dry.

Fri 5/21 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. Had good lessons. This was a very warm day, the state of the atmosphere has considerably changed. It was very smoky today, also stormy at times – sultry part of the time. In the evening we had a pleasant Society. We had the ladies up. O Lord, still remember me.

Sat 5/22 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I memorized my oration for commencement and took a nap. After dinner I tarried a while in town to see the band start out, then played croquet a while, then went to the seminary and studied and wrote letters. This was a very warm day. At twilight I walked out to the country by myself and said my oration.

Sun 5/23 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended preaching at the Evangelical church. Brother Smith preached. In the p.m. I attended S.S. and taught our class. In the evening I attended and led prayer meeting. God bless me in such duties. The remainder of the day I spent in reading and studying. Very warm today. Had a thunder gust today in the p.m. – only a few drops of rain here.

Mon 5/24 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had good lessons. Today I was elected 3rd editor by our Society. In the evening I for the first time rehearsed before Miss Lizzie Baker. In the evening I could not well study, so I slept. Cloudy toward evening.

Tue 5/25 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. Had good lessons. Last night it commenced raining and rained most constantly in the a.m. till 11 a.m. Professor Baker our principal was unwell today, hence he was not at school. Mr. Cornelius taught in his place. I felt desponded in the evening.

Wed 5/26 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today. After supper brother Miller and I went to Mr. C.F. Gephart’s. I came back to the seminary for the

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25 Howard Newton Cornelius (1846-1916) was an older married [in 1870 to the former Sarah Cromley (1850-1922)] student from the immediate area. He was a school teacher and an officer in the Standard Mutual Relief Association of New Berlin. He is buried in the Lewisburg cemetery.

26 Basom typically refers to his acquaintances as “brother Surname” and uses a first name only to indicate a person other than the one usually cited. There were at least four Millers from New Berlin attending Union Seminary with Basom (viz., Charles, Edward, William, and William Henry) and a Rev. David W. Miller who served the Middleburg circuit but appears to live in or near New Berlin. The relationships between these Millers is not clear. No further identification is possible.

27 Calvin Franklin Gephart (1853-1927) was from Millheim PA. Three of his brothers (James Madison, Adam Jerome, M. Clair) and two of his sisters (M. Salina, Margaret) also attended Union Seminary about this time. They had Gebhart relatives in the area (perhaps including the widowed Mrs. Gebhart mentioned in the diary who took in boarders) and appear to have lived in town and not in the dormitories. The Union County branch of the family maintained the original Gebhart spelling, while most of the Centre County branch used Gephart. C.F. Gephart was licensed in 1879, ordained in 1881, and served Evangelical churches until 1888 – when he
first time a little after study hour.\textsuperscript{28} In the evening I attended prayer meeting. Fair weather today. God help me now.

Thu 5/27 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. Had good lessons. In the evening after supper I went out to the cemetery to see the graves, then went to a cherry tree and rehearsed my oration – and knelt and implored God’s blessing on me, which was graciously bestowed. Pretty cool today. Fair weather.

Fri 5/28 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. I was excused for the term from reciting Physical Geography and Algebra, as I must devote more time to the commencement. In the evening I attended Society. I did not feel well in the evening. Fair weather. Last night some of our school boys were drunk and very noisy, and today they were suspended from school. I was discouraged a good bit – various reasons.

Sat 5/29 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I called at Professor Bentz’ and brother Miller’s. Then I went to the seminary after reading scripture a while. I composed an article for my journal. In the p.m. I transcribed it and some others. After supper I called at Mr. Gephart’s and brother Baker’s, then went to the seminary. In the p.m. we had a thunder gust and pretty much rain about 3:45 p.m. It got dark and rained for about \(\frac{3}{4}\) hour – so dark that some folks in the houses lit candles to see their work. The sun set clear.

Sun 5/30 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the Union S.S. and the Evangelical prayer meeting. In the p.m. I attended the Evangelical S.S. at 2 and preaching at 7:30. The greater part of the remainder, I spent in reading. This was a fair day – a little cool most all day. Everything in nature smiled after the yesterday’s rain. O Lord, I feel that without thee I can do nothing – therefore help me to have faith in thee. Ever assist me.

Mon 5/31 – New Berlin, Pa. I quit all my studies now but Latin and Theology. I quit them so I can have time to prepare my journal. This was a pleasant day – fair weather, cool air. In the evening after school I attended the occasion of decoration of soldiers’ graves. Reverend brothers Smith and Sahm appropriately addressed the people. I there met Mr. Abram Halteman\textsuperscript{29} and brother Cribbs.\textsuperscript{30} At twilight brother Heiser and I went out to rehearse.

Tue 6/1 – Still in the land amongst the living at New Berlin, Pa. Had middling good recitations. Lessons in Latin to the verb “esse” I did not feel much like studying today. After supper I called at Mr. Gephart’s and Mr. Snyder’s. Paid

\textsuperscript{28} This is the author’s way of saying that he was late for the study hour curfew for the first time. There appears to have been no penalty.

\textsuperscript{29} This is assumed to be a son or grandson of Mennonite preacher Abraham Halteman (1780-1865) of Richfield.

\textsuperscript{30} George W. Cribbs (1854-1914) of Richfield in a few months, on 9/16/1875, would be united in marriage by the previously mentioned Rev. John Hetner to Martha E. Ort (1853-1952) of Mifflintown. They moved to Kansas about 1884.
my washing bill ($1.18). In the evening brother Miller went on the hill and rehearsed. Cool in the morning. Fair weather.

Wed 6/2 – New Berlin, Pa. Recited Latin and Theology today. Devoted part of the time to preparing my journal for commencement. In the evening I attended prayer meeting for the last time at school for this term. Last night and today was quite cool. It rained a good bit last night. In the evening brothers Peters, Miller, Swengel and I spoke our pieces in my room.

Thu 6/3 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended all the classes today and was examined in Algebra, Physical Geography, Latin and Theology. I passed pretty good the examinations in Physical Geography, Algebra and Theology – but not good in Latin. It was cloudy most all day. The sun shined a little in the a.m. – cool. Today Mr. Bilger (my chum) left for home.

Fri 6/4 – New Berlin, Pa. Today I attended the closing examination exercises. In the p.m. we had experiments. In the evening Professor Bentz, brother Berge and I went to the woods to Indian Spring to rehearse. Fair weather today – and warm. I attended Society in the evening. Received a contribution from G.W.W. Tonight I will try to finish my budget.

Sat 6/5 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I finished my journal and got very tired. In the p.m. I practiced reading my productions and got ready for commencement. Our first exercise of commencement was a success I think. This was the first time for me to perform in this capacity. God, in thee I trusted. Thine be the honor. If I have done anything sinful, forgive me. Had a thunder gust toward evening, and rain till in the night.

Sun 6/6 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the Union S.S., then preaching. Brother Smith preached a special sermon for the students – from John 5:39. After church I went with Mr. Yoder to the country. From there, after dinner, I went to the Evangelical S.S. In the evening I was at prayer meeting. This was a warm day, cloudy most all the time.

Mon 6/7 – New Berlin, Pa. Stayed in my room and read till above 9:30 a.m., when I went to Mr. Rathfon’s tin shop – where he and I fixed my umbrella

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31 John Henry Peters (1851-1909) was from Bendersville PA, where his father Daniel Group Peters (1824-1891) was a local preacher. His younger (by one year) brother Milton was also attending Union Seminary, also intending to enter the ministry – but he went on to medical school instead and became a physician. John was ordained a deacon in 1876 and an elder in 1880. In 1888 he transferred to the Platte River Conference, and in 1892 he became a Presbyterian pastor in Texas.

32 G.W.W is his good friend George W.S. Wenrich.

33 Union Seminary student Charles Fisher Yoder (1858-1926) was from New Berlin. His parents and sister and Fisher cousins are mentioned later in the diary. He married Emma Jane Leitner (1862-1958) and is buried in the Alvira cemetery.

34 George W. Rathfon (1833-1905) is buried in the New Berlin cemetery. His son Jerome C. Rathfon learned the tin trade from his father, had an interest in music and the clarinet, and moved to Fort Worth TX where he operated a general store and pursued his hobbies. He died while playing the clarinet in a church service in Fort Worth. He had frequently returned to New Berlin to visit and share his talents, and his body was brought back to the New Berlin cemetery.
which had broken. In the p.m. I helped the Neocosmians\textsuperscript{35} a while to make wreaths and read. In the evening the Neocosmians read their gems. It rained most all a.m. In the p.m. it cleared off and was pretty cool.

Tue 6/8 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended to several annual duties. In the p.m. I helped to make wreaths. In the evening the societies were addressed by the Honorable Charles Wolf.\textsuperscript{36} This was a warm day. In the evening I stayed up till 12 midnight to watch. I felt well all day.

Wed 6/9 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I packed my clothes and books and got ready for the p.m. and evening exercises. In the p.m. we had our exercises, and all were a success. Father came in the afternoon. In the evening we had a great crowd of people. I was middling successful. A fair and warm day, I enjoyed these exercises.

Thu 6/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night I stayed at old mother Gebhart’s. At about 8 a.m. Father and I started for home. We stopped and fed our horse at Fremont, and arrived at home about 3 p.m. In the evening I helped to butcher a beef. This was a fair and warm day. I, during our commencement, got a cold.

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\textsuperscript{35} The Neocosmian Literary Society was the “other” society on campus. Basom was a member of the Excelsior Literary Society. The two groups were friendly rivals, and most students belonged to one of the societies – which tended to determine one’s circle of friends.

\textsuperscript{36} Charles S. Wolf of Lewisburg was a member of the state House of Representatives from Union County, a prominent Pennsylvania politician state-wide, and 1886 Prohibition Party candidate for governor. Noted historian Ammon Stapleton describes him as “an able statesman and a leader in the Pennsylvania Legislature.” Although honest and popular, he ran afoul of the very powerful Matthew S. “Boss” Quay political machine and never rose to a position of power.
Chapter Three – Beginning June 1875
Home for the Summer, Richfield PA

Fri 6/11 – Home: Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I unpacked my books and clothes and took a nap. In the p.m. I helped to scrub Pine church and fixed up some for myself. This was an exceeding warm day. I have the cold pretty bad now and feel very tired and dull now. O Lord, assist me daily in my labors. Help me in my studies.

Sat 6/12 – Richfield, Pa. Took Mr. Schwenk\(^1\) and Miss Lizzie Hoot\(^2\) to Millerstown. The remainder of the day I stayed at home. In the morning we had a thunder gust before 7 and several more during the a.m. About 10 a.m. it quit raining. About 7:30 we had a shower. It was fair during mid-day.

Sun 6/13 – Richfield, Pa. In the p.m. the U.B. had a communion service at Pine church and three sisters – Misses Maneval, Rathfon and Nagle – were baptized. The occasion was largely attended. Last night and today it was uncomfortable – cold without fire, A fair day.

Mon 6/14 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I stayed at home and wrote letters and read. In the p.m. I went to town and came home ere supper time, then read a while. In the evening I went to Mr. P.M. Teats’. This was a fair and cool day. It is very cool now for this time of the year.

Tue 6/15 – Richfield, Pa. In the forenoon I worked on the road. I did not get very tired out. My hands pained very much. In the p.m. I was at home and rested. Toward evening I took the horses to the field, then went to town to the P.O. Fair weather till toward evening, when it got cloudy.

Wed 6/16 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I went to the store with Mother.\(^3\) In the p.m. Father and I brought a load of straw from Mr. Caleb Winey’s.\(^4\) The remainder of the day I devoted to reading and writing letters. It was cool again last night, but during the day the sun shone very hot. Fair most all day.

Thu 6/17 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I went to town to the store and to the P.O. Then I came home and father and I went to the woods and dragged some

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\(^1\) Andrew Schwenk [a.k.a. Swenk] would later marry Elizabeth Hoot.

\(^2\) Elizabeth Hoot was born about 1850 and was the daughter of Isaac Hoot (1829-1860) and Lydia Fall (1821-1901). Most likely she and her mother were living on the family farm now being operated by her brother Miles, who appears later in the diary.

\(^3\) Henry’s mother is the former Melinda Shaffer (1823-1884), daughter of J. Jacob Shaffer and Christiana Troup. Jacob had been a shoemaker.

\(^4\) Caleb Winey (1849-1933) was a Mennonite farmer married to Mary Graybill (1851-1923). He later moved to Kansas and was ordained there in 1879. His father was prominent Mennonite preacher and bishop Samuel Winey (1822-1882), and his mother was his father Samuel’s double-first cousin Sarah Winey. Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix. Caleb’s brother Menno Winey (1860-1924) became U.B. and is the father of that denomination’s Rev. Charles W. Winey (1882-1956), a ministerial son of the Richfield congregation.
logs. In the afternoon I took a load of logs to Mr. Shelley’s steam saw mill, then in the evening I helped father to butcher a beef. In the evening I wrote a letter. Warm all day, and fair. About 7 p.m. we had a thunder gust, and it is raining yet at 10 p.m. I am tired of work.

Fri 6/18 – Richfield, Pa. Last night it rained and continued so until about 7:30 a.m., when it cleared off and the sun shone fairly most all day – but it was cool. After the rain I went to town (Richfield) and got a horse and conveyance and went to Millerstown for brother Jerome’s wife and children. In the evening I took the horse to town.

Saturday 6/19 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I did some turns about the house for myself and got ready and went to Mr. P.M. Teats’. I waited there on Rev. J. Swartz. When he arrived, he and I went to brother Troutman’s. After dinner we went to quarterly meeting at the Troutman’s church. It was well attended. Took supper, then went to the church again to preaching – brother Seibert preached. A fair day; cool in the a.m.

Sun 6/20 – Mahantongo, Snyder County, Pa. Last night I stayed at brother Troutman’s and in the morning attended at the church – where the services of S.S., experience meeting, preaching and communion were participated in. The services were well attended and we had a pleasant and profitable meeting. It did my soul good. God, grant that I may come nearer thee. After dinner brother Swartz went home. God bless this appointment.

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5 John S. Shelley’s (1829-1911) saw mill was northeast of Richfield in West Perry township, Snyder County, where Heister Valley Road crosses the North Branch of Mahantango Creek.
6 Jerome S. Basom (1850-1918), Henry’s biological brother, lived in Elizabethtown PA and had sent his wife Mary and family to Millerstown on the train to be met by Henry. Jerome apparently came by himself a few days later. He and his second wife Catherine Traynor Basom (1857-1917), whom he married about 1890, later moved to Wilmington DE, where they died and are buried. In 1902 he received a patent for “an effective paper-holder which may be applied to the outside of the house-door, in which a newspaper may be held until removed therefrom by the occupant of the house.” Catherine Traynor was born in Ireland, her first husband was a Mr. Richard Kinsella, and she married Jerome about 1892.
7 In 1875 it is believed that Jerome and Mary had two girls: Ida and Minnie. Their son Scott was born 2/23/1879 – and he and his family are buried in the Churchville Cemetery at Oberlin, Dauphin County.
8 This is the first of many occasions when Henry “does turns around the house.” It appears the phrase means “takes his turn doing some of the routine household chores.”
9 This building was erected at Aline in 1869, and the cemetery still bears that name. The first church was struck by lightning and burned in 1890, and a new structure was erected. Most of the congregation became United Evangelical in 1894 and were forced to construct a second building. The Troutman’s church building of the Evangelical Association was eventually sold and removed, and the 1894 building is now Aline UM.
10 Samuel W. Seibert (1824-1913) was licensed in 1846 and ordained in 1854. In 1875 he was superintendent of the Carlisle District. He is buried at the Evangelical cemetery in Elliottsburg, Perry County. His brother James L.W. Seibert (1826-1897) was also an Evangelical preacher.
11 Today this community is known as Aline.
Mon 6/21 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning brother Jerome’s wife, children and I went to grandmother Shaffer’s\textsuperscript{12} and uncle Amos\textsuperscript{13} to pay them a visit. In the evening we visited Mr. M. Hoffman’s and aunt Harriet.\textsuperscript{14} I very much enjoyed my visits – especially that with Grandma. In the evening we went home. Fair and warm today. Cool last night. God help me to a deeper work of grace in my needy soul, for Jesus’ sake.

Tue 6/22 – Richfield, Pa. Stayed at home all day and studied, read and wrote some letters. Toward evening I assisted Father in making a pale [i.e., picket] fence. It was fair most all forenoon. After noon the sun was beclouded most of the time. Toward evening we had a thunder gust, but very little rain. Now, 9:30 p.m., it is warm and sultry.

Wed 6/23 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I went to town to the P.O. I also bought an alpaca coat. In the evening I fixed up in the yard and fed the horses. The remainder of the day I read. I do not feel well now. I have a cold. O God, help me that I may be more diligent in thy service.

Thu 6/24 – Richfield, Pa. I employed the whole day, besides doing some turns about the house, in reading History of the World, Scripture, and the *Messenger.*

Fri 6/25 – Richfield, Pa. I got up early in the morning and got the horse ready for the butcher wagon for Father. The rest of the day I employed in reading Scripture, History of the World, and the *Messenger.* I also did some turns about the house. A fair and very warm day. Since Monday we have had very warm weather.

Sat 6/26 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I hoe-harrowed corn and at noon got a very bad headache of the heat of the sun. In the p.m. I rode our colt to town. The remainder of the p.m. I stayed at home. Toward evening it thundered but did not rain. In the evening I went to Pine church, but the preacher did not come.

Sun 6/27 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning brother Jerome’s Minnie\textsuperscript{15} and I went to town to S.S. I was asked to, and addressed the school. In the afternoon I went to Pine church to attend the U.B. prayer meeting, but no person came. I entertain fears of many of the professors of this vicinity. God revive thy work. At home at 8 p.m. We had a thunder gust and rain.

Mon 6/28 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning. Father, brother Jerome and I dressed the peach orchard. The remainder of the forenoon I employed in reading. In the afternoon brother Jerome and I went fishing. We caught some. Toward

\textsuperscript{12} The grandmother of Henry and Jerome Basom is Christiana Troup Shaffer (1792-1877), widow of J. Jacob Shaffer (1786-1862). Jacob and Christiana Shaffer are buried in Grubb’s Church Cemetery, Chapman township, Snyder County.

\textsuperscript{13} Amos Shaffer (1821-?), brother of Henry’s mother Melinda Shaffer Basom, was a farmer. The widowed grandma Shaffer was living with Amos and his wife, the former Caroline Goodling.

\textsuperscript{14} Henrietta “Aunt Harriet” Shaffer Hoffman (1833-?), sister to Melinda Shaffer Basom and Amos Shaffer, is married to Michael Hoffman.

\textsuperscript{15} Minnie M. Bason (1871-1958) was one month shy of her (July 23\textsuperscript{rd}) 4\textsuperscript{th} birthday. She never married and is buried in the Hummelstown Cemetery in Dauphin County.
evening we had a thunder gust but no rain here. A warm day and cloudy part of the time.

Tue 6/29 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I went to town, then returned and devoted most of the remainder of the day to reading. I took supper with brother Jacob’s [Basom]. It was cloudy all day. Toward evening we had a thunder gust and rain till in the night. O Lord, I feel there is much for me to do but I am slow in doing it. Help me.

Wed 6/30 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning brother Jerome and his wife and children went home again. Last night it quit raining and cleared off in the morning. In the morning I went to town, then returned and spent the remainder of the day in reading and in studying Latin. O Lord, as thus far, stand by me.

Thu 7/1 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I went to town and to John Whiteley’s 16 on errands for Father. In the p.m. I read and took a nap. In the evening I helped to butcher a beef. Most all forenoon it was cloudy. In the afternoon it was warm and fair weather. In the a.m. and evening it was cool. God help me still in my duties.

Fri 7/2 – Richfield, Pa. I devoted this day to studying and to reading. It was a fair day. O Lord, I feel that I should do more for thee. Help me to be more earnestly engaged in thy cause.

Sat 7/3 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. Alice Weise and I went to Mr. Houtz’s 17 for cherries. In the p.m. I did some turns about home and tended to our horse, which was sick. Toward evening I went to town. In the evening I attended church and heard brother Morris 18 preach for the first time. It was cloudy most all day. In the evening I did not feel well.

Sun 7/4 – Richfield, Pa. The 4th of July. In the morning I attended S.S. in town, then prayer meeting at Pine church. Last night and today I was quite unwell. I spent on that account the afternoon in bed. It was cloudy till about 4 o’clock. In the p.m. it commenced raining and rained till night, then cleared off.

Mon 7/5 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I rode our colt to Mr. Rathfon’s 19 and to town to the P.O. In the morning till about 10 o’clock it was foggy. After

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16 John Whiteley (1844-1921) was an active member of the Richfield U.B. Church and is buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery.
17 This is likely Jackson Houtz (1840-1911), buried in Shelles cemetary, behind the Juniata Mennonite History Center west of Richfield.
18 Thomas M. Morris (1837-1890) was born in Reading and ordained in 1864. From 1875 to 1877 he was the Evangelical preacher assigned to the Port Trevorton charge, which territory included the Richfield area.
19 Thomas Rathfon (1854-1911) is buried in Saint John’s Cemetery at Mount Pleasant Mills, Juniata County. The 11/2/1880 New Bloomfield Times carried the following item: Thomas Rathfon was opening sheaves with a knife, the other day, at the barn of M. K. Schoch. A sheaf thrown from the mow struck his hand holding the knife and drove the blade into his abdomen. The injury is slight, but had the blade penetrated a little further it would have put his life in jeopardy.
that the sun shone and it was very warm all day. About 5:30 p.m. Angeline\textsuperscript{20} (my brother’s wife) and I went to Mr. McConnell’s for cherries.

Tue 7/6 – Richfield, Pa. For the first time in the morning I did not get up early as I was very tired and sleepy. The a.m. I spent in reading and doing some turns about the house. In the p.m. I helped to haul hay. We had to work hard to get the hay away till about 4 p.m., when it commenced to rain here and rained till most of the night. It was very warm today.

Wed 7/7 – Richfield, Pa. Early in the morning I went to town, then returned and helped to fix our pump in the forenoon. In the p.m. Mother, Amanda\textsuperscript{21} and I went to Mr. Bowersox’s for cherries, but did not get any. Then I wrote some letters and read. In the morning it was cloudy a while and rained a little – but it soon cleared off and was very warm till afternoon, when it got cool and stormy.

Thu 7/8 – Richfield, Pa. Today I helped to put away hay, and to do some turns about the house, and in the evening to butcher a beef. The balance of the day I devoted to reading. Last night and in the morning it was cool, but warm during the day. Fair weather today.

Fri 7/9 – Richfield, Pa. I rose early in the morning and hitched up for Pa. After breakfast I went to town. In the p.m. I worked at hay a little and went to our other house for a mess of sour cherries. I also called at Mr. Houtz’s. The remainder of the day I devoted to reading, studying, and writing an article for the Register.\textsuperscript{22} Most all day it was cloudy but warm.

Sat 7/10 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I did some writing, reading and studying. In the p.m. I started for Delaware township, took supper at Mr. Jonathan Frey’s, then called at Messrs. Kepner’s and J.M. Stutts’. Then I went to East Salem and attended Society in the evening and stayed all night with Mrs. Warner. In the a.m. it was cloudy and rained in the morning. The remainder of the day it was fair.

Sun 7/11 – East Salem, Pa. In the morning I attended S.S. and conducted the same and taught the ladies’ Bible class. After S.S. I attended prayer meeting, took dinner at Mr. Custer’s, and spent some time at Mr. Winey’s. In the p.m. I went to Mr. Frey’s at Cross Roads and attended preaching there at 4:30 p.m. I took supper at brother Kepner’s. In the evening we attended meeting. Brother Baer preached. Foul weather.

\textsuperscript{20} Angeline Lauver (1850-1913) and Jacob Basom (1847-1917) married in 1870. Jacob was the oldest of Samuel’s many (approximately 15) children. It appears that he stayed on the family farm and that the property is shown in his name in the 1877 county atlas. The fact that this is the first mention of the family in Henry’s journal suggests that there were separate houses on the property for Samuel (who still had minor children) and Jacob. Jacob’s son Edward Charles Basom (1878-1957) and Edward’s son William Edward Basom (1915-2011) became a pastors in the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Church.

\textsuperscript{21} Amanda Basom (1861-1941) was one of Henry’s sisters. She would grow up to marry a Mr. Henry Wise (1859-1932). They are buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery.

\textsuperscript{22} The Register was considered the local Democratic newspaper, and the Juniata Sentinel its Republican counterpart.
Mon 7/12 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the morning I left Mr. Frey’s and went to Richfield, then home. In the p.m. I took a nap and did some writing. Foul weather most all day. Cool in the morning. O Lord, assist me in my daily labors.

Tue 7/13 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I went to town, then I spent the remainder of the day at home in reading. Foul weather most all day. In the cool of the evening I took a ramble through the woods. O Lord, help me to be very devoted to thy cause. Give me much grace and energy in thy cause.

Wed 7/14 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I stayed at home and read and worked algebra problems a while. In the p.m. brother Jacob [Basom] and I went to town a while. After I retumed I spent the remainder of the day in reading and in writing. Fair weather part of the day, and foul the remainder – pretty warm, too.

Thu 7/15 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I read a while, then went to Mr. Whiteley’s and got a spout made for our water trough at the spring house, then fixed that. After supper I helped to butcher a beef, then went to Mr. Teats’ – but returned at twilight. It was warm all day and fair till about 2:30 p.m. Had a thunder gust and rain till night.

Fri 7/16 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I rode our colt to town. After I returned I did some turns about the house for myself – and read a while. Toward evening I got Harry shod, and also washed him, then took the horses to the field. Last night it quit raining and cleared off. It was stormy most all day, and warm.

Sat 7/17 – Richfield, Pa. In the forenoon I went on errands for Father to Mr. A. Benner’s and C. Shellenberger’s. In the p.m. I studied some and went to the mill dam and took a bath. Toward evening brother Morris came to our place and stayed all night with us and preached in the Pine church in the evening. I attended. This was a fair day, till toward evening it was cloudy.

Sun 7/18 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning we had prayer meeting at Pine church. I conducted the same. In the afternoon brother Morris preached and we had communion services. In the p.m. I started with brother Morris and attended preaching at Troutman’s, Daniel’s and Port Trevorton churches. I stayed all night with brother Morris. Last night we had a thunder gust. In the p.m. it was quite cool.

Mon 7/19 – Port Trevorton, Pa. In the morning I crossed the river with Mr. Hoot and went in the train to Marysville to Mr. Shortess. In the p.m. Mr.

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23 Abraham Benner (1837-1911) is buried in Shelleys cemetery, behind the Juniata Mennonite History Center west of Richfield. His house was on the south side of the road between Richfield and the cemetery. He was an active member of the Church of the Brethren. His wife Elizabeth [nee Shellenberger] (1838-1903) was likely a sister to Christian.

24 Christian Shellenberger (1820-1906) is buried in Shelleys cemetery, behind the Juniata Mennonite History Center west of Richfield. His house was on the north side of the road between Richfield and the cemetery.

25 Miles Hoot (1843-1910), brother of the previously mentioned Elizabeth Hoot, lived on the back road between Basom’s and the town of Richfield. He married about 1865 and now [July 1875] had 5 children, with another due in September and 3 more to come before his wife [nee Sarah Troutman] would die in 1884. At some point he changed his name to Hood – and that is the name shown in the 1877 county atlas and the name used by all his children.
Shortess and I walked about in the town to see the different places. It the morning it was fair, but cloudy toward evening. In the evening Mr. Shortess and I went to the cemetery.

Tue 7/20 – Marysville, Pa. In the a.m. I stayed at Mr. Shortess’. At noon I started away on the train and came to brother Jerome’s. In the morning about 7:30 it commenced raining and rained most constantly till night – and was cool. I enjoyed a pleasant car ride.

Wed 7/21 – Elizabethtown, Pa. Today I spent at brother Jerome’s. I spent most all day in sitting about the house. In the evening brother and I took a walk through town. In the morning it was cloudy a while, then fair weather till night. It was cool till in the evening it got war, and sultry.

Thu 7/22 – Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pa. In the morning train brother Jerome and I went to Lancaster city and stayed there till noon, when we returned. The p.m. I spent at brother’s. In the evening there were some strangers here and we did some singing. About 5 p.m. it commenced raining. A warm day.

Fri 7/23 – Elizabethtown, Pa. In the morning brother Jerome and I took a walk to the store. The remainder of the a.m. I stayed at brother’s. In the noon train I went to Harrisburg, where brother Wenrich met me. I went to his place. Toward evening brother Wenrich’s sister, some other ladies, brother Wenrich and I took a walk to the reservoir. A warm and fair day.

Sat 7/24 – Harrisburg, Pa. At 8:30 a.m. brother George Wenrich and I started from home, visited Mr. Bohner, thence to machine shops, R.R., insane asylum, capitol of Pa. – to Grantville. We visited Mr. Wenrich’s sister and got our dinner there at 4 p.m. Then we visited Mrs. Wenrich and Daniel and met my friends Ida and Elly Wenrich. We took supper at Mrs. Wenrich’s, then to the bookstore at Harrisburg, then arrived home at 9 p.m. tired.

26 This is the previously mentioned Thomas A. Shortess, a former fellow-student of Basom’s at Union Seminary, whose father Samuel was the Evangelical preacher stationed at Marysville 1875-77.
27 This is the previously mentioned George W.S. Wenrich, who was appointed 1875-79 to the Paxinos circuit in East Pennsylvania Conference of the U.B. Church. Basom’s diary states that Wenrich was living in Harrisburg, but the Paxinos circuit was considerably north of Harrisburg – across the Dauphin County line in Northumberland County. This seeming discrepancy suggests that Wenrich was originally assigned (he was junior pastor, on his first assignment, 1875-76) in mid-year, well after the February 1875 conference session.
28 Catherine Ann Wenrich (1844-1916) was now married to Jacob Etnoyer (1836-1915) and living in Grantville.
29 This is Maria Lucinda Mader Wenrich, wife of Daniel Wenrich (1810-1876) and an aunt to Basom’s traveling companion George W.S. Wenrich – her husband Daniel being a brother to George’s father John Joseph. The next three persons listed are children of Mrs. Wenrich and cousins of George. Her oldest two sons died in the Civil War [Amos at Little Hancock in 1862 and George at Gettysburg in 1863] – which prompted her husband (though beyond age) and son Daniel to enlist and carry on (and return home safely) for their fallen family members.
30 Daniel Enoch Wenrich (1846-1923). He and his wife Permella C. are buried in Rayson’s Cemetery, Dauphin County, near Penbrook.
31 Ida Henrietta Wenrich (1862-?) married a Henry Fisher in 1880. Ida and Elly are twins.
Sun 7/25 – Harrisburg, Pa. In the a.m. brother Wenrich and I were to the U.B. church to preaching. In the p.m., to S.S. I addressed the school and taught the female Bible class. I was well pleased with the school. Toward evening brother Sheesley\textsuperscript{33} came to this place in the buggy. In the evening, he and brother Wenrich and I went to the colored people’s woods meeting. A warm day.

Mon 7/26 – Harrisburg, Pa. In the morning brother Wenrich and I went to see the water works, and also on the river (Susquehanna) to take ride. After calling in town, we returned and took dinner. Afterward we went up to the depot at 1:25 p.m. I left for Millerstown. From there I rode to Seven Stars, took supper, then walked home. All but one mile I rode with John Shelley. A warm day – sun darkened a good while.

Tue 7/27 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I took a good long sleep as I was very tired. The remainder of the day I spent in doing some turns for myself, and reading. I also transplanted my flowers. In the evening I went to Daniel’s church and heard brother Morris preach. A fair and very warm day.

Wed 7/28 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I took a long sleep, as I was tired of the previous evening’s tramp. In the a.m. I rode our colt to town. The remainder of the day I spent in reading, writing and doing some turns for myself. In the morning it rained a while. The remainder of the a.m. it was cloudy and very cool. The p.m. was fair and warm.

Thu 7/29 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I read a while, then wrote a letter. Afterward I went to town on errands for Pa and myself. In the p.m. I read and helped to butcher a beef. Toward evening Mr. Roush\textsuperscript{34} and I went to Mr. Hoots’. In the evening I wrote a letter. It commenced early in the morning and rained till about 5 p.m., when it cleared off slowly. God give me more earnestness in thy cause.

Fri 7/30 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I devoted some time to reading, and Mr. Gordon and I went to Jacob Lauver’s Sr.\textsuperscript{35} In the p.m. I did some writing and Rev. Mr. Leister\textsuperscript{36} was at our house – so I spent some time in entertaining him. In

\textsuperscript{32} Anna Elspy ["Elly"] Wenrich (1862-?) married a Christian Henry c1880. Elly and Ida are twins.

\textsuperscript{33} Amos Sheesley (1848-1914) is another first cousin to Basom’s traveling companion George Wenrich – this time on his mother’s side, Amos’ father being a brother to George’s mother Catherine Sheesley Wenrich. He and his parents are buried in Raysor’s Cemetery, Dauphin County, near Penbook.

\textsuperscript{34} Joshua Roush (1826-1900) operated a saw mill, near the Basom farm, one mile south of Richfield. He and his second wife Isabella, the former Mrs. Samuel Hackmaster (1831-1910), are buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery.

\textsuperscript{35} Jacob Lauver (1833-1920) was a brother to Henry Basom’s sister-in-law Angeline Lauver [Mrs. Jacob] Basom. He did not have a son Jacob, nor did any of his brothers. He was called Jacob Lauver, Sr., to distinguish him from a younger Jacob Lauver that was the grandson of his uncle Jacob Lauver (i.e., that was the son of his cousin).

\textsuperscript{36} John D. Leister (1843-1923) was licensed by the Allegheny Conference of the U.B. Church in 1875 and ordained in 1878. He was a local pastor and never served as an itinerant. He later served in the same capacity in the Evangelical Church, and one of his grandsons became a Presbyterian minister. He is buried in the U.B. cemetery in Cocolamus. His wife Esther Hettie
the evening I went to town to the P.O. and visited grandma Basom. Fair weather, warm day. God bless me.

Sat 7/31 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I went to town on an errand for Mother and also for myself. The remainder of the day I spent in reading and doing some turns for myself. Foul weather most all day. It rained a little toward evening. God, now at the close of another week, bless me.

Sun 8/1 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I went to town to S.S. It was well attended. After school we went to Pine church and had prayer meeting. In the afternoon the U.B. had prayer meeting. I attended – and all day I felt serious. God help me always to be seriously engaged in thy service. Foul weather most all day. Rained a little in the p.m.

Mon 8/2 – Richfield, Pa. Last night and all day today it rained. Early in the morning I went to town. In the p.m. I packed my trunk. The remainder of the day I spent in reading, doing some turns, etc. This was a lonesome day for me. Cool all day, so that it was necessary to have fire for comfort.

Markwood United Brethren Church in Port Trevorton, Snyder County

While this 1873 structure was in use during the time of the diary, Henry’s involvement in Port Trevorton was at the Evangelical Association’s “White Church” – of which there is no known existing photograph. The 1894 denominational split divided that congregation, and the majority left to side with the United Evangelical Church and erect the Olive Church. While a handful of members remained on the books at the time of the 1922 denominational re-merger, services were no longer being held there. Unused for many years, the structure was destroyed by the August 1949 blaze that burned out the center of town and prompted the formation of the local fire department. In 1952 the Olive and Markwood congregations united to form Grace EUB Church and erect a new building, now the Hope United Methodist Church. The Markwood church stood across from Hope UMC, and the Olive and White buildings were several lots east.

Lauver Leister (1846-1916) was a sister to Jacob Lauver, Sr., and to the previously mentioned Angeline Lauver Basom (wife of Henry’s older brother Jacob).  
37 Susannah Shirk Basom (1791-1881) was born in Lancaster County. She married Henry’s grandfather Henry Basom (1790-1861) in 1819 and Henry’s father Samuel (1821-1898) was their second child.
Chapter Four – Beginning August 1875  
Fall Term at Union Seminary, New Berlin PA

Tue 8/3 – Richfield, Pa. It rained very heavy most all night. In the morning it had quit. At 8 a.m. I started for New Berlin. Mother brought me as far as Middleburg. In the p.m. I went the last of the way to New Berlin. Foul weather till about 2 p.m., when the sun shone a short time. Cool most all day. I slept with brother William Miller.

Wed 8/4 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school here today. The work of the day principally was to organize the school and to classify the same. Most all are new students. I enjoyed the first day. The weather was fair in the a.m. In the p.m. we had a shower of rain. Warm today it was.

Thu 8/5 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today, and enjoyed the same. Had middling good lessons. In Theology we commenced at “Faith;” in Algebra, addition of fractions; in Latin, page 87, lesson 167. Last night it rained – and part of today. Part of the day the sun shone. Had a thunder gust about noon. God bless me now. At the election of new officers in Society tonight, I was elected vice president.

Fri 8/6 – New Berlin, Pa. Foul weather most all day – stormy. The sun shone at intervals. In the p.m. we had a thunder gust and rain – heavy while we were in our Excelsior hall. I had good lessons during the day (only middling). During the day I worked hard for the Excelsior Literary Society – and not without success. God bless us in our labors. Help us to work aright.

Sat 8/7 – New Berlin, Pa. A good part of last night it rained and stormed. It rained very heavy. Today it was stormy and pretty cool. Fair weather all day. I stayed in my room and studied and read until near supper time. After supper Mr. Swenk sent his son to town, who took us to a bush meeting 1 mile distant. Brother Bower preached.

Sun 8/8 – in the country, 2 miles from New Berlin. Brother Bower and I stayed with Mr. Seebold.¹ In the a.m. I attended and led prayer meeting in the woods. Brother Bower preached then. I took dinner at brother Seebold’s and A.W. Bower went to New Berlin. At noon I was requested to preach in the p.m., which I attended for the first time, from the text James 5:15. God assisted me. To Him be the glory. Fair weather. In the evening I attended preaching in New Berlin.

Mon 8/9 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school again today. Had good lessons and enjoyed school. I assist again in teaching. Brother Bower rooms with us now. He is a lively chum. This was a fair day – windy most all day. The sun shone fairly – it neither too cool nor too warm for comfort. God bless me in my studies and grant that my aim may be true.

Tue 8/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended school today and had a good lesson in Latin and middling good in the other branches. A fair and warm day this was.

¹ Seebold was a popular surname in the area. There are 54 Seebold graves in the New Berlin cemetery. There were several Seebold families living a mile or two west of New Berlin.
In the evening I received a letter from Brother Jerome [Basom]. O Lord, bless me
in all my studies. Help me to do thy will.

Wed 8/11 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. I
had all good lessons except Latin, which was a very difficult lesson. In the
evening after school I helped to play base ball. Last night we had a thunder gust
and rain. In the evening we had our first prayer meeting in chapel and had a
pleasant and profitable time. Ever be with us. Bless all thy people.

Thurs 8/12 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today.
In the morning we had the first lesson in vocal music. I had good lessons today.
Changeable weather today – rain and sunshine alternately. In the evening (9 p.m.)
we had a thunder gust. O Lord, still remember and bless me.

Fri 8/13 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had
middling good recitations. In the p.m. we declaimed and our Society met. We
installed the new officers. In the evening brother Bower (president) was absent, so
I filled his place. Question for debate – resolved: “that we can live happily
without working.” Negative won. Rain and sunshine alternately. Gust in the
evening about 5 p.m.

Sat 8/14 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I read scripture a while. Then
we pumped the water out of the well and had it cleaned. The remainder of the day
I studied till supper. After supper brother Swengel and I called at Mr. Winter’s2.
Miss Annie Winter3 and we played croquet a while. In the evening I wrote letters.
Fair day – foggy in the morning.

Sun 8/15 – New Berlin, Pa. At 8 a.m. I attended union S.S., afterward
prayer meeting at the Evangelical church, and then at 2 p.m. S.S. In the evening I
attended preaching in the Presbyterian church. In the morning it was foggy. When
it had passed away the weather was fair till toward evening it got cloudy. I felt
unwell all day. God save me now.

Mon 8/16 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today
and had pretty good lessons. In the morning it was foggy – not so long, though, as
the two preceding mornings. The sun shone fair the greater part of the day. Late in
the evening we had a thunder gust and pretty heavy rain. This was a warm day. In
the evening we school boys threw down the hornet nests in the camp.

Tue 8/17 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and
had pretty good lessons. It was foggy a while in the morning, but after it (the fog)
dispersed the sun shone fair with the exception of a short time of cloudy about
one o’clock – just like the preceding day. In the evening brother John Peters4 was
to visit us.

Wed 8/18 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended exercises of the school today and
had middling good lessons – except Latin, as we started in the subjunctive mood

2 Benjamin Sailer Winter (1817-1893) and his wife Susannah [nee Schoch] (1827-1891) are buried
in the New Berlin cemetery.
3 Anna Winter (b. 1854) is the daughter of Benjamin. Her brother Joseph Daniel Winter (b. 1859)
was a student at Union Seminary.
4 John H. Peters was no longer a student, but he was now serving Lycoming circuit.
today and it is new to me. Foggy in the morning, and rained a little in the a.m. The remainder of the day was fair and warm. Now at 11 p.m. we have a thunder gust and rain. In the evening I attended prayer meeting.

Thu 8/19 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. Mr. W.H. Hartman came today to make one of our number. In the morning it rained a short shower. The remainder of the day it was fair and warm. In the evening we had a thunder gust and rain. God bless me in my daily studies and duties.

Fri 8/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school, had a composition to read. In the p.m. I had a headache and felt unwell most all day. Last night it got cool – and was so all day. A fair day. In the evening after supper Mr. Binkley and I went to the country to Mr. Casper’s. I felt better on my walk. I attended Society in the evening. Mr. Hartman joined us. We had a good time.

Sat 8/21 – New Berlin, Pa. Stayed in my room and studied and read till 5 pm, when I went to camp meeting. Brother William Miller and I stayed all night at Mr. Carr’s. In the evening I attended preaching. Brother J.A. Hetner preached. This was a fair day. Evenings and mornings are pretty cool now. I felt very good this evening.

Sun 8/22 – camp meeting. Brother Miller and I took breakfast at brother Carr’s, dinner at another tent, and supper at brother Hummel’s. I attended prayer meeting and class in the morning, children’s meeting in the p.m., and five sermons during the day and evening. First sermon was preached by brother Seibert, 2nd by Hornberger, 3rd by Swengel, 4th by Morris, and 5th by Yearick. After the evening service, brother Miller and I went to New Berlin.

5 William Henry Hartman (1852-1945) was born in New Berlin, but his father sold the farm and moved to Flat Rock OH when he was boy. He started his post high school education at Oberlin College, where he specialized in music, and then returned to Pennsylvania to enroll in Union Seminary in preparation for the Evangelical ministry. He was licensed in 1877, ordained deacon in 1881 and elder in 1883, transferred to the M.E. Church in 1892, and served a total of 51 years in Evangelical and Methodist congregations. Like Henry, he was an older student with previous experience – and so he is listed in the Union Seminary catalog as “Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental Music” and Henry is listed as “Teacher of the Primary Department.” He is buried in the Almedia cemetery, Columbia County.

6 Henry K. Binkley (1848-1914) of West Leesport, Berks County, left the Evangelical Association in 1878. In 1884 he was ordained in the Reformed Church and from 1888 until his death he lived in Reading PA and worked as the canvassing agent for the Reformed Church Record. The school catalog lists him as Henry Jacob Binkley, and there is confusion in the various records as to whether the middle initial is J or K – or whether these were actually two different people. His brother Monroe Binkley was also a student at Union Seminary.

7 Adolph B. Casper lived just east of New Berlin. A retired Reformed minister, he practiced homeopathic medicine for about 10 years before dying about 1882. He was married to Catherine Orwig, whose father was a cousin to noted Evangelical bishop (1859-63) and principal of Union Seminary (1856-59) William W. Orwig.

8 Zachariah Hornberger, the preacher at Port Trevorton when he last appeared in the diary, is now the Evangelical preacher at Lewistown and Patterson.
Mon 8/23 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. I felt very tired and drowsy from attending the camp meeting, inconsequence of which I could not well study – hence had poor lessons. This was a fair day. God bless me in my daily labors here. Help me to do good.

Tue 8/24 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had good lessons. Felt good all day and enjoyed school. After supper I helped to play baseball. We had a good game. Foul weather most all day- and pretty cool.

Wed 8/25 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and enjoyed them. Today we raised a donation for brother Binkley (our treasurer). In the evening brother Smith asked me to preach for him on the following Saturday, to which I consented. Fair weather today, foggy and cool in the morning. I attended prayer meeting in the evening.

Thu 8/26 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. After supper I called at professor Baker’s. In the evening I went to church to prayer meeting. Fair weather and warm today.

Fri 8/27 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today but was excused from Grammar. In the p.m. we had declarations. In the evening brother Bower was absent so I had to preside at Society. This was a fair and warm day. God bless me in my studies.

Sat 8/28 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I called at Mr. Rathfon’s and engaged a horse and conveyance for the evening. Then I called at brother Frey’s¹¹ and also at professor Bentz’, then I went to my room and prepared my sermon for the evening. In the evening brother Frey and I went to brother Berie’s.¹² I preached from Revelation 3:4. God was with me. It rained a little in the evening.

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⁹ John George Miller Swengel (1849-1923) was the current Evangelical preacher at Lewisburg. He was born in Paxtonville PA and was a brother to conference preachers [bishop] Uriah F. Swengel (1846-1921), Edwin Swengel (1848-1927) and the previously mentioned Amon W. Swengel (1858-1945). He is the father of Carrie Swengel Gift, wife of Rev. Foster Ulysses Gift (b. 1871) of the Lutheran Church. The 1994 book Threads of Time by Jean Swengel gives family information, including the statement that the Swengels are descended (with a corruption of the surname) from Ulrich Zwingli.

¹⁰ Samuel Yearick (1827-1892), the current Evangelical preacher at McClure, was a native of Centre County and a brother of Reformed preacher William Rishel Yearick (1817-1888). His mother Salome Rishel Yearick (1794-1872) was a first cousin to Susan Rishel Orwig (1794-1872) wife of the noted Evangelical Association bishop and first president of Union Seminary William W. Orwig (1810-1889).

¹¹ This “brother Frey” appears to be a local preacher and appears in the diary in preaching and supporting roles. He is otherwise unknown.

¹² John Andrew Berie (1828-1904) was born in Switzerland and came to this country at the age of 21. He was a farmer, and married Rachel Kerr (1832-1910) of Union County in 1863. They are buried in the New Berlin cemetery. Henry Basom was supplying what became the Dice church on the Union circuit. The community of Dice (on the road from New Berlin to Mifflinburg) at that time was known as Battletown. Joseph Sour gave the land for the Dice church in 1886. In 1875 the class was meeting in the home of John Berie and called the Berie’s appointment. The Dice church was closed in 1995 and is now a township building.
Sun 8/29 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I attended union S.S., then preaching at the Evangelical church. Brother Bentz preached. At noon brother Baker requested me to preach in the evening at Winfield. So I prepared for it in the p.m. and brother Gephart took me there. We took supper on the way at brother Kramer’s. I preached from Revelation 3:4. I felt abashed and timid when I went in the church. I had a full congregation – kind and attentive listeners. God blessed me. I felt good when I had preached. To God be the glory ever.

Mon 8/30 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. I did not have any of my lessons studied, but commenced in the morning in good earnest. I had pretty good lessons. This was a fair and warm day. In the evening I met Messrs. Theodore Fisher and F. Harshberger in town.

Tue 8/31 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. In the morning my chums and I overslept ourselves. After supper I called at professors Bentz’ and Baker’s to make arrangements about going to school the following winter. God help me to persevere. This was a fair and very warm day.

Wed 9/1 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and had pretty good lessons. This was a fair and extremely warm day. In the evening we had a good prayer meeting. I enjoyed God’s blessing. God always be with me.

Thu 9/2 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school and had good lessons except Latin. I have pleasant classes to teach also. This was another very warm day. It is not too warm now to study hard. Toward evening it got cloudy. God bless me in my labors.

Fri 9/3 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. In the morning we (I and my roommates) overslept ourselves – almost missed breakfast. It was again very warm today. In the evening we had the ladies to Society. We had a pleasant time.

Sat 9/4 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning after breakfast I called at brother Frey’s and professor Bentz’. Afterward I returned to my room and Messrs. Wolf and William Miller were to visit us. In the p.m. I did nothing but prepared a sermon wrote one letter. Last night we had a little rain – it also thundered. A fair day. Today it got colder than we were used to having. Brother Oldt took me to the Turkey Run bush meeting, where I preached from Revelation 3:4

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13 Theodore W. Fisher (1855-?) was born near Lewisburg and received post-rural school education at New Bloomfield Academy and Freeburg Academy. He taught in the rural schools for three full terms and completed two terms for others before learning and entering the flour and grain milling business.

14 W. Frank Harshberger was born in New Berlin. He would graduate from the Eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati OH in 1881 and practice medicine in New Albany, Bradford County, where he was also vice-president of the New Albany Telephone Company.

15 Charles Oldt (1827-1909) was born on a farm east of New Berlin that had been deeded to his grandfather by the Penn family. He was a farmer and retired to New Berlin in 1895. His son Calvin Oldt (1859-1930) and nephew William Oldt (1856-1939) were Union Seminary students.

16 Turkey Run is on the “other” (i.e., north) side of the mountain north of New Berlin and flows into Sweitzer’s Run east of Dice.
Sun 9/5 – New Berlin, Pa. After breakfast the brothers Jones, some other students and I went to the Turkey Run bush meeting, had prayer meeting, then brother Shambach\textsuperscript{17} preached in the a.m. and brother Jones in the p.m. We had a pleasant time, took dinner at brother Walker’s and supper at another place. Then we returned to New Berlin and attended preaching in the Evangelical church. I since yesterday suffered some spiritually. In the p.m. I felt better. A fair day.

Mon 9/6 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. I did not have any lessons studied, consequently I had to study pretty hard. Toward evening I commenced to get sick. I felt so unwell that I did not go to the boarding house for supper. Now (9:30 p.m.) I feel better again. This was a changeable day, being fair and foul weather. God make me holy.

Tue 9/7 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. I was not to breakfast in the morning. I did not feel well yet. It was cool all day in the shade – fair weather though. After supper I called at Mr. Walter’s.

Wed 9/8 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and enjoyed the lessons. Toward evening I felt unwell. This was a fair and warm day – though quite cool in the morning and evening. In the evening I attended prayer meeting I did not enjoy as much of God as I do sometimes.

Thu 9/9 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. After supper brother Bower and I went to Mr. Vanvolzh’s\textsuperscript{18} shoe shop. In the evening we attended prayer meeting in the Evangelical church. This was a pretty warm day – cool in the evening and morning. Fair weather,

Fri 9/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. In the afternoon the professors changed the exercises – we had declarations first, then some experiments. I received a shock from the abbatic\textsuperscript{19} battery (very severe it was). In the evening we had Society – it was comical. This was a stormy day – it rained the greater part of the time. Toward evening it cleared off.

Sat 9/11 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning after breakfast brother Bower and I called at the shoe shop and Mrs. Snyder’s, then returned to our room. We studied a while, then took a walk to the Indian spring, then returned and studied till noon. After dinner we played base ball a while then got ready and went to quarterly conference, where I was recommended for the ministry. God help me to pay the vows I made. In the evening I attended preaching. Fair weather today. God bless me.

\textsuperscript{17} Joshua Shambach (1850-1915) received his preaching license in 1875. His first official appointment was to Middleburg in 1876. Ordained a deacon in 1878 and an elder in 1880, he served Evangelical churches until he retired in 1915. He was born and died on the family farm about two miles from Middleburg, Snyder County.

\textsuperscript{18} Wilson Vanvolzh operated a shoe store in New Berlin and was a manufacturer of boots and shoes. This surname is also given as Van Valzh, the original family member Dr. Robert Van Valzh, believed to be the grandfather of Wilson, settling Buffalo Cross Roads in 1786. Henry likely visited the store because of his need for special shoes.

\textsuperscript{19} Basom’s handwriting is clear, but the term “abbatic” is unknown, It may be his rendering for “adiabatic.”
Sum 9/12 – New Berlin, Pa. At 8½ a.m. I attended the union S.S., then the experience meeting at the Evangelical church – after which brother Reeser\textsuperscript{20} preached, then the sacrament of the Lord’s supper was commemorated. I enjoyed some of God’s presence. Quite a number communed. In the p.m. I attended the Evangelical S.S. and taught a class. In the evening I attended preaching. It was cloudy most all day and commenced raining about 4:45 p.m., ceased shortly, and commenced again at dusk. Very cool air. After preaching I read the latter part of Genesis and could read it in the spirit. I was almost forced to shed tears. God help me to be better.

Mon 9/13 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school, but missed Grammar at noon as I attended the public examination of teachers one hour. In the evening after school we put up our stove and gathered some wood. During the night it quit raining and was foggy in the morning. Foul weather most all day – the sun shone only at intervals. 10:30 p.m. I will retire. God guard me tonight.

Tue 9/14 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. In the morning we had singing again. After supper I read nine chapters in Exodus. After study hour I went to the post office, then brother Suiter\textsuperscript{21} and I had a long talk on the subject of religion. We took a walk, too. Fair weather today – and moderated a little.

Wed 9/15 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. After supper Miss Lizzie Baker, Mrs. Rathfon, brothers Lohr,\textsuperscript{22} Gebhart,\textsuperscript{23} Gingerich,\textsuperscript{24} Snider and I went to an old man’s residence (Burd) – he being almost 98 years of age and sick in body and soul. We went there and sung and prayed for him. He is not safe in Jesus yet. God help him. In the evening I attended prayer meeting.

Thu 9/16 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and had good lessons. After supper I devoted about half an hour to reading of scripture. It was foggy and cloudy in the morning and commenced raining about

\textsuperscript{20} Adam Reeser (1831-1906) was superintendent of the Lewisburg District. His brother William J. Reeser (1816-1906) and son James C. Resser (1856-1930), the latter likewise rising to the office of superintendent, were also Evangelical preachers.

\textsuperscript{21} William Riley Suiter (1857-1899) of Lock Haven is buried with his wife Katherine A. (1860-1934) and son Harvey C. (1885-1893) in the Red Mount (Evangelical) church cemetery near Kralltown, York County. Mrs. Suiter is the sister of John Franklin Craul [see 11/13/1975].

\textsuperscript{22} Jared James Lohr (1852-1905) would receive his preaching license next year [1876] and begin itinerating. He would marry in 1880 and raise a family of 15 children.

\textsuperscript{23} Wellington Gebhart (1854-1880) of Zion, Centre County, died within a few years and is buried in the Zion cemetery. Unlike most of his Centre County Gephart relatives, his family appears to have kept the original Gebhart spelling. In addition to being a student, he is in the 1878 Union Seminary catalog as “instructor of vocal music.”

\textsuperscript{24} Nathaniel Harvey Gingerich (c1856-?) of Zion, Center County, was married in 1880 to Adeline J. Yearkick, niece of the previously mentioned Evangelical pastor Rev. Samuel Yearick and a first cousin of the Reformed pastor Rev. Zwingli Albert Yearick mentioned next April.
8:30 a.m. and continued so till night. It was pretty cool, too. It was necessary to have fire for comfort.

Fri 9/17 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. In the p.m. we had compositions. Last night it cleared off and all day it was stormy and so cold that it was necessary to have fire for comfort. In the evening I attended Society. Afterward we (most of the students) took a walk to the cemetery and had speeches. Mr. Cribbs\textsuperscript{25} and wife were to visit me today.

Sat 9/18 – New Berlin, Pa. After breakfast I called at professor Bentz’, then returned to my room and read scripture a while, then played base ball a while. The remainder of the day I employed in studying and writing and did not get much accomplished. Brothers Bower and Holdeman\textsuperscript{26} have both gone away. I feel lonesome and also discouraged and hardly know why. This was a cool day. God bless me abundantly now.

Sun 9/19 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended prayer meeting; in the p.m. at 2 p.m., S.S.; in the evening, preaching. Brother Baker preached. Last night it commenced raining and rained until about – I do not know. It was quite cool. Both my chums were away until evening. I felt lonesome and have for several days felt discouraged spiritually. God help me. O keep me very near thee.

Mon 9/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. This was a stormy day – and cold. Foul weather most all day. Last evening after returning from church I received a stitch in my back which pained me yet this evening. God be my friend.

Tue 9/21 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and enjoyed the same. Last night some of the school boys played tricks – such as carrying the teachers desks in the camp and carrying a grindstone on professor Baker’s platform. The professors smiled and gave the boys a good advice: “Be cautious.” Autumn weather. I received a letter from home.

Wed 9/22 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and had good lessons. In the evening I attended a prayer meeting in the chapel and enjoyed God’s presence middling satisfactory. To thee, O God, be the glory. Bestow thou more – help me to labor and live for it. Foul weather most all day. The weather is cold and very fall-like so early – fire needed.

Thu 9/23 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. In the evening after supper, brother Bower and I went to visit Rev. brother Smith – who is sick – after which we called at professor Bentz’ and received an abbatic

\textsuperscript{25} George W. Cribbs of Richfield and Martha E. Ort of Mifflintown were married the previous day and had been Mr. and Mrs. Cribbs for a mere 24 hours.

\textsuperscript{26} Jeremiah W. Holdeman (1855-1930) of Lamar was well-traveled. He was born in Drake County OH. About 1867 the family moved to Unionville PA, in Bald Eagle Valley, then moved to Rebersburg, then to Lamar in Nittany Valley. By 1880 Jeremiah and his siblings had regrouped in Nebraska, where he was a farmer and an Evangelical preacher. The history of Bethel Evangelical Church in Cozad NE states: “In 1877 Jeremiah Holdeman came from Fairfield, Clay County, and held a revival in a sod house six and a half miles northeast of Cozad. This revival lasted eight weeks. After this services were held once a month in the same sod house.”
shock. Then we went and invited the Excelsior ladies to society. A fair day – more mild again.

Fri 9/24 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. In the p.m. had the declamation – “The Bright Side.” I was late to supper in the evening. After supper I visited brother Smith, after which I helped to play base ball. We had the ladies at Society in the evening and debated the question of “Woman’s Rights.” After Society brothers Gebhart and Gingerich visited us.

Sat 9/25 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I read scripture a while. The we played base ball a while. In the p.m. I called at Mr. Gephart’s, Spitler’s and Walter’s. Then I went to my room and wrote a letter. After supper I studied for a sermon. In the evening I was at the U.B. church at preaching a while. Foul weather toward evening.

Sun 9/26 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I attended preaching at the Evangelical church. In the p.m. I stayed in my room as I felt very tired and my one foot hurt me so much that I could scarcely walk. In the evening brother Spitler took me to Winfield where I tried to preach from Luke 18:1. We had several showers during the day, the remainder of the day the sun shone.

Mon 9/27 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. In the evening I could not study as I felt so confused in my head. This was a fair day – and pretty warm. God stand by me.

Tue 9/28 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. Today we commenced reviewing Latin (lesson 34). In the evening, after supper, some of us went again to father Burd and held a prayer meeting. On my way back I stopped at professor Bentz’ and gave brother Smith good-bye. Last night some of the boys played tricks again.

Wed 9/29 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today, but was excused from Grammar. In the evening I led in prayer meeting. We enjoyed God’s presence. In the morning between 6 and 7 o’clock there was a partial eclipse of the sun. This was a fair day. It is warm enough now to do without fire.

Thu 9/30 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. It was cloudy most all day, stormy and cool toward evening. In the evening I helped brother Binkley to eat a water melon. I wrote my composition in the night – finished at 11:15. God bless me now.

Fri 10/1 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. In the evening, attended Society. Last night it commenced and rained until in the p.m. It was cool, too, and we made up fire again at twilight. In the evening I felt discouraged and thought very much of home. God was then my friend.

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27 Andrew Jackson Spitler (1830-1915) was an undertaker and chair maker in New Berlin. He lived on Water Street in the house next to the Evangelical church and was married to Matilda Barber, daughter of pioneer Evangelical preacher James Barber (1797-1867). His daughter Leah Minerva (1858-1933) was a currently attending Union Seminary and would marry the previously mentioned Rev. John D. Shortess in 1881.
Sat 10/2 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I read scripture about two and one half hours. The I studied Latin until noon. In the p.m. we played a match game of base ball, then after a short rest I went to Mr. Rathfon’s to visit Miss Lizzie Baker (our preceptress). After supper I left there and called at Mr. Gephart’s, then attended S.S. convention after I called at professor Bentz’. Foul weather most all day.

Sun 10/3 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended prayer meeting in our church. It was well attended. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. After supper brother Lohr and I called at Rev. Smith’s and at Miss Lizzie Baker’s (our preceptress’). Then went to the S.S. convention at the Reformed church. This was a very fair day, stormy and pretty cool. I enjoyed the S.S. convention and, during the day, God’s presence.

Mon 10/4 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. At noon brother Binkley and I had a discussion on the subject: resolved, “that we have more scripture for immersion than pouring and sprinkling.” I took the negative side and won the discussion. I did not feel well in the p.m. Fair weather most all day. After study hour in the evening, I called at brother Eyer’s.

Tue 10/5 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. This was a warm day – a great change in the weather. Fair weather. Mr. Winters came to school today as a new student. He rooms with us now. We slept three in one bed tonight and our bed broke down several times.

Wed 10/6 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. After supper I went across the creek to meet Mr. Katherman. I also called at brother Frey’s and professors Bentz’ and Baker’s. In the evening I attended prayer meeting. It was cloudy all day and commenced raining about 3 p.m. It did not rain much until in the evening, when it rained heavy.

Thu 10/7 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and examined my classes today. After supper brother Bower and I went into Mr. Eyer’s cornfield and he (Eyer) gave us some turnips to eat. In the evening brother Bower and I went to prayer meeting. Fair weather, stormy day.

Fri 10/8 – New Berlin, Pa. Early in the morning I went to Mr. Katherman’s and got his horse – then returned to town, hitched up, got ready and started for home to my parents. I stopped and took dinner at Grandma Shaffer’s, stopped a short time at Aunt Hoffman’s, then went home. Fall weather today.

Sat 10/9 – home, Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I went to town and made several calls, At noon I returned home. In the p.m. I stayed about home. In the

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28 Eyer was a common name in the area. The Eyers with which Henry Basom associated were the sons of Abraham Eyer (1820-1905) – a grandson of the Abraham Eyer (1748-1823) who owned the Eyer’s barn of 1816 Evangelical fame. Those sons were Isaac (1848-1895) [who was Henry’s age, married, owned a farm, and at this time had one small child] and two Union Seminary students: Jerome (1859-1930) and Charles (1861-1932). About 1895, father Abraham and the families of Jerome and Charles moved to Kansas.

29 Charles F. Winters was from Williamsport. In 1884 he would marry fellow-student Ella C. Seebold (1857-1946) of New Berlin.
evening brother Morris came to our house and stayed all night with us. He preached a good sermon in the evening at Pine church. Fall weather today – and cold.

Sun 10/10 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning brother Morris left our place. In the a.m. we went to Pine church. I led prayer meeting. We had a good time and God’s presence. Mr. Hendricks was at our place for dinner. In the p.m. I went to Cross Roads to Mr. Frey’s. Cloudy all day. Rained a little most all day – and pretty fast toward evening.

Mon 10/11 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the morning I returned home. In the p.m. I went to town to visit Grandma Basom and made several other calls. Then I returned home and did some turns for myself. Last night it quit raining. It was cold today. The sun shone part of the time.

Tue 10/12 – Richfield, Pa. I rose early in the morning, got ready and started for New Berlin about 6:30 a.m. I arrived here about 1 p.m. In the p.m. I procured flower pots and transplanted my flowers, called at several places in town, and did some turns for myself. Fall weather.

Wed 10/13 – New Berlin, Pa. Today the school was classified. In the morning I had to run around to buy some provisions. At noon I bought some more flower pots and planted some more flowers. In the evening I attended prayer meeting. Fair weather. Heavy frost in the morning.

Thu 10/14 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. Today we recited for the first time this session. I commenced in Caesar and commenced the study of Greek. In the evening, after brother Bower and I came back from the post office, we took to wrestling a while. This was a fair fall day.

Fri 10/15 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning, before school hours, brother Bower and I moved from room #4 to #6. I attended the exercises of school, but was excused from Algebra. In the evening I attended Society. It was cloudy in the morning, but it soon cleared off and the sun shone. Toward evening it got cloudy again and commenced to rain about 8 pm. Not cold.

Sat 10/16 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night it commenced raining and rained all day. It was stormy the greater part of the day. I was busy all day studying and reading. Before supper I went to professor Bentz’ and received my Caesar. I very much enjoyed this rainy day. In the evening I read the memoir of Julius Caesar and wrote a letter to brother Wenrich.

Sun 10/17 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and closed the same, the I attended prayer meeting in the Evangelical church. In the p.m. I attended Lutheran S.S. and preaching at the same church. Rev. Sahm preached from II Corinthians 4:5 In the evening brother Bower preached in or church – I attended. Fair weather most all day. Last night it ceased raining. I enjoyed this Sabbath.

30 J. Hendricks received a license to preach from the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association in 1873 but never served under appointment. Nothing more is known about this person.
Mon 10/18 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and got along well in my lessons. In the morning brother Bower and I got up before daylight and Bower went to the post office. In the evening brother Bower and I went to the S.S. meeting in the Evangelical church. Foul weather part of the day, and fair the greater part of the day. God bless me now.

Tue 10/19 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. Foul weather most all day – and pretty cold. In the evening after supper I went to Miss Lizzie Baker’s house, then she, brother Smith and I went to father Burd’s and held a prayer meeting. I felt very much discouraged today in regard to my studies and also spiritually. I felt better again in the evening. O God, be always very near to me. Keep me near Thee and help me pray.

Wed 10/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. I got along pretty well in Latin and middling well in the other studies. In the morning I rose before daylight. We had a very heavy frost last night. Fair weather today. In the evening I attended prayer meeting. Spiritually I am very much depressed now. God revive me again now.

Thu 10/21 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and enjoyed myself pretty well. This was a fair day – and warm. We had the window open all day. It appears now like Indian summer. O Lord, assist me in my daily labors.

Fri 10/22 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. In the p.m. I did not recite Greek – we had declamations. After supper I assisted professor Bentz in shaking carpet. I attended Society in the evening and was installed as recording secretary. This was a fair and very warm day for this season. I think we have Indian summer now.

Sat 10/23 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I called at professor Bentz’, then at Mrs. Snyder’s, and brought the wash to the seminary – after which I read scripture until about 10 a.m., when Dr. Vallerchamp came to our room. Then we sung a while, after which we played base ball. In the p.m. brother Bower and I walked about town a while –then returned to the seminary, studied, et cetera. After supper I called at brother Miller’s. In the evening I joined the musical association in the town hall. Fair weather and warm. Cloudy in the morning.

Sun 10/24 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and preaching at the Evangelical church. Brother Bower preached. In the p.m. I attended S.S. at the Evangelical church. The brother Spitler requested me to go along home with them for supper. Brother Westen and Wilaner and I did so. In

31 Dr. Wesley Vallerchamp (1841-1928) is the son of Evangelical preacher Rev. Azima Vallerchamp (1805-1854) – and Ruthanna Davis Vallerchamp (1805-1886), whose extended biographical sketch appears in Stapleton’s 1908 Flashlights on Evangelical History, pages 145-165. He practiced dentistry in New Berlin – having learned the trade from his older brother Dr. John Vallerchamp, who attended Baltimore Dental College and practiced in Harrisburg. He died tragically when struck and killed by an automobile while crossing the street near his home.

32 Henry C. Westen of Cherryville was a student at Union Seminary. Cherryville is in Northampton County, about 13 miles north of Allentown.
the evening I attended the Evangelical prayer meeting. We had a good time in the presence of the Lord. Jennie Miller, Lillie Black and Miss Sholly sought the Lord. Blessed be God. Fair and warm weather, I was appointed today to teach the infant class at our S.S.

Mon 10/25 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. At noon in studying brother Bower and I fell asleep and Miss Lizzie Baker came to our room and found us thus employed. In the evening we, Bower and I, attended Bible class. In the morning I got up at 5 o’clock. In the evening I ate the last cake Mother gave me. A fair day – warm enough now without fire.

Tue 10/26 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. After supper I called at professor Bentz’. The greater part of this day we had foul weather. Gloomy toward evening. In the a.m. it got stormy and colder again. About 5 p.m. it commenced raining and rained until 8 p.m.

Wed 10/27 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the school today. In the morning I rose at 5:20. After supper brother Bower and I called at brother King’s store. I bought writing materials. I bought a pair of pulse warmers. Fall weather today – cold and stormy, and a little rain betimes. In the evening I attended prayer meeting. God own me now as thine.

Thu 10/28 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. Last night it was cold and stormy. In the morning it was clear when the sun rose, but wind clouds overhung the sun most all day. The Indian summer has closed again. We need fire now again. God bless us now.

Fri 10/29 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. In the p.m. we had essays. In the evening we convened early at Society, after which we attended the Republican political meeting in the town hall. This was a warm day, and fair weather the greater part. 10:30 p.m. – I will shortly retire. God keep me.

Sat 10/30 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning we played base ball a while. Then I read scripture a while and slept a nap. In the p.m. I read and did the necessary Saturday work. After supper brother Bower and I called at professor Bentz’ and brother Gephart’s. After we had gone to our room, brother Eyer came after brother Bower and I went to singing. Cloudy all day – rained a while in the a.m. and p.m. Stormy in the evening. I need to arrange a sermon.

Sun 10/31 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and the funeral of Jacob Gilbert’s child. In the p.m., Evangelical S.S. In the evening,

33 Mr. Wilaner was a student at Union Seminary, but no first name or home town or other information has been found.
34 Jennie Matilda Miller of New Berlin was a student at Union Seminary.
35 Lillian Ruth Black of New Berlin was a student at Union Seminary.
36 Jacob Gilbert (1852-1947) was born and raised across Penns Creek from New Berlin in Middle Creek township, Snyder County. He attended Union Seminary and taught school for eight terms. In 1874 he married Ada Graybill, also of Snyder County, and began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1876 and practiced in Middleburg, Snyder County.
37 David W. Gilbert (4/24/1875-10/29/1875) was the first child of Jacob and Ada Graybill Gilbert. The future siblings he never knew were Austin Francis Gilbert (1876-1973), who would follow his
preaching at the Evangelical church. Brother Bower preached from St. Mark, the 10th chapter. The remainder of the day I spent in reading in the Bible – Joshua. We had several snow squalls during the day, which were the first for this fall. Last night and today it was very stormy and the coldest weather this fall. O God, bless me now and forever.

Mon 11/1 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night it snowed; in the morning the ground was white. It was cold and winter-like all day; snow flakes were seen flying at intervals. Late in the evening it snowed a good bit. In the evening I attended the Bible class. In the morning especially, and the greater part of the day, my mind was much taken up in thinking of teachers starting out to teach. I enjoyed this day. If thy will, O Lord, let me evermore be happy.

Tue 11/2 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises at school today. In the evening, though not without a contest, I voted at the New Berlin town hall. Then brother Bower and I went to Mr. Rathfon’s store and to the seminary. Last night a good bit of snow fell. The ground was white the greater part of the a.m. The sun shone the greater part of the day.

Wed 11/3 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in the seminary. I enjoyed God’s presence. In the morning the sun shone very fair and brilliant for about ½ an hour, then it got cloudy and was so for all day – and rained a little in the p.m. Lord be thou my portion. Bless me still.

Thu 11/4 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. Last night it commenced raining and quit some time in the a.m. The rain froze some. It was cold. It was cloudy until toward evening – the sun set in the clear sky. I did not feel well today. I had a sore throat. At noon I called at professor Bentz’.

Fri 11/5 – New Berlin, Pa. I had a sore throat today and it is pretty bad. I received some chlorine from Dr. Vallerchamp in the morning for it. Miss Agnes Dreisbach also had a speck on. This was the coldest morning we had this fall. The ground was frozen hard in the morning and in consequence of which the roads were muddy all day. In the evening I attended Society.

Sat 11/6 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I read a while. The remainder of the day I did nothing. I did not feel like studying on account of my sore throat. At noon I went to the doctor. In the p.m. I took a nap. In the evening I wrote a letter. This was a very fair day – hard frost last night. God notice me now.

Sunday 11/7 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m., I attended services in the Evangelical church – brother Smith preached. In the p.m., S.S. In the evening, Presbyterian church. The sun shone dimly the greater part of the day – foul weather. In the evening in our room I felt happy in the Lord. Glory to his name.

father into the legal profession and become the Snyder County district attorney, Carrie E. Gilbert (1877-81), who would also die as a child, and Alfred Roswell Gilbert (1879-1923).

38 Agnes Dreisbach (1853-1989) was the daughter of Solomon K. Dreisbach (1825-1898) – who was born in Northumberland County and operated a grist mill in Union County. Agnes was a student at Union Seminary. She would marry William Chester Davenport (1855-1933) from Luzerne County, also a student at Union Seminary, and die in Beech Haven, Luzerne County.
Mon 11/8 – New Berlin, Pa. 10:30 p.m. Attended the exercises of the school today, but had poor lessons on account of not feeling like studying. I have a sore throat now. Messrs. Hoover and Bower (students) came to school today. Fall weather now. I felt a little discouraged today, but I felt God near at times. In the evening I received a letter from Pa and answered it.

Tue 11/9 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. I had a good Greek lesson but no good Latin lesson. Fair weather most all day. In the evening I wrote a postal to brother Wenrich. My throat is getting better now. I need thee, O God, very near myself now. Help me to live close to thee.

Wed 11/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. Last night it commenced to snow and snowed till in the p.m. It was cloudy all day. It snowed a good bit, but the snow melted very fast. About 6 p.m. it commenced raining. In the evening I attended prayer meeting.

Thu 11/11 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. In the evening I collected the students’ money as a donation for brother Binkley, our treasurer of the boarding club. This was a fair day. The snow that fell on the 9th instant melted all on the roads today. In the morning in chapel God’s blessing was on me.

Fri 11/12 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and was kept very busy. In the evening I attended Society. This was a very fair day – and not very cold. O God, give me insight into thy truths, for Jesus’ sake.

Sat 11/13 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I read and Mr. Hartman and I practiced our music lesson. In the p.m. I read a while and entertained Mr. I. Kramer. After supper I called at Mr. Wilson’s store, after which I assisted Mr. Craul in Grammar. In the evening I attended the singing class. Also during the day and in the evening a prepared a sermon. Fair weather most all day. Cloudy toward the evening – and rain.

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39 Male students who roomed in the upper floors of the seminary building had to make their own arrangements for meals at homes in town, and so groups of students would get together and form boarding clubs to make arrangements with a particular home for their group.

40 This now obsolete use of instant means “in the present month.”

41 Edward Wilson (1817-1879) was born in New Berlin and operated a store dealing in general merchandise. He was active in the Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder (a lay office in that denomination) at the time of his death.

42 John Franklin Craul (1857-1931) from Hall (Kraltown), York County PA is one of the most noted persons in the Basom diary. He continued his studies at Yale University, served as principal of the Evangelical Association’s Schuylkill Seminary (which later joined with Union Seminary to create Albright College), was president of Methodism’s Trinity College when it became Duke University, and was editor of the Wall Street Journal. Shortly before serving at Schuylkill Seminary he changed the spelling of his name to Crowell, and the John Franklin Crowell Hall at Albright College is named in his honor. He was active in the Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder (a lay office in that denomination) at the time of his death.

43 His sister Anna C. Crowell (1874-1966) was the wife of Evangelical preacher Albert F. Weaver (1878-1955).
Sun 11/14 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended union S.S. and prayer meeting in our church. I led. We had a good meeting. In the p.m. I attended our church. It fell my lot to preach, which was a great cross. I got along middling well. To God be the glory. I kept studying at my sermon most all day when in my room – text, Deuteronomy 32:9. It rained a little most all day and was stormy – but not cold.

Mon 11/15 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today and had good lessons except for Greek. I did not commence studying my lessons till this morning. In the evening brother Bower and I attended Bible class. I strove to serve God from principle today, as I did not feel the solemnity I often do. God be with me. Foul weather today – not cold.

Tue 11/16 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. Had good lessons. In the morning brother Binkley (our treasurer) was very much vexed on account of some of the boys. In the evening I went to the post office. It was cloudy until toward evening. The sun shone a while in the a.m. and p.m. It rained a little about 3 p.m. – it got stormy and cold. After supper I called at professor Bentz’.

Wed 11/17 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. In the evening I attended prayer meeting and enjoyed a rich blessing from God. Glory be to his name. After I had my lessons studied I visited room numbers 5, 7 and 8. This morning it snowed a little. Yesterday and today it was winter cold. Fair weather today.

Thu 11/18 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. Fair weather part of the a.m. In the p.m. it got cloudy It was cold (snow-cold) all day. I studied hard in the evening. O Lord, bless me in thy service, make me prevalent in thy service. Bless me now.

Fri 11/19 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. In the p.m. in Declamation class professor Bentz did not have me recite first as it was my turn. Mrs. Bentz and Eyer came in the room and I failed. I was very angry at the professor for not having me recite at my proper time. In the evening I attended Society. Not very cold today. Fair weather most of the time.

Sat 11/20 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I read scripture. In the p.m. I wrote a letter. In the evening I attended singing class in the town hall. In the morning it was cloudy and snowed a little, but before dinner it cleared off. In the p.m. the sun shone fair. It was pretty warm. O Lord, help me at all time to trust in thee.

Sun 11/21 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended preaching at the Evangelical church. Brother Smith preached. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. After supper brother Bower and I called at Isaac Eyer’s. Isaac L. Eyer (1793-1879) was the son of Abraham Eyer (1748-1823), host of Jacob Albright and owner of the famed Eyer’s barn in Winfield. As he lived in Winfield and was considerably older than Henry Basom, this is probably not be the correct Isaac Eyer. He had a son Isaac Eyerr Jr (1825-1868) who was already deceased, and there were no more Isaac Eyers in that direct line. But he had another son Abraham Eyer (1820-1905) who had a son Isaac Abraham Eyer (1848-1895). This Isaac A. Eyer married Minerva Witmer (1843-1927) [daughter of Judge Daniel Witmer}
Miss Lizzie Baker. From there she and I went to prayer meeting. We had a good meeting – well attended. Last night it rained a little. In the a.m. it was cloudy; in the p.m., clear.

Mon 11/22 – New Berlin, Pa. Last evening I sat down after prayer meeting intending to read scripture a while, but I soon stopped and brother Bower and I had a good long talk on preaching till bedtime. I attended the exercises of school. I did not have very good lessons. In the evening Bower and I attended Bible class – subject: Jesus on the cross. Brother Burkholder was there. We had a good and pleasant time. Fair weather. Jesus died for me.

Tue 11/23 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night it snowed a little and in the a.m. it sleeted a while and rained pretty fast. It continued raining till night. Tomorrow morning brother Bower intends to leave, and on this account I had very poor lessons as I cannot well part with as good a friend as he is. I had to shed tears today on his account. Mr. Jodon moved into my room today; he intends to room with me. This earth is not our eternal home. Glory to God for it. Help me, Lord. To watch and pray.

Wed 11/24 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school. Early in the morning brother Bower my room mate left me. I very much miss him. Fair weather – cold. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in the seminary. Mrs. Baker was here, too, tonight. We had a good meeting. God help me to live very near thee now and for aye.

Thu 11/25 – Thanksgiving Day, New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I finished a letter which I wrote to Sister, and also wrote part of a composition. Then I called at professor Baker’s. In the p.m. I read and took a nap. In the evening I attended preaching at the Lutheran church. Brother Sahm preached. After preaching I finished my essay. Very fair weather today.

Fri 11/26 – New Berlin, Pa. Since yesterday was such a very fair day I did not think of the rain that started last night and continued till about 5 p.m. It was not very cold. I attended the exercises of school. In the evening we had Society at 5:30, after which we attended church. Rev. Sahm, preached a good sermon. In the evening I felt very tired.

Sat 11/27 – New Berlin, Pa. Foul weather most all day. It was not cold. In the morning I read scripture a while, after which Mr. Hartman and I practiced singing a while. Then I shaved and dressed. After noon, I called at Mr. Isaac Eyer’s, took a nap, studied a lesson in Greek, and recited it to professor Bentz. After supper I called at professor Bentz’, then Mr. Hartman and I called at Mr.

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of Snyder County who will be mentioned later in the journal] and lived near Port Trevorton... but in 1868 this Isaac A. Eyer purchased the farm of his recently deceased uncle Isaac Eyer Jr, and he is assumed to be the correct Isaac Eyer.

William Hayes Jodon (1857-1920) of Forest Hill, Union County, was a student at Union Seminary. The first child of Robert Jodon (1833-1914) and Eliza Green Jodon (1831-1857), he was born on November 16 and his mother died on December 11. His father remarried in 1860 to Catherine Elizabeth Hassenplug (1835-1911), and had 5 more children.
Dreisbach’s and then went to singing. In the evening I talked personally to Messrs. Brandt and Wilaner on the subject of religion.

Sun 11/28 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and opened the same. From S.S. I went to the Lutheran church, where the communion was held. The services did not close till about 1:15 p.m. I took dinner at brother Isaac Eyer’s. From there we went to the Evangelical S.S., then I went to my room and read till time for church. I did not eat supper. In the evening I attended the Evangelical church. Brother Smith preached. Foul weather all day – and cold. At 3:15 p.m. it commenced raining.

Mon 11/29 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. I did not have very good lessons from the fact that I did not commence studying until in the morning. After supper I studied my S.S. lesson, then attended Bible class – and enjoyed it. This was a cold and stormy day. The sun shone the greater part of the day. God be with me now.

Tue 11/30 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school. I am getting along well now with my lessons. In the evening I received a letter from [____] [sic]. This was a very cold and winter-like day – the coldest day this fall. Cloudy part of the time. O Lord, bless me in my duties.

Wed 12/1 – New Berlin, Pa. Still through the mercies of God I am spared yet. Attended the exercises of school. This was a cold winter day – and foul weather. In the p.m. there were a few snow flakes seen afloat. The ground did not thaw today and yesterday, so cold it was. In the evening I attended and led prayer meeting. O God, give me great faith in thy promises now.

Thu 12/2 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and enjoyed the same. In the p.m. I had a headache. After supper I called at professor Bentz’. This was a very fair day – bur cold. There was very slight thawing today. After study hour I called at brother Jones’. We talked on scripture: those people who died under the old dispensation went to heaven on trust.

Fri 12/3 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. After dinner I called at professor Bentz’ and recited Greek. In the evening I attended Society. After Society brothers Smith and Gephart were to see us a while. It was cloudy the greater part of the day – and cold. For three days now the ground did not thaw worth mentioning. In the evening I studied on a sermon. In the evening I read a letter from brother A.W. Bower.

Sat 12/4 – New Berlin, Pa. I spent the greater part of the day in preparing a sermon. I practiced singing, too. After dinner I called at brother Spitler’s. After supper Mr. Hartman and I went to Dr. Hoy’s to practice singing. From there we went to singing. Foul weather the greater part of the day.

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45 Union Seminary students John William Brandt (1856-1931) and Jacob Albert Brandt (1858-1914) were brothers from Clear Spring PA – just off US 15 near Franklintown, York County. They are both buried in Greenmount Cemetery in York.

46 Jeremiah Weckerly Hoy (1836-1892) was born in Centre County PA. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1861, received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1866 and practiced medicine in New Berlin, specializing in diseases of children. In 1878 he moved to
Sun 12/5 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended union S.S., then preaching at the Evangelical church. Brother Binkley preached. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. From there I went with Miss Lizzie Baker to Mr. Mowery’s. Took supper there, then wanted to go to prayer meeting but it had rained in my rubbers so I could not go. In the evening I was to preach at Winfield but could not go on account of rain. In the a.m. it misted a little. Soon after noon it commenced and rained fast till in the night.

Mon 12/6 – New Berlin, Pa. 11:30 p.m. Attended the exercises of school today. Did not have very good lessons. It misted or rained a little most all day. The waters are high now. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in our church. We had a good meeting. Last night the protracted meeting\(^{47}\) commenced. O Lord, give me much grace – especially now.

Tue 12/7 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school and had good lessons. It misted part of the day, the other part it rained – gloomy weather. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in our church. Brother Smith led. After the meeting I outlined a sermon on St. John 11:16. The same came very clear in my mind. God bless me now.

Wed 12/8 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school today. I did not have very good lessons, in consequence of not having sufficient time and feeling dull. Last night it rained a good part of the a.m. The sun was not visible here now for 4 days. In the evening I attended meeting in our church. I did not realize God as near as I do at times, yet I am not discouraged. God help me.

Thu 12/9 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. Early in the morning it rained – but at daylight it had ceased and in the a.m. it began to clear off. In the p.m. the sun shone part of the time. It got cold and stormy in the p.m. In the evening I attended preaching in our church. I enjoyed the service. O Lord, bless me with much of thy presence.

Fri 12/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. In the evening we had Society at 5:45 in account of preaching. I attended divine services and afterwards recited Greek to professor Bentz. Foul weather the greater part of the day. God help me to live closer to thee – to enjoy much of thee every hour, every minute.

Sat 12/11 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I read a while, then shaved and dressed. Afterwards Mr. Hartman and I practiced singing a while. Then I went to see Mrs. Snyder. After that I went to dinner. After dinner I called at Rev. Miller’s and Miss Lizzie Baker’s, then I went to my room a while and read. After that I went to the country to Mr. Yoder’s and took supper there. After supper Miss

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Bloomville OH to go into partnership with a Dr. J.W. Bell, and spent the remainder of his life in that community.

\(^{47}\) “Protracted meetings” were nightly evangelistic services that continued for one or two weeks – or longer, if there seemed to be reason to continue. Sometimes the appointed preacher did most of the preaching, but oftentimes other ordained or local preachers would serve as guest preachers for one or more nights.
Yoder\footnote{Emma Jane Yoder (1852-1934) is the sister of the previously mentioned Charles Yoder. In 1883 (some sources say 1885) she would marry Evangelical preacher Emanuel D. Keen (1849-1917) from Centre County, whom she met while he was a student at Union Seminary.} and I came to New Berlin to preaching. Brother Frey preached. Foul weather and snow storms in the morning. Mr. Beachler was expelled from school.

Sun 12/12 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended union S.S. at 9. After, I attended Mother Schoch’s\footnote{Hannah Seebold Schoch (1815-1875) died December 9 and is buried in the New Berlin cemetery. Her husband Abraham Schoch (1811-1881) was a tanner and farmer. The extended Schoch family of New Berlin was quite large. Two Schoch boys who were second cousins attended Union Seminary at this time: Reno Schoch (b. 1867) [son of Hannah’s son Martin Luther Schoch (1840-1907)] and Brainard Sem Schoch (b. 1862).} funeral. Brother Sahm preached a deep and an effective sermon from Colossians 3:4. In the p.m. I attended the Evangelical S.S. From there I went home with Rev. Smith’s children and took supper there. From there we went to the Evangelical church, I enjoyed this Sabbath. In the morning and several times during the day the sun shone fair, the remainder of the day was foul weather.

Mon 12/13 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of the school. I did not have very good lessons as I did not commence studying until morning and did not feel very lively in my studies. In the evening I called at professor Bentz’. From there I went to meeting. Our meeting is very cold and formal. At intervals the sun shone fair, but we had snow storms and very stormy weather the greater part of the day.

Tue 12/14 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. In the afternoon I taught Miss Lizzie Baker’s classes, as she was absent. This was a cold and stormy day – snow storms at intervals. The ground did not thaw any today. In the evening I attended preaching again. Our meetings are very cold and formal yet. God bless me with more spiritual life and Holy Ghost religion.

Wed 12/15 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today, though at noon while studying my Greek I fell asleep and missed to hear the spelling and reading classes. My little pupils laughed when I told them I slept. This was a cold day – foul, snow storms at intervals. In the evening I attended meeting. We had four penitents – among them are Annie Smith\footnote{Ann C. Smith is the daughter of Samuel Smith, the preacher serving Union circuit 1875-78. She was born about 1865 and was a student at Union Seminary.} and Alice Witmer.\footnote{Sarah “Alice” Witmer (1861-1909) married farmer and cobbler Eber Bollinger (1859-1931) on 2/27/1881, Reformed preacher William A. Haas presiding. She is buried in the Globe Mills cemetery in Snyder County.}

Thu 12/16 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school. In the evening I did not go to tea as I did not feel like eating. Attended meeting in the evening. Professor Bentz preached a good sermon from Isaiah 1:3. The sun shone fair the greater part of the a.m. In the p.m. it got cloudy and moderated. Late in the evening it commenced snowing.
Fri 12/17 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school. Last night it snowed, probably to the depth of 2 inches. It drifted very much today. In the a.m. the snow melted very little. In the p.m. it got colder. In the evening it was intensely cold and stormy. There was sunshine most all day. In the evening after Society I attended preaching. We had a good meeting.

Sat 12/18 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I read scripture and commenced my essay for the last day of school on the subject “Home.” In the p.m. I took a bath and finished for the first time my essay. Then I called at professor Baker’s and Mr. Rathfon’s. From there I went to Mr. Vanvolzah’s and took supper there. From there brother Jones, Cora B. Vanvolzah and I went to church. Brother Baker preached. I very much enjoyed the meeting. Lizzie Smith, Lillie Heistand and some others were blessed. Lizzie, though a little girl, with a smile at once commenced to pray for her comrades. A glorious example. This was a very cold and stormy day. It was fair till toward evening, then got cloudy. We have real winter weather now. O Lord, bless me in thy service. I need thee now.

Sun 12/19 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S.; from there I went to the Evangelical church, where brother Smith preached. In the p.m. I attended our S.S.; from there I went to see brother Miller. In the p.m. I attended preaching. Brother Bentz preached. We had a good meeting. We had snow storms at intervals – cold, also. O Lord, help me be very faithful in all my duties.

Mon 12/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Today we closed the regular exercises of school for this session by having the examinations. I passed the examinations successfully except Greek. After school I called at Mrs. Snyder’s. After supper I averaged my reports of the classes, then attended the teachers’ institute in the Evangelical church. Cold weather – sunshine part of the day.

Tue 12/21 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I did some turns in the room for myself, then attended the teachers’ institute a while. Then I returned and wrote at my essay a while. In the p.m. we closed the exercises of school by having essays and experiments. Quite a number of strangers were here. I enjoyed the exercises. In the p.m. brother Jacob came after me. I called at different places in the evening, then attended the institute. It moderated today.

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52 The Vanvolzah [aka Van Valzah] family was prominent medically in Union County. Dr. Robert Van Valzah (1764-1850) came from New York in 1786 and settled at Buffalo Crossroads, reportedly the first physician west of Susquehanna River and north of Carlisle. Three of his sons also became physicians: Robert (1789-1851), Thomas (1793-1870) and William W. (1807-1855). The profession continued into the next generations, and a total of 14 descendants of Robert Van Valzah became medical doctors.

53 Helen Elizabeth Smith (1868-1951) is the daughter of Samuel Smith, the preacher serving Union circuit 1875-78. She married Evangelical preacher Joseph Olie Biggs (1869-1947) in 1895, and they served for over 40 years before retiring to Grace Church in Lemoyne.
Chapter 5 – Beginning December 1875
Home between Terms – Richfield PA

Wed 12/22 – New Berlin, Pa. We got up at 4 a.m., took breakfast at 5. The
most of the students left for their respective homes. Brother Jacob and I started
too. We took dinner at Middleburg and came home about 3:30 p.m. and found all
well. In the evening, attended meeting in the Pine church. Fair weather today. It
thawed considerable; it rained last night.

Thu 12/23 – home, Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I wrote a letter, then brother
Jacob and I went to see brother Hertz, then we returned. I took dinner at brother
Jacob’s. In the evening I studied some for a sermon. This was a very fair day and
also very warm for the season. The roads are very muddy.

Fri 12/24 – Richfield, Pa. [not clear]

Sat 12/25 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I called at Mr. Heiser’s. The
remainder of the day I spent at home reading, etc. In the evening went to Pine
church. Rev. Smith was to preach. He did not come, then we had prayer meeting.
It misted part of the day. Toward evening it cleared off.

Sun 12/26 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I attended and led prayer meeting at
Pine church. I enjoyed the same. The p.m. I spent at home. Misses Sallie Martin,
Sallie and Maggie Hendricks\(^1\) were here. Last night it froze a little but thawed
during the day. In the evening it commenced raining.

Mon 12/27 – Richfield, Pa. About 9 a.m. I went to town. From there
brother John Hertz and I started for Port Trevorton to assist brother Morris in
holding meetings. We took dinner at brother Troutman’s and came to brother
Morris’\(^2\) at about sunset. In the evening we enjoyed a good meeting. It was very
muddy to travel. Fair weather, not very cold. God bless me.

Tue 12/28 – Port Trevorton, Pa. Last night I stayed with Rev. Morris. In
the morning brother Hertz and I went to Judge Witmer’s\(^2\), took dinner there. In
the p.m. we went to Port Trevorton again. In the evening we attended meeting –
had a good meeting. After meeting I went home with Mr. Dundore.\(^3\) It was
misting most all day – foul weather.

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\(^1\) Margaret Hendricks (1861-1954) was the daughter of Jacob Hendricks. She reportedly married a
Mr. Ebright, who died about 1890, and then Joseph Varner, with whom she raised several
children. She is buried in St. John’s [Evangelical] Cemetery near Cocolamus, Juniata County.

\(^2\) Daniel Witmer (1812-1896), an associate judge, was born in Dundore. His father Samuel Witmer
(1771-1829) was born in Lancaster County and came via flatboat with his parents to Snyder
County in 1776.

\(^3\) Nathan T. Dundore (1840-1903) married the Maria Witmer, daughter of judge Daniel Witmer, in
1865 and operated the store in the community now known as Dundore. Originally from Berks
County, he met his future wife while a student at Union Seminary and remained in the area to
become the local Dundore patriarch. During the split in the Evangelical Association he was a
staunch supporter of the United Evangelicals and gave the land for the 1894 Witmer’s East
(United Evangelical) church and cemetery.
Wed 12/29 – Port Trevorton, Pa. Last night I stayed with brother Morris. In the a.m. brother Hertz and I went to Hoffman’s store a while. I also called at brother Jacob Witmer’s. I went back to Rev. Morris’ for dinner. We had a turkey roast. In the evening I attended meeting.

Thu 12/30 – Witmer’s store. Last night I stayed at Witmer & Dundore’s. After breakfast brother Hertz and I went to brother Longacre’s a while.

Fri 12/31 – Port Trevorton, Pa. Last night brother John Hertz and I stayed at Witmer & Dundore’s. In the morning we called at Mr. Samuel Longacre’s, took dinner at Witmer & Dundore’s, and spent the remainder of the day here. Mr. and Mrs. Morris were here in the afternoon. It was cloudy and foggy all day. In the evening we came to Port Trevorton to meeting and had watch night. We had two sermons, one by brother Morris in German and another by brother Hertz in English. We sang and prayed with the penitents, and had an experience meeting. And as the old year ebbed out and the new came in, God’s good rich blessing came along and we had a glorious time. God help me to keep my new covenant.

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4 Thomas William Hoffman (1839-1905) and Jacob Franklin Hoffman (1841-1916) were two of six brothers born near Lykens, Dauphin County PA, that served with distinction in the Civil War – the former received the Medal of Honor for “extraordinary heroism” April 2, 1865, at Petersburg VA, and the latter was a Captain at the Battle of Gettysburg. Following the war they operated a general merchandise store at Port Trevorton for over 30 years. Captain Hoffman was married to Martha Witmer (1850-1892), daughter of Abraham Witmer (who gave the land for St. Paul’s U.B. church in Susquehanna township, Juniata County, and is no relation to the Witmers of Dundore) and served as a trustee and class leader (22 years) and S.S. superintendent (8 years) in the U.B. church at Port Trevorton.

5 Jacob W. Witmer (1841-1913) was a son of Jacob M. Witmer (1804-1874) and a nephew of judge Daniel Witmer. He later moved to Iowa and is buried there.

6 This was the name of the community now known as Dundore, after Nathan T. Dundore. There was a Dundore post office from 1880 to 1906.

7 Witmer’s & Dundore’s was the store/hotel that is now an antique shop at the corner of Dundore Road and US 15. The enterprise eventually came under the sole proprietorship of Nathan T. Dundore – the original Witmer partner being Isaac Witmer (1817-1896), a brother to judge Daniel Witmer.

8 Samuel S. Longacre (1837-1924) lived on the Susquehanna trail, 5/6 of a mile north of Dundore. He later moved to Iowa, where he died and is buried. The 1902 History of the Longacre family, page 251, includes a letter to the compiler reproduced in part as follows: My grandfather, Peter Longacre, was born March 27th, 1789, in Chester County, Pa. On August 4th 1809, he was married to Elizabeth Rhoads. They moved to Union County, Pa., near Selinsgrove, and there, after some years, his wife died. On May 22nd, 1834, he was married to Mrs. Susannah Shaffer, my grandmother. They had three sons, Isaac, Samuel S. (my father), and Jacob. Grandfather died December 31st, 1843, and grandmother in the year 1879, both near Selinsgrove. Father was born August 26th, 1837 near Selinsgrove. Mother’s maiden name was Mary J. Getten. I have two brothers, Simpson and Charles, and one sister, Elizabeth. I have tried for a number of years to obtain some information regarding my grandfather’s relatives, but have met with little success. If, as editor of the history, you can give me any further information, it will be very gratefully received.

Thanking you for the information contained in your letter of the 16th instant, I remain, Very respectfully yours, MISS MAY S. LONGACRE.
On a page in the back of the book is what appears to be a planning outline of the Watch Night service.

New Year’s Night
1. Sermon
2. Prayer, and penitents as seekers
3. Sermon
4. Experience meeting
5. Talk in regard to the passing of the old year and approach of the new year
6. Minister says he will fully consecrate himself to God for the new year, and invites all who will do the same to come and join hands and sing – hands joined
7. Minister prays, and at the close all repeat the Lord’s prayer.
8. Rise and sing, then all kneel while the old year ebbs out. Then rise and sing “Jubilee.”

Sat 1/1/1876 – Port Trevorton, Pa. Last night brother J. Hertz and I stayed with Rev. Morris. In the morning I went to the river shore with Mrs. Kate Fessler as she left for home. From there I called at Hoffman’s store, then went to brother Jacob Witmer’s, took dinner there. In the p.m. I called at brothers Stahl’s and Thursby’s. Then I went back to brother Morris’. In the evening I attended meeting. We had a glorious time. I labored hard. It was cloudy and foggy in the morning, but soon cleared off and the sun shone very fair and warm – the first sun shine we had since Tuesday. I enjoyed a pleasant New Year’s day. Lord be very near me during this year – if I shall live. H.S. Basom

Sun 1/2 – Port Trevorton, Pa. Last night we stayed at Rev. Morris’. In the a.m. we went to S.S., and enjoyed pleasant exercises. From S.S. we went along with Dundore and helped eat a turkey roast and spent the remainder of the day at this place. In the evening we went to meeting and enjoyed a good meeting. I went along after meeting to Dundore’s. In the morning there were a few clouds that rained a little. But the remainder of the day the weather was fair and warm. A very fair sunset. I spent this day pleasantly. It is now warm enough to sit out in the sun.

Mon 1/3 – Port Trevorton, Pa. Last night I stayed at brothers Witmer & Dundore’s. In the morning I started here for home. I stopped at Rev. Morris’ and

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9 Catharine (nee Benfer) Fessler (1851-1910) was the wife of Uriah Fessler (1853-1926). They are buried in the Union Cemetery at Penns Creek, Snyder County. Their son Jackson Uriah Fessler (1889-1918) had St. Vitus dance and three bouts of pneumonia as a child. He was called to serve his country in 1918 and assigned to an evacuation hospital in Georgia – where he contracted and died from Spanish influenza before he could be sent to fight in France.

10 The 1868 atlas shows a “T. Hoffman and Brother” store in Port Trevorton.

11 There were Stahl and Thursby families living in Chapman township, a few miles west of Witmers church. Both families are represented in the Zion U.B. Cemetery there, and D.S. Thursby, esq, was a trustee of the U.B. church in Port Trevorton.
received brother Hertz. We took dinner at brother Henry Hornberger’s. From there we went to town Richfield. I then went home. This was a pleasant drive, though the roads are muddy. On the way we lost a [unclear] from the buggy but were not unfortunate. We spent a pleasant time at Port Trevorton. The sun shone fair all day. It was not cold.

Tue 1/4 – Home: Richfield, Pa. Last night I enjoyed home and rest under my parental roof. It got stormy last night; the atmosphere changed. The ground froze but it thawed some during the day. In the morning I went to brother Willey’s, from there brothers Mitterling, Hertz and I went to town. I called at Grandma Basom’s, took dinner there. Grandma Basom is failing fast. In the p.m. I visited the town school, heard several of the classes, and by request talked to the school. In the evening I went home with Father. It did not thaw much today – it was snow cold.

Wed 1/5 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I went to Whiteley’s tin shop and with Whiteley’s assistance mended my umbrella. I took dinner at brother Whiteley’s. In the p.m. I went home and did some turns for myself. The sun shone fair in the morning, but soon clouded up and was cloudy and cold all day. In the evening I attended prayer meeting at Pine church. I enjoyed the meeting only middling well. We had a large congregation. O Lord, help me to labor earnestly for higher attainment in the Christian life. Let entire sanctification be my constant aim.

Thu 1/6 – Richfield, Pa. Early in the morning I went to town, from there brother John Hertz and I started for Port Trevorton. We fed the horse and ate a piece at my home before we went farther, then we went to Port Trevorton without stopping. We had a very slow stage horse. We arrived at Port Trevorton at 4 p.m. We stopped at brother Morris’. In the evening we attended meeting. Brother Morris preached an effective sermon from Hebrews 10:37. There were 13 penitents forward. Some were blessed. We had a glorious time. Foul weather most all day. Some flakes of snow afloat – cold. Last night it rained a little and froze in the morning. I received a letter from A.W.B. [Amos W. Bower].

Fri 1/7 – Port Trevorton, Pa. Last night brother Hertz and I stayed at Rev Morris’. In the morning I set out for home at 9:30. I stopped at Grandma Shaffer’s and took dinner there. On my way I stopped at Aunt Harriet’s [Hoffman] but she was not at home. I took the horse and buggy to town and then called at brother Winey’s and Mitterling’s – and also at John Shelley’s where I took supper. From there I went to the school house where the Dunkard brethren had prayer meeting free to all Christians. I enjoyed it. The sun shone fair all day. It was not very cold. In the evening I received a letter from Mr. Rohrer. Henry… [unclear].

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12 Henry G. Hornberger (1845-1908) was a member of the Evangelical church at Aline, near Meiserville, where he is buried. Interestingly, his funeral was conducted by U.B. preacher William A. Sites and Mennonite preacher E.W. Graybill – and his obituary appears in the Religious Telescope (U.B.) and Gospel Herald (Mennonite) publications.

13 John Mitterling (1845-1925) is buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery.
Sat 1/8 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I went to the store for Mother and to the blacksmith shop and had our colt shod. Then I went home and did some turns for myself. In the p.m. I went to Cross Roads and stayed all night at Mr. Frey’s. It was cold in the a.m. – the ground was frozen. In the p.m. it moderated and was cloudy, The sun shone dimly.

Sun 1/9 – Cross Roads, Pa. In the morning I left Mr. Frey’s and went to East Salem, put away my horse, then went to the U.B. church to preaching. I called at Mr. King’s after preaching and took dinner at Mr. Custer’s. In the p.m. I called at Mr. Winey’s, then went to Mrs. Guyer’s and stayed there till time for preaching. Then Miss Nannie [Guyer] and I went to preaching to the U.B. church. Brother Leister preached. This was a warm winter day. It was cloudy most all day and rained a little bit in the p.m. In the evening it rained pretty heavy a short time.

Mon 1/10 – East Salem, Pa. Last night I stayed at Mr. Leister’s. In the morning I called at Mr. Kurtz’s and had a good talk with Mrs. Sadie J. Schlegel, formerly S.J. Jacobs. In the a.m. I visited the school here. I took dinner at Mr. Winey’s and spend the p.m. here. Miss Nannie Guyer was here. In the evening I called at Mr. Cross’, then went to the U.B. church to preaching. It got clear last night, and stormy and cold. In the p.m. it was very cold and stormy. In the p.m. there were a few snow flakes adrift.

Tue 1/11 – East Salem, Pa. Last night I stayed at Mr. C.G. Winey’s Early in the morning I called at Mr. Joseph Guyer’s. At 9 a.m. I left East Salem and went to Cross Roads. I put my horse to Rev. Kepner’s. In the a.m. I visited the Cross Roads school. I took dinner at Rev. Kepner’s. From there I left for home. On the way I stopped and visited Miss Ella B. Clair’s school. I also stopped a short time at Mrs. Crater’s. At Miss Clair’s school I tried to solve a mental problem – could not do so, but solved it on my way home. I arrived at home about sunset. In the evening I called at brother J’s. Part of the day the weather was fair – part foul. A few snow flakes were adrift. It was cold all day, but moderated very little toward evening. The ground did not thaw any today.

Wed 1/12 – Home: Richfield, Pa. In the morning I took a long sleep. In the a.m. I called at Mr. Jacob Piles’ – then went home, read some, and wrote a letter to Mr. W.N. Rohrer. About 2:30 p.m. I went to Mr. Rathfon’s on a visit, and took

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14 Sadie J. Jacobs (1852-1922) had been a school teacher in Juniata County. She married Samuel L. Schlegel (1847-1920) of East Salem, proprietor of a general store and fruit farm. Active members of the East Salem M.E. Church, they are buried in the town’s Otterbein cemetery. There is a Schlegel hardware/grocery store in East Salem to this day.

15 William K. Cross (1857-1923) is buried in East Salem’s Otterbein Cemetery. His father William Cross had married Annie Kurtz, and he is a cousin to the “Mr. Kurtz” in the diary.

16 James Joseph Guyer (1842-1884) was a son of the oft-mentioned Mrs. Guyer and a brother to Nannie Guyer.

17 Hannah (nee Hostetler) Crater (1831-1902), mother of the previously mentioned David Crater, was the widow of Lewis Crater (1828-1865), who was killed in the Civil War. She is buried in the Niemonds Cemetery in Richfield.

18 Jacob Piles was a farmer. At this time he lived in West Perry township, Snyder County, but the previous censuses place him Juniata County in Greenwood (1850) and Walker (1860) townships.
supper here. Then Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Rathfon and I went to Pine church to prayer meeting. Early in the morning it commenced snowing and snowed steadily only a short time, then it cleared off. The sun shone at intervals and we had frequent snow storms. It was very cold and stormy all day.

Thu 1/13 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I went to town for Mother – then returned and did some reading and wrote a letter to Rev. brother Bower. In the evening I went to Daniel’s church to prayer meeting. By request, I conducted the exercises. This was a cold day – foul air all the time. The ground did not thaw today. This while past my mind has been very much harassed for a time. My mind is troubled on account of not living as near to God as I ought. O Lord, help me to consecrate myself fully to thee – to seek entire holiness of heart.

Fri 1/14 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I finished reading my Messenger – then I went to Mr. Jacob Martin’s, spent a pleasant time there, and took dinner here. In the p.m. I went to Gordon’s school house and visited Mr. Rohrer’s school. From here I went to brother Jacob Willow’s, took supper here, and had an interesting conversation with the old brother. From here I went to Daniel’s church to service. Brother Morris preached. I rode our colt to meeting, and when I was near home he took fright and came near throwing me off. I enjoyed the sermon. Part of the a.m. and p.m. we had fair sun shine, the remainder of the day it was cold – foul weather. It thawed very little.

Sat 1/15 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I went to Mrs. Samuel Oberholtzer’s funeral. She died very suddenly and while interred she bore her infant child in her arms. On my way back I stopped in town and purchased material (cloth) for a pair of pants and vest. I then went to brother Hertz and had the measure taken. In the p.m. I was at home and to some of my house affairs. In the evening I went to Mr. Gordon’s for my boots. In the evening I attended meeting. Brother Morris preached. After the service we signed for brother J. Hertz Jr to receive a quarterly conference license. Part of the day we had sunshine; part foul. The ground thawed little.

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19 Gordon’s school house stood on Buckwheat Valley Road in West Perry township, Snyder County – ½ mile west of Daniels church, on the same side of the road, on the west corner with Treaster’s Lane. The Daniels congregation met in this school house before erecting their church building in 1871.

20 Jacob Willow (1804-1888) lived on Pine Swamp Road in West Perry township, Snyder County. He was one of the original trustees of the Daniels church.

21 Rebecca Shirk Brubaker (1839-1876) was a second cousin to Henry, his grandmother Susanna Shirk Basom being a sister to Rebecca’s grandfather Joseph Shirk. She married Samuel Hess Oberholtzer (1836-1886) in 1866 and bore him 4 healthy children before their fifth child Joseph died at birth in 1874 and Rebecca and their sixth child Catharine died in childbirth January 13, 1876. The interments took place at Shelley’s cemetery in Richfield. In addition, Samuel had 3 children by his first wife Maria Reist (1839-1864) and 4 more by his third wife Sarah Brubaker Weaver (1842-1913) whom he would marry June 6, 1876.

22 Catharine Brubaker Oberholtzer was born and died on January 13, 1876. All 13 of Samuel Oberholtzer’s children had for a middle name the maiden name of their mother: Reist (3), Brubaker (6) and Weaver (4).
Sun 1/16 – Richfield, Pa. In the a.m. I attended prayer meeting at Pine church. A goodly number of the brethren and sisters were present. Brother J. Hertz Jr. led the exercises. I enjoyed the meeting and received one of the old kind of blessings. God give me more. The p.m. I spent at home, read some, and studied on a sermon. In the evening Father, Amanda\(^{23}\), brother Hertz and I went to Daniel’s church to meeting. I preached from Revelation 22:17. I got along middling well. We had a good and profitable time. God blessed us. The sun shone part of the day. It was not very cold. The ground thawed little. One soul came forward and was converted. This was the first under my preaching.

Mon 1/17 – Richfield, Pa. I stayed at home till about 9:30 a.m. and did some turns for myself. Then I went to town on an errand for Mother. In the p.m. I fired some at my trunk [sic] and packed my trunk. Toward evening I visited Mr. Gordon and brother Jacob. In the evening Father, sister Jane\(^{24}\) and brother J. Hertz and I went to Daniel’s church to meeting. Brother Hertz preached. We did not have very many present. It was not very cold today. It thawed very little – was warm.

\(^{23}\) Henry’s sister Amanda Basom later reportedly married a Henry Wise, per local genealogist Noah Zimmerman (1923-2004).

\(^{24}\) Henry’s sister Jane Basom later married a William Hoffman, who remarried when Jane died relatively young. She is buried in the Pine Church cemetery.
Chapter 6 – Beginning January 1876  
Spring Term at Union Seminary in New Berlin

Tue 1/18 – Richfield, Pa. Father and I intended to start at an early hour for 
New Berlin, but in consequence of rain we did not start until 10 a.m. It continued 
to rain till about 11 a.m. We came to Middleburg at 2 p.m. At 3 p.m. I started for 
here in the stage and came to New Berlin about 6 p.m. It was then dark. I met and 
knew some of the boys in the dark. I then went to Mr. Dreisbach’s for supper. I 
did not feel well in the evening as I was very tired of the ride in the mud and have 
a very bad cold. On my way coming I felt somewhat discouraged since I did not 
study during vacation, but school seems again like home. It rained the greater part 
of the a.m. Toward evening it cleared off and got stormy. It was not cold. Roads 
are very muddy now.

Wed 1/19 – New Berlin, Union County, Pa. Last night Mr. Evans, a young 
student, slept with Mr. Seitzer and me. The bed was so full that I almost fell out. 
It was warm all day. It rained a little part of the day. We also had sunshine part of 
day, but the greater part it was cloudy. In the evening it got stormy. Today the 
school was classified. We have a pleasant school. I feel at home again in my 
studies. In the evening I attended preaching in the Evangelical church. Brother 
Smith preached. O Lord, bless me in my studies and above all help me to properly 
study thy word and thy will concerning myself. Help me to strive after holiness of 
heart.

Thu 1/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Today we recited our first lessons for this 
session. I had not studied much at my lessons, but knew my lessons accordingly. 
At noon Mr. Seitzer, my chum, and I called at Rev. Smith’s and got my flowers. 
In the evening after supper I called to see Lillie Black, who is sick. In the evening 
I attended meeting. Brother Frey preached. I enjoyed the meeting. It was stormy 
all day and middling cold. It froze hard last night but thawed a little during the 
day. I did not get much studying done in the evening. I wrote a letter to brother 
George Wenrich today.

Fri 1/21 – New Berlin, Pa. Today I tried to recite Greek with brothers 
Jones, the lesson on page 62 – and I have not been farther than the 40th page yet. I 
did not do very much. I had a middling good Latin lesson, but had not studied the 
Theology lesson. I had a good Algebra lesson. In the evening we reopened our 
Society. We received four new members while the Neocosmians received none. 
Brother Maize was present too. I felt good on Society this evening. This was a 
cold and stormy day. It did not thaw very much.

Sat 1/22 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning chum Seitzer and I overslept 
ourselves. After breakfast I read scripture a while, then transcribed the minutes of 
Society, after which I studied Greek a short time. In the p.m. I swept and cleaned 
up our room. After supper I went to Mr. King’s store and purchased a few articles.

1 Uri H. Maize (1856-1934) was a former Union Seminary student in the commercial studies 
program, apparently present as a guest. He is buried in the New Berlin cemetery.
Afterward I called at Mrs. Snyder’s, Mr. Vanvolzah’s, Mr. Rathfon’s, Mr. Miller’s. Then I went to church. Brother Bentz preached. After meeting I called at Mr. Eyer’s. It was cloudy all day. In the p.m. it snowed and drizzled a little. Cold today – the ground did not thaw any.

Sun 1/23 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and taught a class of students here. After S.S. I attended the union prayer meeting at the Evangelical church at 10 a.m. In the p.m. I attended the Evangelical S.S. The time between noon and S.S. I spent at Miss Lizzie Baker’s in singing. In the evening I attended preaching at the Evangelical church. Brother Smith preached. We had a large congregation. I to some extent experienced the presence of God – but God, revive thy work more in my heart. The snow and rain of yesterday froze during the night, and in the morning a person could barely walk. In the morning it rained a few drops. Cloudy all day – not very cold.

Mon 1/24 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night it snowed a little. The ground was merely covered with snow in the morning. It was cold in the morning and remained stormy during the day. The snow melted during the day and the ground thawed. In the evening the ground froze again. The sun shone at intervals today. I had a headache today and felt quite unwell and dull in my studies – though I had middling good lessons. In the morning I did not go to breakfast but ate some cake Mother gave me along. In the evening I attended meeting. Today I felt middling good spiritually.

Tue 1/25 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. I did most of my studying today since I was to meeting last night. I had a middling good Latin lesson and Theology lesson, good Greek lesson and tolerable Algebra. On account of not being very well, I took physic in the morning. I felt middling good during the day. In the evening I did not feel well. I have the cold that I cannot well sing. In the evening I attended meeting. Brother Smith asked me to preach on the following evening. Foul weather most all day. The ground thawed little. O Lord, help me to live nearer thee.

Wed 1/26 – New Berlin, Pa. In consequence of having been at meeting last evening I did not get my lessons studied, so I had to do all my studying today. Had tolerable good lessons. In the evening I attended meeting. I preached from Luke 14:17. I got along middling well. I preached without notes. Fair weather the greater part of the day. The ground thawed very little. O Lord, help me to be earnest in striving to get toward perfection. Give me more light, more zeal, more faith.

Thu 1/27 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. I am not having very good lessons now since I am attending protracted meetings and hence have not very much time for study. In the evening I attended meeting. Brother Baker preached. Two penitents came forward. We had a good meeting. Last night it rained and sleeted. It rained a little yet early in the morning. The rain and sleet was frozen in the morning, hence it was difficult to walk. O Lord, help me to speed on to perfection.
Fri 1/28 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. In the p.m. we had declarations. I had a good lesson in Greek and in Theology, but not in Latin. In the evening we had Society at 5:45 in order to attend preaching. I attended preaching. Brother Bentz preached. I the morning it rained a little. It was cloudy nearly all day – not cold. In the evening it rained a little too. I was very tired and sleepy in the evening. I retired at 9:20 p.m.

Sat 1/29 – New Berlin, Pa. Mr. George Hoover and I got Mr. N. Yoder’s and Mr. I. Eyer’s horse and buggy and started for Witmer’s church. At 8:15 a.m. we started. We stopped on an errand at Selinsgrove. We took dinner at Zacharias Hoover’s. From there father Hoover and I went to Witmer’s church to quarterly meeting. From that interesting body I went to brother David Witmer’s for supper. From there I went to church again in the evening. Presiding elder Seibert preached. We had a good meeting. I stayed at David Witmer’s all night. Last night it rained a little until about 10 a.m. Then it cleared off. Toward evening it got stormy and cold I enjoyed this day.

Sun 1/30 – Port Trevorton, Pa. Last night Rev. Morris and I stayed at brother Daniel Witmer’s. I slept very restless and rose at 7 a.m. Brother Morris and I went to the church early and had prayer meeting a while. PE Seibert preached a German sermon at 10 a.m. from Romans 8:31,32. We had a glorious communion service. I communed. I very well enjoyed these services. I went along home with brother Samuel Longacre and stayed with them for dinner. In the p.m. Mr. Hoover and I started for New Berlin again and dined here a little after sunset. We had a cold trip. I was cold today, though the sun shone fair all the time. In the evening I attended preaching in our church. Brother Jones preached. We had a good meeting. After meeting I called at Miss Lizzie Baker’s.

Mon 1/31 – New Berlin, Pa. I felt very sleepy in the morning when it was time to rise. I rose at 5:50 a.m. The weather was very fair all day, and the atmosphere cold. It froze hard last night but thawed a little during the day. I had no studying done in the morning, hence I had to commence early and study hard. I did not have very good lessons. In the evening I attended church and during the sermon I felt very drowsy. I had a spirited meeting. Penitents – two. Now it is 9:50 p.m. I feel like retiring. O Lord, bless me in my daily duties.

Tue 2/1 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5:45. I felt rested and good for the duties of the day. After breakfast at 7 o’clock I studied Greek for one hour. Then I studied Latin a while and attended the singing class. I recited my lessons well – save Latin. At noon I helped a while to play base ball. In the evening we had two prayers in the chapel, and all who intended to be fully the

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2 Nathaniel Yoder (1815-1902) is the father of the previously mention Charles and Emma Yoder. He and his wife Mary Fisher (1825-1896) are buried in the New Berlin cemetery.
3 Zacharias and Elizabeth (Sechrist) Hoover lived on Hoover’s Island.
4 Samuel W. Seibert (1824-1913) was presiding elder [superintendent] of the Carlisle District. Born in Woodstock VA and buried in Elliottsburg, Perry County PA, he was elected to represent the Conference at eight General Conferences. His brother James L.W. Seibert (1826-1897) was a preacher and presiding elder in western Pennsylvania.
Lord’s signified it – and one asked the prayers of God’s people. In the evening I attended church. We had an interesting meeting. I spoke to Messrs. Fickle and Bower to seek religion. Foul weather all day – and cold. In the evening it continued to rain and storm.

Wed 2/2 – New Berlin, Pa. This was ground hog day. Rain commenced in the full already last night. It rained, snowed and sleeted during last night and got very cold and stormy, hence in the morning it was so bad under foot that I fell once going to breakfast and three times returning. At noon I fell once. I did not have good lessons today. In the morning my chum and I overslept ourselves. In the evening I purchased a peck of apples at Mr. Hoover’s. In the evening I attended meeting. We had a good meeting. It was cold and stormy all day, but the ground hog saw his shadow. I felt good spiritually today.

Thu 2/3 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. Then I went for breakfast. I stopped at the post office and received a letter from brother A.W. Bower. Eagerly did I peruse it. Foul weather most all day. The sun shone a short time in the a.m. In the p.m. it snowed a little and stormed. In the evening the ground was covered to about the thickness of 1½ inches. It ceased snowing shortly after dark and the moon was seen. After tea I called at professor Baker’s. In the evening I attended church. Rev. John Swengel preached from Ecclesiastes 12:13,14. We had a full congregation. Now I am in my room It is 9:30 p.m. and I intend to write an essay ere I retire – though I ought to go bed.

Fri 2/4 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 6 a.m. I received, as I went to breakfast, a letter from M.E.F. In the evening I received a letter from my sister Jane. It snowed a little last night. The snow in the morning was probably 2½ inches deep. The sun shone fair most all day. The snow melted very little. In the evening after chapel all the professors of religion and those who would like to be Christians were requested to remain a while and we had a general talk on religion. All the Christians were appointed a committee to work for God. I was appointed chairman. After Society I attended meeting. I enjoyed the same. I felt the weight of souls resting upon me.

Sat 2/5 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning we swept our room and cleaned up our furniture. Then after shaving and bathing I prepared for preaching. Before dinner I called at brother Rathfon’s, and after dinner at professor Bentz’. Then I went to the seminary and at 1 o’clock p.m. we had prayer meeting. At 3 p.m. I started for preaching. I stopped all night at brother Strickler’s. In the evening I preached in their school house from Romans 8:31,32. It was very cold all day, though the sun shone fair. The roads were a little muddy. It seemed to me almost

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5 This is believed to be Calvin W. Bower from near Red Mount (a.k.a. Bowers) church in York County. The Union Seminary catalog gives his post office as Mulberry, which existed in Washington township along the Davidsburg Road from 1864 to about 1900.

6 This is believed to be Mary Elizabeth Frey, from Cross Roads in Juniata County.

7 This is believed to be Jacob Strickler (1805-1885), who is buried in the Buffalo Church of the Brethren cemetery. Born in York County, he moved to Union County in 1836 and was the father of a large family.
a miracle for the ground to thaw, as cold as it was. I got very cold coming to this place.

Sun 2/6 – brother Strickler’s, one mile from Winfield, Union County, Pa. In the morning father Strickler and I came to Winfield. I put my horse to brother Berie’s and preached in our church here at 10 a.m. After preaching I went to brother Jonathan Eyer’s, two miles from Winfield, took dinner here, and at 2:30 p.m. preached at Eyer’s school house – had only a small congregation as it rained. I stopped at brother Eyer’s for supper, after which I went to New Berlin. I called at professor Bentz’ till church time. In the evening our meeting closed. I attended. About 9:30 a.m. it commenced raining and rained the greater part of the day till evening. I enjoyed my trip and got along middling well in preaching. I preached both sermons today from Romans 12:1.

Mon 2/7 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night it ceased raining, and in the morning road and walks were so bad that person and beast could not well get along. It was not cold today. The ice melted most all from the roads and walks. The sun shone a short time. Toward evening it got cloudy. I did not feel much like studying. I had only middling good lessons. I commenced Algebra again today. In the evening brother Jones first and I went to the town hall to S.S. meeting. After we came home we had prayer meeting in No. 5 room. In the evening I purchased some material to cover books, and 3 oranges to reward the little girls for caring for my flowers.

Tue 2/8 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had tolerable good lessons. It was not cold today, but spring-like. The sun shone the greater part of the day. At 9 p.m. we had prayer meeting in room No. 4. After study hour I visited the brothers Jones. I have this while past enjoyed myself well spiritually. O Lord, help me to come up more fully to the discharge of my duties.

Wed 2/9 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school and had middling good lessons. At noon we swept our room. After supper I called at Rev. Smith’s. In the evening I wrote a letter to brother Bower. At 9 p.m. we had prayer meeting in room No. 3. Foul weather part of the day, and fair part. It was warm today – we could have the windows open and be comfortable. In the evening I treated the little pupils with oranges.

Thu 2/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had good lessons save Latin. After supper I called at Mrs. Snyder’s. Foul weather

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8 Jonathan W. Eyer (1835-1935) was the son of Isaac L. Eyer (1793-1879) and the grandson of the patriarch Abraham Eyer (1748-1823) of Eyer’s barn fame. A farmer in Buffalo Valley, he was an uncle to the Isaac Eyer (1848-1895) mentioned frequently in the diary.

9 “Jones first” is the older brother Richard Richard Jones (1848-1906). He was born in North Wales and licensed to preach Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, Presbytery of South Pennsylvania, in 1871. After attending Union Seminary, he studied at Princeton Seminary 1877-80, and was ordained by the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church in 1886. His service record in that denomination includes a pastorate in Danville PA and missionary work in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, Ohio and Iowa. He is buried in Wind Gap PA. As the brother closer in age to Basom and the one who was already licensed to preach, we assume that most if not all of the “brother Jones” references as a companion and preacher are to this brother.
most all day – not cold. In the evening I attended prayer meeting at our church. God blessed us. I enjoyed myself very well. At 9 p.m. we had our prayer meeting in the seminary in room No. 2. God abundantly blessed us. Our penitents, brothers Smith, Bower and Fickle, spoke for Jesus. We had a powerful meeting. I never felt so happy in the Lord before. I feel yet like shouting. God help me to live close to thee. 11:45 p.m. – Jesus is good. God blessed me particularly tonight.

Fri 2/11 – New Berlin, Pa. The blessing I received from God last night was the richest I ever enjoyed; I felt very much of it all day. Yea, I feel it yet. God gave me supplies all day. O lord, continue this. I did not get any studying done last night – and not much in the morning, as I still felt like bursting out in praise to God and in laughing. I attended the classes today and had good recitations. I had the 23rd Psalm for a declamation in the p.m. In the evening I attended Society, after which we had prayer meeting in No. 1 room. It was cloudy all day and rained a little the greater part of the day. Toward evening it rained fast. It was not cold today.

Sat 2/12 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning as I was going to breakfast the stars and moon were yet shining, but daylight was beginning to cause the shine of the moon to vanish. I was struck very forcibly with the different powers. After breakfast we played ball ½ hours – after which I read scripture till 11 a.m. when I called on Rev. Smith and conversed with him in regard to getting my license. After dinner we had our meeting in room No. 5, after which I took a nap. After I arose I shaved, then went to supper. After supper I called at professor Bentz’ and there had a good talk. From there I went to our church and by request assisted in choir practice. We had a good prayer meeting in the evening in No. 11 room. Very fair weather – not cold. I spent a very pleasant day. I enjoyed God’s rich blessings.

Sun 2/13 – New Berlin, Pa. The sun shone fair nearly all day. It was the fairest Sabbath I have seen this season of the year. Toward evening it got cloudy. It was also very warm today – we could have the windows open and be comfortable. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and preaching in our church. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. After supper Mr. Sidney Smith10 and I went to brother Wetzel’s11 and stayed there till prayer meeting time when I went to our church to prayer meeting. I enjoyed this beautiful Sabbath day. In the evening at 9 p.m. we had prayer meeting in No. [missing].

Mon 2/14 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. In the morning I felt very tired. Last night it commenced raining and rained some the greater part of the day. In the evening after supper Mr. Hartman and I went to Mr. Wilson’s store where I purchased an umbrella. I spent a pleasant time studying in the evening. At 9 p.m. we had a good prayer meeting in Mr. Brandt’s room. It was very warm all day.

Tue 2/15 – – New Berlin, Pa. Last evening and this morning I studied hard. I had middling good lessons. In the evening we had regular prayer meeting

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10 Sidney Smith was a student at Union Seminary from Gilberton, Schuylkill County PA.
11 Sopharus Alfred Wetzel was a student at Union Seminary who lived in New Berlin.
in the chapel – professor Bentz led. We had a good meeting. It continued to rain last night and rained today till about 11 a.m., then it snowed a little about 1 p.m. When it cleared off it got cold and stormy. Toward evening the sun shone. O Lord, keep me always near thee – by my ever-present Savior.

Wed 2/16 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and recited middling good lessons. We are now in the verbs in Greek. In the evening I studied hard until 7:40, when I got reely in my head and could not study – so I took a rest on the bed. It was cold and stormy all day – sunshine part of the day and foul the remainder of the day. In the evening we had prayer meeting in Messrs. Hartman and Winters’ room.

Thu 2/17 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and recited good lessons – except Latin. I studied very hard at Algebra. In the evening I covered a book for Mr. Hartman. Brother Binkley gave us some taffy this evening. We had our prayer meeting in our room this evening. It was very cold and stormy all day – foul weather the greater part of the day and snow storms at intervals. The ground did not thaw any today. In the morning I received a very satisfactory letter from Father, and a post card from brother Wenrich.

Fri 2/18 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school. I did not recite Theology as I had to finish my essay. I read an essay in the p.m. on the subject “The Benefits of the Bible.” I recited middling good lessons. After school brother Seitzer and I swept and cleaned our room. We had an interesting Society in the evening. We had our prayer meeting in room No. 5 in the evening. After Society I went to the post office. Foul weather until toward evening, when the sun shone fair. It was cold till toward evening it moderated again.

Sat 2/19 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning after breakfast we played baseball one hour, after which I did my necessary Saturday work. Then I read a while. In the p.m. we had our meeting in room No. 5. The remainder of the time I wrote a letter and took a nap. After supper I called at Mr. Isaac Eyer’s and at Miss Lizzie Baker’s. In the evening I finished my writing, then went to the post office. We had our prayer meeting in room No. 4. I felt the power of God very sensibly in prayer meeting. Fair weather most all day. The ground thawed – not cold. Brother William Miller was to visit us today.

Sun 2/20 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and preaching at the Lutheran church. Rev. Sahm preached a good German sermon. In the p.m. I attended the Evangelical S.S. and taught brother Oldt’s class. After supper brother Sidney Smith and I called to see father Burd, who is sick. In the evening I attended our church. Brother Smith preached from James 1:25. This was a very fair day – but a cold air. It thawed a little. I enjoyed this Sabbath. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 3.

Mon 2/21 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school and recited middling good lessons. Some in my classes were not prepared, so I heard them
after chapel. Mr. Isaiah Burry\textsuperscript{12} was to visit us today. In the evening after school we students amused ourselves a while in jumping. I felt very good in the evening to study – and succeeded well. Fair weather in the morning, but in the p.m. it was cloudy most of the time. Not very cold today – the ground thawed. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 2.

Tue 2/22 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and recited good lessons – with the exception of Latin. I finished the 13\textsuperscript{th} problem on page 147 in Algebra. I worked for some time at it. In the evening we had our regular prayer meeting in the chapel. Both professors and their ladies were here. Last night it rained and hailed a little; in the morning it was a little icy. The ground thawed very much today. Fair weather. After supper I called at Mr. Isaac Eyer’s.

Wed 2/23 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school and had good recitations. Last night it snowed very little and got cold and stormy. It continued very cold all day – also somewhat stormy. The ground did not thaw any today. After supper I studied the S.S. lesson till 6:30 p.m., then I went with the Jones brothers to Mr. Wilson’s to the Presbyterian prayer meeting. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 8.

Thu 2/24 – New Berlin, Pa. Last evening I did not get any studying done, so I studied hard during the day. I had middling good lessons. This was a very cold and stormy day – fair weather the greater part. After supper I read the Messenger a while. After study hour I went to the post office. In the evening we had prayer meeting in room No. 11.

Fri 2/25 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. Recited middling good lessons – except Greek I could not understand. In the p.m. I had a declamation on the subject “Influence.” At noon, chum and I swept our room. After supper brother Hartman and I called at Mr. Wannory’s,\textsuperscript{13} then I called at Mr. Mowery’s. In the evening I attended Society. We had an interesting time. After Society I went to the post office. This was a very fair day – not very cold. At twilight, while sitting alone in our room, I felt God very near me. O Lord, be always with me.

Sat 2/26 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning we did some cleaning up, then I wrenched off my flowers – after which I read some scripture. Professor Bentz, Jones 3\textsuperscript{rd},\textsuperscript{14} and 2\textsuperscript{nd},\textsuperscript{15} and Mr. B. Pritchard were here a while. Then I wrote an

\textsuperscript{12} Isaiah Burry was a prospective student from nearby Vicksburg, Union County PA, where the family operated a mill. He and his brother David S. Burry would enroll for the next term – and Isaiah would be Henry’s roommate.

\textsuperscript{13} This name is unclear, even though it appears several times in the diary, and the first letter may be a V or an H. In one reference he is called a tailor.

\textsuperscript{14} This is the first indication that there were actually three Jones brothers at Union Seminary – the third likely being a younger sibling attending the primary school and not regularly accompanying Basom and his older brothers.

\textsuperscript{15} John Richard Jones (1855-1927) was born in North Wales. After attending Union Seminary he was licensed to preach by the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church in 1877, studied at Princeton Seminary 1877-80, and was ordained by the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church in 1882. His
essay. After dinner we played corner ball a while, then had our prayer meeting and had a good time. Then I called professor Baker’s and Mr. Isaac Eyer’s. After supper we played corner ball a while again. In the evening I read till I was tired, then took a nap. At 9 p.m. we had our prayer meeting in brothers Hendricks and Snider’s room. A very fair and not cold day.

Sun 2/27 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. at 9, and at 10 attended preaching. Brother Smith preached his last sermon for the present year. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. From there I called at Mr. Vanvolzah’s; from there I went to Mr. Gephart’s and took supper here. In the evening I attended preaching at the Reformed church. Brother Jones preached. Last night it was cloudy. It commenced raining at 7 a.m. and rained a little at intervals during the day. Toward evening and in the night it rained fast – not cold. In the evening we had prayer meeting in our room.

Mon 2/28 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. Had good lessons except Theology and Greek. After study hour I went to the post office. In the morning I did not go to breakfast as it was so very icy. Last night it rained, and a little today. It was icy all day. The trees were very heavy laden. It was not very cold. In the evening we had prayer meeting in room No. 5.

Tue 2/29 – New Berlin, Pa. Last evening at 9 o’clock I began to feel very bad and felt so yet when I retired. This morning and all day I felt well. I rose at 6 a.m. I enjoyed a pleasant day and recited good lessons except Theology, which I could not rightly understand. I felt bad since I could not help myself in it. In the evening we had our regular prayer meeting in the chapel. Sisters Baker and M. Dundore16 attended. I enjoyed the meeting and felt God present. Foul weather all day. The ground was covered with ice. In the evening I went to the office and received a letter from _____ [sic]. I did not enjoy myself as much spiritually today as I might.

Wed 3/1 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had good lessons. After school Mr. J.M. Gephart17 and I went round and invited the Excelsior ladies to Society, after which I called at Mr. Isaac Eyer’s. Then I went to the seminary, and from there to the Presbyterian church for preaching. It was cloudy all day. At about 2 p.m. it commenced snowing and snowed till night. I concluded in the morning to keep near God during the day – and realized benefit by so doing. In the evening we had prayer meeting in room No. 4.

16 Maria Dundore (1843-1927) from Snyder County was the wife of Nathan Dundore and daughter of judge Daniel Witmer, both previously mentioned in the diary. She was a sister to Minerva (Mrs. Isaac) Eyer of New Berlin, hence her presence in town.

17 James Madison Gephart (1857-c1939) is a brother to the previously mention C.F. Gephart. He attended Dickinson College 1881-84, taught school for several years, and then moved west – first to Holton KS, then to practiced law for many years in Seattle WA.
Thu 3/2 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night it ceased snowing. In the morning it was very clear but soon clouded. The weather was foul afterward. The snow is probably 5 inches deep. A few sleds were out today. Sleighing is not good. It was cold all day. I heard professor Baker’s classes today and had a pleasant time. On that account I could not recite Latin and Greek. After supper I called to see the Misses Walter and Eyer. From there I went to Mr. Mowery’s, spent an hour there, then went to the seminary, then to the Evangelical church to prayer meeting. In the evening we had our prayer meeting at No. 3 room. I felt good in the service of God tonight. I feel I am making progress in the divine life. God help me more.

Fri 3/3 – New Berlin, Pa. After breakfast Mr. Hartman called at the different stores to purchase different articles. After I returned to the seminary I finished my essay, studied Latin, read some scripture, and commenced a letter. In the p.m. I did my necessary Saturday, though Friday, work. Then I called at Rev. Miller’s, at the town school, and at Rev. Smith’s. After supper I attended to some miscellaneous work. In the evening we had the ladies at Society. We had a pleasant time. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in No. 2 room. Fair weather all day – the snow melted fast. Sledding is not good any more. I enjoyed myself well spiritually today – nearer to God.

Sat 3/4 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I wrote part of a letter, read scripture some – and at 10:30 a.m. I went to Mr. N. Yoder’s, had a pleasant talk there and took dinner there. At 1:45 p.m. I went to the seminary again. Then we had our Society at 2 p.m., after which I took a nap until supper time. After supper I finished my letter then, in the evening, went to the Presbyterian church to preaching. Rev. Reardon preached from Genesis 3:9 – striking words. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 15. This was a very fair day – the snow melted most all away. I spent a pleasant day.

Sun 3/5 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and prayer meeting in the Evangelical church. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. From S.S. I went to Rev. Smith’s with their children and spent a short time there. After supper I spent in my room reading scripture and meditating upon God. In the evening brother Frey preached his farewell sermon at our church. I attended. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 16. I enjoyed it well. I led the prayer meeting. This was a very beautiful day – sun-shiny and warm. The birds and all nature rejoiced. I spent a pleasant day.

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18 Today was the first day of the Annual Conference meetings at Green Street Church in Baltimore MD. F.M. Baker attended conference and addressed the body on behalf of Union Seminary.
19 Margaret A. Walter of New Berlin was a student at Union Seminary.
20 Ida Eyer (b. 1863) of New Berlin was a student at Union Seminary and a younger sister of Henry’s oft-mentioned friend Isaac Eyer.
21 James D. Reardon (1823-1886) served in the Presbytery of Northumberland many years, including 1865-1879 at the three-point New Berlin-Mifflintown-Hartelton charge.
Mon 3/6 – New Berlin, Pa. As professor Baker is still absent. I had to take charge of his classes again. This was a remarkable fair day – very warm for the season. The sun shone fair and warm. It was warm enough to have doors and windows open for comfort. The lark I saw first in the morning for this season. The bluebirds were many. The bees were busy gathering honey. I felt well and bright all day for studying. In the evening I attended the Presbyterian church. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 11. God help me still to make progress in the divine life – nearer to thee.

Tue 3/7 – New Berlin, Pa. As professor Baker is still absent, I heard his classes again today. I spent a pleasant day in my duties. In the evening after supper we played corner ball a while. In the evening we had our regular prayer meeting in the chapel. We had a good meeting. This was a fair day. Toward evening we had a little bit of rain storm. It was exceeding warm for the season. The roads are beginning to dry off. It seems as though we were to have summer very soon. More for Jesus may I be still now. God help me.

Wed 3/8 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. Had good recitations – save Greek. At noon as I took my seat to study Greek, the thought occurred to me that brother Bower would not come back and I felt very much discouraged in looking over the help we have and the much work at school and commencement. God in this time help me to trust in thee. Though friends forsake, God never does. After supper I called at brother Miller’s. In the evening I attended the Presbyterian church. Last night and in the morning it rained a while. Foul weather most all day.

Thu 3/9 – New Berlin, Pa. I have some discouragements to contend with now – but God is with me. O help me to trust thee more. I attended the exercises of school today and did not have good lessons on account of my mind being destroyed in other duties. After supper I called at professor Bentz’, then went to the seminary. In the evening I attended prayer meeting. Fair weather the greater part of the day. I enjoyed myself well in the evening in prayer meeting. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. [blank].

Fri 3/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today but did not have good lessons as my mind is still very much taken up on account of Society and so forth. In the afternoon I had an ex tempore speech on “Influence.” A number of ladies were here – among them was Mrs. Dundore. After school we had some experiments. After supper I called at Mr. Mowery’s. In the evening I attended Society. I enjoyed myself well spiritually today. This was a fair and still warm day. The roads are drying off fast now. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 5.

Sat 3/11 – New Berlin, Pa. Today I was to clerk brother Lepley’s22 sale. After breakfast I went to Mr. Cornelius’23 expecting to ride with him to the sale,

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22 Joseph S. Lepley (1816-1889) lived between New Berlin and Winfield, on the south side of the road that marked the county line – hence he lived in Monroe township, Snyder County. He was the father of Union Seminary students Daniel S. Lepley (1845-1924) [see 3/23/1876] and Joseph.
but he could not take me – hence I walked there. I enjoyed the duties of clerking. Everything moved off smoothly. After the sale I came to New Berlin unto brother A. Eyer. Last night it rained a little. Fair weather today till toward evening it got cloudy – warm. In the evening I called at professors Baker’s and Bentz’, then returned to the seminary. We had our prayer meeting in room No. 4 in the evening. I feel very tired this evening.

Sun 3/12 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I felt very tired hence I did not get up till 7 a.m. I was not to breakfast. In the a.m. I attended preaching in our own church. Brother John Irvine preached form Isaiah 41:10. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. The remainder of the day I spent in reading. In the evening I attended the Presbyterian church. They had communion – I communed. I did not very much enjoy this day as I had a little headache all day. It was cloudy all day, and toward evening it began to mist. It was pretty cool today too. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 3.

Mon 3/13 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school. I recited good lessons considering the short time I had to study. In the evening I stayed in my room and studied. After study hour I went to the post office. For some time now we had warm and pleasant weather, but last night it got stormy and middling cold. It was cold and stormy all day. In the evening the water outside began to freeze. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in brother Hollenbaugh’s room.

Lepley (1854-1919), and of William A. Lepley (1858-1934) of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the M.E. Church.

23 Gideon Cornelius (1823-1898) was married (second) to the former Mary C. Stetler (1840-1915) and lived in New Berlin, where he was a chair-maker. His first wife, and the mother of his 8 children, died soon after the birth of his son Joshua Kelly Cornelius (1860-1902) – who was a student at Union Seminary in 1877 and is buried in the Hall’s Church cemetery, near Port Trevorton. Note: Gideon had several brothers living in New Berlin, as well as his nephew the previously mentioned Howard Newton Cornelius, and it cannot be verified conclusively which of them is the “Mr. Cornelius” in the diary.

24 Abraham Eyer was the treasurer of the Board of Trustees for Union Seminary.

25 John Andrew Irvine (1845-1928) had just been re-assigned at the March 8 annual conference in Williamsport from Bloomsburg circuit to Berwick circuit. He was married to Mary Louise Hackenberg (1850-1930) of Snyder County. In 1890 he was granted his credentials and moved to Texas, where he became a Presbyterian pastor. It is believed that he was from Union County and the brother of conference preacher Armstrong H. Irvine (1838-1923) and stopped in the area after annual conference to visit family and/or in-laws.

26 James A. Hollenbaugh (1852-1832) from Andersonburg, Perry County was a student at Union Seminary 1873-77. His home church was Stony Point, erected in 1866 and torn down in 1969 – only the cemetery remaining. He was licensed in 1877 and assigned to the conference’s Wyoming circuit. His 44 years of continuous service included 3 years each in the Pacific and Oregon (of which he was a charter member) Conferences, and 4 years each as superintendent of the Williamsport and Carlisle Districts. He is buried in the Lewisburg Cemetery. His brother Reuben C. Hollenbaugh (1861-1893) was licensed in 1885 and is buried in the Evangelical Cemetery at Stony Point. Both the Basom diary and the Union Seminary catalogue consistently render the surname Hollenbaugh.
Tue 3/14 – New Berlin, Pa. I did not enjoy myself as much in God today as I have already. Yet I feel safe in Jesus. God, still be the Author of my faith and not of my feeling. In the evening we had our regular prayer meeting in the chapel. I did not enjoy myself as much as I have for some time – still I felt God’s presence. I attended the exercises of school today. I did not have very good lessons this short time past. After school we played a lively game of baseball. Last night the ground froze pretty hard. It thawed during the day. It was cold all day, but the sun shone very fair. God bless me now – and keep me.

Wed 3/15 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. After school in the evening we played baseball a while. Then I received word that sister Eyer had suddenly taken sick. I went there and helped the folks a while. After study hour I went to the post office. In the a.m. Mr. Spangler’s child27 was buried here. In the p.m. the bell tolled for Rev. Dr. Sahm who died this morning. O, Lord, help me to think more of the shortness of life. Fair weather the greater part of the day, but pretty cool. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 2. In the evening I bought a German and English Testament.

Thu 3/16 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. After dinner brother Hartman and I went to Mr. Wilson’s store to see about getting blinds for the Excelsior Hall. In the a.m. sister Abraham Eyer28 died. Last night it rained a very little, and the greater part of the day it snowed and rained and sleeted. In the evening there was about 3 inches of snow on the ground. It was middling cool all day. I wrote a letter to Father today. In the evening we had prayer meeting in room No. 8. After study hour I went to the post office.

Fri 3/17 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good recitations. In the afternoon I had an essay of “Habit.” After supper I went to Mr. Wilson’s store and purchased a box of collars and some paper. In the evening I attended Society. After Society I went to the post office and received the *Messenger* and a letter. We had our prayer meeting in our room in the evening. In the a.m. the sun shone a while fair, but in both the a.m. and p.m. we had some heavy snow storms. It was stormy and [word missing] too. The snow froze some during the day.

Sat 3/18 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning early my chum brother Seitzer left me; he went home. After breakfast I did my necessary Saturday work, then

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27 This was the unnamed infant child of Daniel Spangler (1843-) and Jane Schoch Spangler (1847-) of Penns Creek. Born February 3rd and deceased March 13th, this was the couple’s fifth and final child. Mrs. Schoch was a niece of the Mother Schoch whose funeral was noted in Basom’s diary entry for 12/12/1875.

28 Sarah Wolfe Eyer (1824-1876) was the mother of Basom’s frequently mentioned friend Isaac A. Eyer (1848-1895). Her mother Anna Eve Dreisbach Wolfe (1792-1871) was the daughter of Martin Dreisbach (1764-1831) and the sister of noted Evangelical preacher and presiding elder John Dreisbach (1789-1871). After Sarah died, Abraham (1820-1905) married her first cousin once-removed Jane Ellen Wolfe and moved to Kansas. Abraham was the grandson of the Abraham Eyer (1748-1823) who erected the famed Eyer barn in 1805.
read a while. Then I got ready for the funeral. After dinner I called at Rev.
Smith’s and professor Bentz’, and from there went to the funeral of sister
Abraham Eyer. Rev. Lohr29 preached the sermon. He preached a very good
sermon from Colossians 3:4. It was a large funeral. The audience room and both
wings were filled with people. After supper I read a while. I felt very lonesome in
the evening since my chum is gone. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in
room No. 4. It was cold and stormy all day. It thawed only a little toward evening.

Sun 3/19– New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I studied the S.S. lesson till 9
o’clock, then I went to Isaac Eyer’s and met father and mother Witmer.30 From
there brother Isaac Eyer and I went to Winfield to see Rev. Smith who is sick. We
came back to grandfather Eyer’s,31 took dinner there, then went back to New
Berlin – after which I reported to Mrs. Smith. After supper I read till church time,
then I went to our church. Professor Bentz preached. In the evening we had our
prayer meeting in room No. 4. Fair weather all day – but cold. In the morning the
thermometer stood 3 degrees below 0. The ground thawed some during the day.

Mon 3/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and
had middling good lessons. Brother Hollenbaugh slept with me last night. After
breakfast I went to Dr. Hoy’s to inquire how Rev. Smith is. It was cloudy and
cold all day. In the a.m. it commenced snowing, but did not snow much till
ward evening it snowed fast. In the evening Mr. Green came to see me. In the
evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 3.

Tue 3/21 – New Berlin, Pa. It snowed a while yet last night, then cleared
off and got stormy. It was not very cold in the morning, but got colder during the
day. The snow was about 5 or 6 inches deep in the morning. It melted little during
the day. Mr. Green stayed with me today. In the evening we had our regular
prayer meeting in the chapel. After prayer meeting I went to the post office
expecting a letter from home, but was disappointed. I did very little studying in
the evening. The sun shone at intervals today. O Lord, assist me in my daily
duties. Help me ever.

Wed 3/22 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. I am
not having very good lessons now, and I lack time and energy. Mr. Green stayed
with me today. Fair weather the greater part of the day – middling cold, though
the snow melted some. There were some sleighs and sleds in use today, but
 sledding is not good. In the evening I attended the German prayer meeting in our
church. We had our school prayer meeting in room No. 2. I retired at 10:30 p.m.

Thu 3/23 – New Berlin, Pa. Early in the morning Mr. Green left for home.
I did not feel well in the morning, hence I got up late and did not go to breakfast. I

29 After attending Union Seminary, J.J. Lohr had just been assigned to Nittany Valley (his first
charge) in March. Perhaps he developed a closeness to the family during his time in New Berlin.
30 The previously mentioned judge Daniel Witmer and Catherine Herrold Witmer (1815-
1900) were the parents of Isaac’s wife Minerva Witmer Eyer (1845-1927).
31 Grandfather Eyer is Isaac L. Eyer (1793-1879), the last surviving of the original Abraham Eyer
(1748-1823) who built the famed Eyer’s barn. He is a grandfather to Basom’s friend Isaac A. Eyer
(1848-1895).
had a headache all day. At noon I went to brother Lepley’s, who moved to town today. I helped them some to get things in order and took dinner there. After supper I called at brother Lepley’s again. After study hour I called at the post office and received a letter from Father. In the evening we had worship in room No. 11. Part of the day the weather was fair, and part foul – pretty cool. The snow melted fast. Some used sleds, and some wagons today.

Friday 3/24 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. In the p.m. we did not have either declarations or essays. After supper I called at Rev. Smith’s and professor Bentz’, then went to my room and finished writing a letter. In the evening I attended Society – we had the ladies up. We initiated brothers Lepley and Albert. We had a pleasant time. I very much enjoyed the exercises of the evening. After Society I went down town and to the post office. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in brother Brandt’s room. Fair weather till toward evening it got cloudy. It was not cold today. At twilight it rained a little, but soon turned to snow.

Sat 3/25 – New Berlin, Pa. After breakfast Mr. Hartman and I called at Mr. Wannory’s and at Mr. King’s store. Then I went to the seminary and read a short time. The I took a nap – after which I shaved and washed. After dinner I called at brother Gephart’s, then went to Mr. Diehl’s sale to see Mr. Gephart. From there I called at brother Lepley’s, then went to the seminary and we had our Society. Then I studied for preaching in the evening. After supper I called at brother Smith’s. On account of the bad weather I did not go to preaching. After supper I called twice at Mr. Mowery’s, then went to the post office. Prayer meeting we had in room No. 8. It continued snowing last night. In the morning the snow was 6 inches deep. The greater part of today it rained, hence the snow melted fast. The roads are bad and very slushy.

Sun 3/26 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I preached in our church from Romans 14:12. I got along middling well. I did not feel condemned. To God be the glory. In the p.m. brother Lepley and I went to brother Snyder’s, two miles from town, where I filled brother Miller’s appointment. I preached from the same words. God was with me. After supper we went to Kratzerville where brother Lepley preached in brother Miller’s stead. We got along well. We stayed

32 Daniel S. Lepley (1845-1924) was born near New Berlin, had just received his license at the March annual conference, and was beginning his studies at Union Seminary. He never served under appointment and withdrew from conference in 1880. He later moved to Texas, where he died. Mrs. Lepley (1845-1946), nee Susan Maurer, was born in New Berlin, and the couple was married there 11/9/1869.  
33 This is believed to be George Diehl (1807-1885), whose wife Elizabeth Walter Diehl (1810-1875) had died November 13. They are both buried in the cemetery at New Berlin.  
34 David W. Miller (1832-1904) was the preacher for Middleburg circuit 1875-77. He was licensed in 1857 and filled conference appointments in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York before retiring in 1899.  
35 The Evangelical church building here was erected in 1869 and used until it was closed in June 1948 on account of declining membership. The building is still standing and used by a construction company.
at brother Heiser’s all night. Though the roads are very bad I enjoyed the trip and the labors of the day. It was not cold. The snow melted very much today, yet the ground is mostly covered yet.

Mon 3/27 – Kratzerville, Snyder County, Pa. At 6:45 brother Lepley and I left brother Heiser’s and came to New Berlin. I was in time for chapel. It was pretty cold in the morning. The roads were rough – the ground froze some. During the day it thawed. Foul weather the greater part of the time. In the p.m. our examinations commenced. In the evening brother Binkley and I had some rough talk. I did not observe study hour in the evening. In the evening five new students came. We had our prayer meeting in the evening in our room – and had a good meeting. Brothers Davis, Krause and Brenneman slept with me.

Tue 3/28 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning we had the closing examination. In the p.m. I took up my carpet and Mrs. Yeager scrubbed my room. At 4 p.m. we had chapel. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 5. Foul weather all day. In the p.m. it commenced raining and rained pretty fast till in the night. It was also quite stormy in the evening – unpleasant to be out. In the evening Messrs. Waltz and Fenstemaker came to school – the latter stayed and slept with me. I am tired tonight. God help me to do my duty faithfully.

Wed 3/29 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I tacked down my carpet and fixed up my room and shaved. In the p.m. I posted the Society minutes a while, then took a nap of one hour. After supper I called at Rev. Miller’s and had a talk with brother Miller. Then I returned to my room. Then I went to the German prayer meeting and enjoyed the services. Foul weather the greater part of the day – stormy and middling cold. The roads rained solid last night.

Thu 3/30 – New Berlin, Pa. Brother U.F. Swengel took breakfast with us. After tea he and I went to Rev. Smith’s. Soon I returned to the seminary. In the a.m. our new session of school commenced and the classes were arranged. At 11 a.m. I went to Rev. Smith’s and helped them fix up at their new home. I took dinner with them. In the p.m. I put up some window blinds for them. At 3 p.m. I returned to the seminary again and the professors announced the programme.

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36 The descendants of David Heiser (1794-1857) lived east of Kratzerville. It was in his home that Evangelical services were originally held— until he donated a tract of land to the township for a school, with the understanding that the preaching could be held there.

37 James Barber Krause (1854-1923) was born in Aaronsburg, Centre County, while his father Abraham Krause was the Evangelical preacher there. He began a law apprenticeship in January 1878, joined the Lycoming County bar, and is buried in Williamsport’s Wildwood Cemetery.

38 Henry C. Brenneman (1858-1914) was born near Wellsville, York County. He stayed at Union Seminary one term and then taught in Washington township, York County, before entering and graduating from the Millersville State Normal School. He went on to be a principal at York High School, a two-term superintendent of schools for York County, and a prominent attorney. He is buried in York’s Prospect Hill cemetery.

39 Charles Franklin Waltz (1862-?) is listed as being from Cogan Station, Lycoming County PA.

40 Uriah Frantz Swengel (1846-1921) was the brother of the previously mentioned student A.W Swengel and preacher J.G.W. Swengel. Currently the preacher at Lock Haven, he would eventually rise to the offices of district superintendent and bishop.
After supper I called at professor Bentz'. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in our church. From there Miss Lizzie Baker and I went to professor Baker’s. In the evening we had prayer meeting in room No. 4. It was a stormy and pretty cold day with snow storms – little sunshine.

Fri 3/31 – New Berlin, Pa. Today we had the first recitations for the new term. I did not have much time for studying. In the morning brothers Wardman and Winter left New Berlin. I labored some during the day for the Excelsior Literary Society. In the evening I attended Society and was again elected secretary. Brother Maize was present. After Society I went to the post office. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 2. I had intended going home over Sabbath, but did not. I feel very lonesome now – and a little on the discouraging order. Lord cheer me with much of thy presence. Foul weather all day – and cold. The ground thawed very little. God ever be with me now.

Sat 4/1 – New Berlin, Pa. I had intended to go home today, but on account of the bad roads I did not do so. In the a.m. I read scripture a while and wrote a letter home and went to Mr. Spitler’s shop with some broken chairs. In the p.m. I did some washing, shaved, etc. After supper I called at professor Baker’s. In the evening I attended singing in the town hall. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 1. In the morning it was cloudy a while, but it soon cleared off and the sun shone fair the remainder of the day. It moderated some in the p.m. O Lord bless me now. Help me to be firm for the right. H.S. Basom

Sun 4/2 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose in the morning at 5:30. The sun shone very fair all day. It was also pleasant and warm. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and preaching at the Reformed church. Rev. Yearick\(^\text{41}\) preached a good sermon. After dinner brothers Anthony,\(^\text{42}\) Hollenbach and I took a walk. In the p.m. I attended our S.S., then called to see William Miller, then went to Mr. Spitler’s and took supper there. From there brother Hartman and I called at brother Gephart’s, then went to our church to preaching. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in room No. 11. In the evening I felt very much condemned because I did not spend the day as I ought to have. See above what I did. God forgive me.

Mon 4/3 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school and recited middling good lessons. Last night Mr. Deardorf, a new student, slept with me. At noon the brothers Heiser,\(^\text{43}\) my chums, came to school. It rained some last night and also rained the greater part of the day. It was pretty cold all day. Our school was pretty full today. In the evening we had prayer meeting in room No. [blank]. O Lord, help me to be very studious now.

\(^{41}\) Rev. Zwingli Albert Yearick (1845-1940) was the son of Reformed preacher William Rishel Yearick (1817-1888) of Centre County and a nephew of the previously mentioned Evangelical preacher Samuel Yearick (1827-1892).

\(^{42}\) John P.Z. Anthony is listed in the Union Seminary catalog as being from Lock Haven. The 1880 census places him and his wife Nancy in Lamar, Clinton County.

\(^{43}\) This may be Edwin Sylvester Heiser (who is mentioned later) and his younger (by one year) brother James Harvey Heiser from Centre County.
Tue 4/4 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. At noon I helped to play corner ball a while. In the evening we had our regular prayer meeting in the chapel. We had a good meeting. I enjoyed it vey much – it did me good. After study hour I went to the post office. On my way back I stopped to see Miss Lizzie Baker, who was unwell today. Most all day it was a little cloudy – fair toward evening. It was quite moderate today. There is still some snow on the north sides.

Wed 4/5 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 6. Brother Heiser was unwell so I brought him his breakfast. I attended the exercises of school and had good lessons. At noon and in the evening I helped to play base ball. After study hour I went to the post office. In the evening we had worship in room No. 5. Part of the day was fair, and part was foul weather. In the a.m. it rained a very little. It was pleasant and warm today.

Thu 4/6 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. I can study with ease now. After breakfast brother Burry and I called at Mr. King’s store. In the evening we played base ball a while. In the evening brother Hollenbaugh and I went to prayer meeting in our church. I led the meeting. We had our prayer meeting in room No. 4 in the seminary in the evening. I received a letter from M[other] in the evening. We had very fair weather all day – stormy and cool. The roads are drying off fast now. I do not enjoy myself as well spiritually now as I would like to. God help me.

Fri 4/7 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the exercises of school. In the p.m. we had no school as we were excused to attend Miss Annie Black’s funeral. I attended it and was one of the corpse bearers. Brother Smith preached an accomplished sermon. After supper we played base ball. In the evening I attended Society. Brothers Miller and Maize were present. We took actions for commencement. After Society I went to the post office, but it was locked. Fair weather in the a.m. In the p.m. it was very stormy and we had a few rain drops to fall. The roads are dry now.

Sat 4/8 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:50 a.m. After breakfast we swept our room and washed off our furniture. The brother W.H. Miller and I went to brother D.S. Lepley’s and did some writing. We took dinner with him. I returned at 10 a.m. and took a nap – after which I shaved. After supper I called at Mrs. Snyder’s, then returned and read scripture till church time. Then I attended preaching at the Reformed church. A number of communicants were confirmed. In the evening we had worship in room No. 3. This was a fair day – quite stormy, not cold. We have very fair weather now. O Lord, help me to serve thee acceptably.

Sun 4/9 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and led the same. From there I attended preaching in our church. In the p.m. I read and took a nap. In the evening I attended our prayer meeting – the room was well filled with members. We had a good meeting. I enjoyed the meeting. These few days past I did not enjoy so much of God’s presence lately, but tonight He manifested his presence to me. Fair weather all day. There is still a cold and snowy air prevailing. O Lord, be always near me.
Mon 4/10 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night at 12:55 there was an alarm made in town of fire. I was the first one to hear it at the seminary. I roused the students – most of them went to the fire. I stayed in the seminary. The building was an old school, then a dwelling house – unoccupied. At noon and in the evening I helped a while to play base ball. At noon I called to see Miss Agnes Dreisbach in her sick room. Very fair weather until toward evening it got cloudy. It was warm enough today to have the windows open for comfort. In the evening I did not feel like studying, though I did study some.

Tue 4/11 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. In the morning and evening I called to see Miss Agnes Dreisbach in her sick room. I did not waste much time today, but studied busily. Today I sent a letter home. In the evening I attended regular prayer meeting in the chapel. After study hour, brother Jones and I went to the post office. Fair weather today, and I think the warmest weather we had this season. Grass and grain are growing. Men are sowing oats. Some folks are gardening.

Wed 4/12 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school and had middling good lessons. In the morning I rose at 5:30. At noon I called at brother Spitler’s and had a board made to put my flowers on. Then I returned to my room and made the shelf. In the morning the sun shone a while, then it soon got cloudy and rained at intervals during the day. At intervals the sun shone. It was warm and summer-like all day. It was hardly necessary to have fire for comfort. About 8:15 p.m. we had a thunder gust – not much rain. In the evening we had worship in room No. 1. I have a cold now, and a cough.

Thu 4/13 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school. After supper I went to Mr. William Cornelius and had my hair cut. Then I returned to my room, read the Messenger till evening, then went to our church for prayer meeting. We had a good meeting – Brother Smith led. At 9 p.m. we had worship in room No. 11. Foul weather the greater part of the day. It rained a little most all day – sunshine at intervals. It was quite warm today – vegetables are beginning to grow.

Fri 4/14 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today. In the p.m. we had declamations – I came near failing. After supper I read till Society time. In the evening I attended Society. It rained some during the day. At 4:30 p.m. we had a heavy thunder gust and some rain. It was warm all day. We did not need fire today. In the evening it got stormy. I am some time discouraged in regard to my studies. I can not see much progress.

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44 Agnes Dreisbach (1853-1898) of New Berlin, a student at Union Seminary was the daughter of Solomon K. Dreisbach (1825-1898) – who was a nephew of the noted preacher Evangelical preacher and (the denomination’s first) presiding elder John Dreisbach (1789-1871). Agnes married fellow student William Chester Davenport (1855-1933) from Luzerne County and moved to Beach Haven, Luzerne County, where she died. Their daughter Ella Davenport was a student at Union Seminary [then called Central Pennsylvania College] in the late 1890’s.

45 This could be either William Cornelius (1816-c1901) or his son William Cornelius (1852-) – brother or nephew to the previously mentioned Gideon Cornelius.
Sat 4/15 – New Berlin, Pa. After breakfast we swept and cleaned our room – after which I labored two and one half hours in the Excelsior Hall. Then I did some reading. In the p.m. I wrote a letter, shaved, and read a while. After supper I called at Mr. Seebold’s professor Bentz’ and Mrs. Snyder’s. Then I returned to the seminary and finished a letter – after which I finished a letter [sic] then went to the post office and called at Mr. Mowery’s. Then I went to my room. In the evening we had prayer meeting in room No. [blank]. Stormy all day – middling cool. Part of the day foul, part fair.

Sun 4/16 – Easter Sabbath, New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I did not get awake until 6, then I rose. In the a.m. I attended union S.S. and preaching at the Lutheran church. A young man from Selinsgrove Institute preached there on trial. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. – after which I called at brother Eyer’s a while. After supper I read until evening, then I attended services at our church. Brother Smith preached from I Peter 1:3-4. We had several rain storms today. It was stormy today. The sun shone most all day. It was necessary to have fire for comfort. I enjoyed a pleasant Sabbath and Easter.

Mon 4/17 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. I rose at 5:30 a.m. At noon I called at Mr. King’s store. Afternoon I called at Rev. Smith’s. I studied hard in the evening. After study hour I went to the post office and received a letter and a check from Brother Jacob. The brothers Anthony, Hollenbaugh and I called at Mr. King’s store. In the evening we had worship in No. 8 room. Foul weather a great part of the day – Easter storm. A few snow flakes were flying about noon. It was pretty cold all day. In the p.m. I had a headache.

Tue 4/18 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had good lessons save Theology. After breakfast I called at professor Bentz’. At noon I helped to play ball a while. I hurt my foot by running – then I stopped. In the evening I attended our regular prayer meeting in the chapel – quite a number were present. We had a successful meeting. The sun shone most all day, but it was cool and chilling and unpleasant to be out. I feel encouraged tonight to study. After study hour I went to the post office.

Wed 4/19 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school and had good lessons. Last evening brothers Gebhart and Gingerich came to school as students. After supper I went to Smith’s shoe shop with Mr. Hartman. In the evening I wrote at my composition a while. After study hour I went to the post office. We had worship in our room in the evening. Brothers Heiser, Anthony and I wrestled in the room in the evening and Anthony kicked me on the face. It was cold today. We had a few snow storms during the day. I felt well spiritually in the evening. In the evening I wrote a letter to brother Hertz.

Thu 4/20 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. After supper brother Wellington Gebhart and I called at Mr. King’s store and at professor Bentz’. In the evening brother W. Gebhart and I attended prayer meeting in our church. We did not have as much of the power of God manifested as at times, yet we felt safe in Jesus. We had worship in
Fri 4/21 – New Berlin, Pa. Recited Grammar and Caesar today. I did not recite Greek since I had a very bad headache. In the p.m. I had an essay of “Religion.” After supper brother Hollenbaugh and I called at Mr. Wilson’s store and at brother Gebhart’s. In the evening I attended Society – after which I went to the post office. In the evening we had worship in room No. 4. Fair weather all day – exceedingly stormy, so that it was unpleasant to be on the streets on account of the dust blowing. It was not cold. We still need fire for comfort.

Sat 4/22 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 6. After breakfast we cleaned our room and furniture. Then I tried to take a nap in room No. 3, but failed. I read a while then. In the p.m. I umpired a while for the ball players, then washed and shaved. After supper I called to see professor Bentz. In the evening I attended a social party at the ladies’ boarding house. It was pleasant all day – and warm in the p.m. It got stormy toward evening. It got cloudy and rained a little about 8 pm.

Sun 4/23 – New Berlin, Pa. In the a.m. I attended the union S.S. and preaching at our church. Brother S.T. Buck preached for us from Genesis 42, part of verse 2 – “There is come in Egypt.” He preached a good sermon. After dinner brother Hollenbaugh and I took a walk in the country and stopped a while at brother Yoder’s. Then I went to our S.S. After supper I read scripture. In the evening I attended our prayer meeting. I enjoyed God’s nearness in the morning in secret prayer. I enjoyed this Sabbath. I rose at 5:45 a.m. At 6 the Reformed bell tolled mourning the death of Mrs. Hackenberg’s mother. It was pleasant and summer-like today. Fair weather till toward evening it got cloudy. 9:30 p.m. – I retire.

Mon 4/24 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good recitations. It commenced raining last night and rained slowly most all day. It was pretty cool today – so much so that it was necessary to have fire for comfort. In the morning I did not feel like studying, but during the day I could study well. After supper I called at the tailor’s, Mr. Wannory, then went to the seminary and studied until time for S.S. meeting in our church. I attended the same – after which we had court in the chapel. We had worship in room No. 3. In the evening.

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46 The second printing house of the Evangelical Association, still standing on the northeast corner of Plum and Market Streets, was used as the women’s dormitory from 1854 until it was sold in 1864. The location of the women’s dormitory in 1876 is not known.

47 Rev. Solomon T. Buck (1838-1908) was the son of Rev. Thomas Buck (1789-1842), a brother to Rev. Henry William Buck Sr. (1843-1916), and the father of Bertha L. Buck Swengel, the second wife of [Bishop] Uriah F. Swengel. Licensed in 1860 and ordained an elder in 1864, he was serving in 1876 as the agent for Union Seminary. In 1894 he was sentenced to 3 years in prison for securing money under false pretenses in connection with the sales of water filters. A talented writer, he planned to publish a book entitled “From the Pulpit to the Penitentiary” upon the completion of his sentence. Nothing more is known of that venture. He relocated to New Jersey about 1900, and is buried there.
Tue 4/25 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. and went to breakfast. After breakfast I called at professor Bentz’ and met Mr. Detwiler.\footnote{William E. Detwiler (1843-1924) was licensed in 1863 was serving Nittany Valley at this time. He is a brother to Elizabeth Detwiler Bentz, the wife of the oft-mentioned professor J.W. Bentz. In the summer of 1915, members of the United Evangelical Church made definite plans for the establishment of a Home for Old People. A committee was appointed to select a location. They walked among the trees on the farm known as Delta Place, near Lewisburg. Rev. W. E. Detwiler, stating he felt the divine presence, suddenly raised his hand in benediction and exclaimed, “Brethren, we need look no further. This is of God.” He retired to that Lewisburg facility in 1919, and his service record includes 4 different (four-year) terms as a district superintendent.} After school and before supper I went to the tailor. After tea Charlie Evans and I called at Mr. Benner’s. I returned to the seminary at 5:30 and studied until prayer meeting time, then attended it – after which I read a while and studied for my oration. I enjoyed prayer meeting in the evening. I felt God graciously near. It misted part of the a.m. It was quite cool all day. The sun shone very little today – foul weather most all day.

Wed 4/26 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. I rose at 6. After breakfast I kindled the fire, then collected some coal around the seminary. At noon brother E.S. Heiser\footnote{Edwin Sylvester Heiser (1855-1924) was born in Aaronsburg, Centre County. He graduated from Bucknell in 1880 and went on to become a prominent physician/druggist in Lewisburg.} and I went to Mr. King’s store. After supper I invited the Excelsior ladies to Society. After study hour I went to the post office. In the evening we had our worship in room No. [blank]. Fair weather today – and warm.

Thu 4/27 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the regular exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. At noon brother Hartman and I called to see Mr. Kleckner\footnote{Michael Kleckner (1807-1887) owned and operated the Union Hotel in New Berlin, but there were also other Kleckners in town. The identity of this particular Kleckner cannot be determined.} to speak in regard to music at commencement. After supper I returned to my room and wrote at my oration until night, then I went to our church to prayer meeting. There were but a few present – still we had a profitable meeting. Fair weather all day – and warm. Summer-like it was today. The leaves are coming out fast now.

Fri 4/28 – New Berlin, Pa. Last evening I stayed up till after eleven. In the morning I rose at 6, but did not go to breakfast. I recited my regular lessons today, but we did not have declamations – instead we had experiments. Brothers Heiser, my chums, went home in the p.m. I felt kind of down hearted and discouraged today – especially ere I entered the society hall. But I received fresh courage there. We had the ladies up tonight – some honorary members also. All was a grand success tonight. God give me the courage to dare to trust to thee daily. Give me much grace. 11 p.m. – I will write oration a while yet. Cloudy most all day – very little rain.

Sat 4/29 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. After breakfast I did my Saturday work, then we played base ball and cut up a while. In the p.m. I read a short time, then took a nap until 4 p.m. After supper I called to see Miss Maggie
Walter, then called at brother Bentz’ and had a talk. From there I called to see Miss Lizzie Baker, then went to the seminary and wrote at my oration a while. At 8:30 I went for any mail and called to hear Mr. Hartman’s class practice singing. Then I returned to my room and wrote at my oration. We had worship in room No. 13. I wrote at my oration till 12 p.m. At about 10:30 p.m. it commenced raining. 12 p.m. – I shall retire now.

Sun 4/30 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 in the morning. In the a.m. I attended union S.S., then prayer meeting at our church. The room was well nigh filled. We had a calm but spirited meeting. In the p.m. I attended our S.S., then went to my room and read a while. At 5:50 I went with Mr. William Miller to their place, took supper with them, then went to our church. Brother Smith preached. Last night it rained a good bit. In the morning it was clear and warm. In the p.m. it got stormy and so colds that fire was necessary for comfort. Some snow flakes were afloat in the p.m. The grass and leaves are fast coming out now.

Mon 5/1 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5:30 and studied my Grammar lesson before breakfast. After dinner I called at professor Bentz’. After supper I read a while in “Burke on the Sublime and Beautiful.” I also studied the S.S. lesson. At twilight brother Hollenbaugh and I met the band, and from there I went to Bible class. In the evening we had worship in brothers G & G’s room. Fair weather all day and very cold for the season. I retire now – 11:20 p.m.

Tue 5/2 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. I took one of my flower stalks to Miss Maggie Walter in the morning. After dinner I called at brother King’s store and purchased material for a dressing-gown. After supper I read until prayer meeting time. I then attended prayer meeting. We had a profitable meeting. I enjoyed much of God’s spirit. Mr. Fenstermaker asked the prayers of God’s people. After meeting brother Heiser (W.D.) and I went to the post office. I received one letter from Sister Amanda and one from M[other]. It was cloudy part of the day – and cool. I enjoyed the exercises of school today.

Wed 5/3 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. Attended the exercises of school today and had good lessons. After study hour I went to the post office but did not receive any news. In the evening we had worship in room No. 8. This was a pleasant and warm day. In the morning it rained very little. The greater part of the day the sun shone fair. Toward evening I saw some folks planting corn.

Thu 5/4 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 6. After dinner I helped a while to play base ball. After supper I read Burke a while, then read in the Bible until time for prayer meeting – then I attended at our church. We had worship in room No. 7 in the evening. Attended the exercises of school today. In the a.m. it was quite cool. In the p.m. it got warm. Fair weather the greater part of the day. O Lord, help me to serve thee faithfully.

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51 Margaret A. Walter of New Berlin is listed as a student at Union Seminary, but nothing else is known about her.
52 Philosophical Enquiry into the Origin of our Ideas of the Sublime and Beautiful by Irish statesman and philosopher Edmund Burke (1729-1797) was first published in 1757.
53 This is the room of the previously mentioned Wellington Gebhart and Nathaniel Gingerich.
Fri 5/5 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. After breakfast I took the material to Mrs. [blank] to have a wrapper made. Attended the exercises of school – save Analysis. I did not feel very well today since I have a bad cold. I helped to play base ball a while at noon. After supper I took a walk, then read till time for Society, then attended Society. After Society I went to the post office. It was very warm all day. Fair weather all day.

Sat 5/6 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. After breakfast Mr. Smith and I went for the wash, then we, the committee on music, convened – after which I wrote at my oration a while. The we played base ball a while. After dinner Mr. Anthony and I met the professors on special business. Then I wrote at my oration and read it before professor Bentz. In the evening I read a while, then went to the U.B. church for preaching. Last night it rained a little. Fair weather all day. We had the first summer day for warmth. I have a bad cold now.

Sun 5/7 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. After breakfast I read until 8:30, then I went to union S.S. From there I attended preaching in our church. After dinner I went to brother Eyer’s and stayed there till 1½ p.m. The I went to our S.S., then to the seminary and read till supper time. After supper I read again. I did not go to service in the evening since it rained and I had given my umbrella to Brother Anthony. We had a storm and some rain at about 7 p.m. It was very warm all day – and fair weather. With door and window open we could hardly get enough air.

Mon 5/8 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 4:55, hence I studied one hour before breakfast. At noon we had a special meeting of Society. After supper I called at Mr. King’s store, then went to the seminary and labored at my oration until evening when we (a committee on music) met the band. From there brother Anthony and I went to S.S. meeting. We had our worship in room No. 5 in the evening. I had been drinking tea today for my cold. Attended the exercises of school today and had middling good lessons. We had chapel service in the large room on the first floor today for the first time this summer. 10:10 p.m. – I will soon retire.

Tue 5/9 – New Berlin, Pa. I had to cough very much last night and today. I rose at 5:10 a.m. and studied until 6. I did not go to breakfast since I was unwell, but went to bed at 6 and rose at about 10. In consequence of having the cold very bad I did not recite today. After supper I went to Dr. Hoy’s and got a prescription, then to Colonel Smith’s and got some medicine for my cold. In the evening we had our prayer meeting in the chapel. I enjoyed it very much. After meeting I studied. Last night it commenced and rained most part of the day. Toward evening it got a little cool. 10:30 – I retire.

Wed 5/10 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5:30, then studied my Grammar till breakfast time. At noon all the church bells in town were rung for some time since this is the day upon which the Centennial buildings were

54 Colonel Edward Smith (1823-1883) was a printer by trade, operated a drug store, and served as the postmaster. Little is known about him, but a brief obituary appears in the 1/25/1883 The Post of nearby Middleburg.
opened. In the p.m. Mr. John Fisher and Mr. Yoder were at school. I went with Mr. Yoder for supper. In the evening we had worship in room No. 4. In the a.m. it commenced raining and rained the greater part of the a.m. For some days now it had been very warm, but last night and all day it was pretty cool – so that fire is necessary for comfort. The fruit trees are now in full bloom – all things growing fast.

Thu 5/11 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45. Attended the exercises of school today. After dinner I called at professor Bentz’. After supper brother Dunkelberger and I called at brother Lepley’s. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in our church. It was stormy all day – fair, but quite cool. Fire was necessary for comfort. I still have to cough much. I feel now a calm resting in Jesus. God help me ever to live for thee.

Fri 5/12 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today, however I did not have an essay in the p.m. After the exercises I swept my room and after supper I did some washing off. In the evening I attended Society. Brothers Maize and Miller were present. After Society I went to the post office. In the morning before 7 we had a thunder gust, and several more during the a.m. – also some rain. In the p.m. it cleared off – was still a little cool. In the p.m. my chum went home. 9:40 p.m. – I retire. My cold is getting better now.

Sat 5/13 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. After breakfast I went to professor Bentz’ with my oration. After supper I called at Mr. Wilson’s store, and from there called to see Miss Lizzie Baker. After 8 I went to the post office for my mail. I kept myself busy today in writing and reading. Fair weather all day – stormy and cool for the time of the year. In the evening I finished my oration.

Sun 5/14 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m., dressed, then read a while before breakfast. After breakfast I read scripture until 8:30, then attended union S.S. and taught Mr. Cook’s class. From S.S. I went to the Lutheran church, where Rev. McCool preached from Revelation 3:20. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. –

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55 May 10, 1876, was opening day of the Centennial celebration in Philadelphia. President Ulysses S. Grant was on hand to open what is counted as America’s first world’s fair.
56 John Fisher (1853-1931), brother of the previously mentioned Theodore Fisher, was born near Lewisburg and received post-rural school education at Freeburg Academy and was serving as a rural school teacher. In 1881 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania graduating with the M.D. degree in 1885. He practiced medicine at Middleburg until moving to Philadelphia in the spring of 1887 – where he continued to practice until his death.
57 This is the previously mentioned Charles Yoder, a cousin to the brothers John and Theodore Fisher – his mother Mary Fisher Yoder being a sister to Joseph Fisher, father the brothers.
58 Older Union Seminary student Samuel H. Dunkelberger (1845-1914) of Dornsife was a Civil War Veteran. Received on trial in the East Pennsylvania Conference in 1876, he kept moving westward. In 1880 he transferred to the Kansas Conference, where we was ordained an elder in 1882. In 1892 he transferred to the Platte River Conference, and in 1909 he moved to the Pacific coast and joined the Northwestern Conference.
59 Rev. William C. McCool (1848-1899) served the Lutheran church in New Berlin 1776-1780. He was born in Centre County PA and died in Cuming County NE of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His life was certainly one of tragedy. He and his wife, a Miss M.A. Fisher of Selinsgrove, had two
after which brother Gingerich and I went to Mr. Rohler’s one mile from town. We took supper here. At 7:30 we went to town and attended our church. I enjoyed this Sabbath. Fair weather all day, and pretty cool. I had fire for comfort today.

Mon 5/15 – New Berlin, Pa. Attended the exercises of school today and succeeded well. After breakfast brother Anthony and I called at Mr. Wilson’s store. After supper I studied my S.S. lesson and Theology lesson. In the evening I attended Bible class. It was pretty warm all day. About 4 p.m. a gust arose and it thundered and rained at intervals until in the evening. I rose at 5:10 a.m.

Tue 5/16 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning chum and I rose at 6. After dinner I called at Mr. Wilson’s store and also after supper. I also called at Dr. Hoy’s after supper. Last night it commenced raining and rained a little most all day. It was not very cool, still it was necessary to have fire for comfort. The vegetation is thinning finely now. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in chapel. I enjoyed the same. I had to weep some, yet felt happy in the Lord.

Wed 5/17 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:30 a.m. I was a little dispirited all day. In the evening all the students rooming on the third floor had to stay in chapel to give some account of the noise made during the day. I attended the exercises of school – did not have very good lessons. It was cloudy all day and rained a little at intervals. We still need fire. In the evening we had worship in room No. 3.

Thu 5/18 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5:50. After breakfast I called at Mr. Wilson’s store for some tissue paper. After dinner I invited some of the Excelsior ladies to make flowers in the evening. In the evening we made paper flowers in our hall. I attended the recitations during the day – had good lessons except Greek. It was cloudy in the morning and minted a while, but in the p.m. it cleared off and hot summer-warm. I did not get any studying done tonight. 9:40 p.m. – I shall soon retire.

Fri 5/19 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5. I was deceived in the hour, but not to my sorrow. After tea I called at Mr. Smith’s and had my boot mended. This was a grand summer day. We had a very heavy dew in the morning. I was well all day and studied hard – also had good lessons. In the evening I attended Society and was to debate on the affirmative side of the question: “Resolved that reading novels is beneficial” – but I could not conscientiously do it, hence I said very little. I shall soon retire; it is now 9:50 p.m. God bless me in my daily duties and help me to be thoughtful and prayerful.

Sat 5/20 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5 and read scripture until breakfast – after which I wrote at my essay, read, and wrote a letter. In the p.m. I took a bath and did some turns for myself and read scripture a while. Then I went to Mr. Lepley’s. From there I went to town and played croquet a while, then called at professor Bentz’. After tea I called to see Miss Lizzie Baker, then went to the seminary and wrote at my essay a while. In the evening brother W. Gebhart

children. His son Fisher McCool (1879-1884) died in Lycoming County PA of accidental poisoning, his daughter Emma Ruth (1887-1888) died in Nebraska, and his wife died in Nebraska on Christmas day 1895.
and I went to town and took a walk. Then I went to the U.B. church and attended preaching. Fair weather – and warm. In the evening about 6 we had a thunder gust, but few drops of rain.

Sun 5/21 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:10 a.m. In the morning I did not go to the union S.S., but took that time to reading. In the a.m. I attended the preaching in our church. Brother Z. Hornberger preached for us. Brother Smith (Rev.) invited me to take dinner with them. I did so, and from there went to our S.S. and taught a class. After S.S. I went to my room and read till supper time – after which we sung and I read a while. Brother Gingerich and I took a walk in the evening, then went to our prayer meeting and enjoyed the same. This was a very warm day – fair till toward evening it got cloudy.

Mon 5/22 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. – studied Theology until breakfast time. Mr. Waltz and I took the wash to Mrs. Snyder in the morning and I called at Mr. Wilson’s store. After dinner brother Hartman and I went to the seminary together. We stopped on the way in the shade and had a chat. After supper I stopped a short time at the ladies’ boarding house. In the evening I attended Bible class. It was very warm today – until about 7 p.m. it got stormy and a little cool. In the p.m. we had several rain and thunder storms. In the evening we had worship in room No. 2.

Tue 5/23 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I did not get up until 6 since I did not feel well. I had a fever today and great pain in all my limbs and head – also I was very weak. I did not recite nor study any. After dinner I called at professor Bentz’ and ate a little lettuce. In the p.m. I physicked my self. I did not go to supper, but went to Dr. Hoy’s. He was not home. Then I went to professor Bentz’. Mrs. Bentz made some sassafras tea and gave it to me. Late I was to regular prayer meeting. We had a good meeting. I feel some better now. 9:30 p.m. Fair weather – but so cool that we had fire for comfort.

Wed 5/24 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I still felt unwell, so I remained in bed until 9:15 a.m. I rested well last night. I did feel very sick today, and very weak. At 11 a.m. I went to the dentist’s to have some teeth drawn, but in consequence of my ailing he thought it advisable not to do so. I ate very little today. After supper I called to see Miss Lizzie Baker and also Rev. Mr. Yarick. From there I walked to Father Winter’s to get a drink of good water. I then returned to the seminary. I did not study or recite yesterday or today. Fair weather all way – still a little cool. O Lord, help me to bear up under my afflictions.

Thu 5/25 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night I had a fever again. I did not take breakfast in the morning. I rose at 8:15 a.m. I walked around in town some and called at Dr. Burg’s. In the a.m. I received some medicine from him. I took dinner at the boarding house, then went to brother Lepley’s and stayed there in the

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60 This could mean using a laxative, or just any medicine in general.
61 Simon Wesley Burg (1841-1885), a native of York County, read medicine with Dr. Charles Wilson in New Berlin, graduated from Philadelphia’s Jefferson Medical college in 1862, and practiced medicine in New Berlin until he died. He and his wife Ella Schoch are buried in the New Berlin cemetery.
p.m. and took supper with them. After tea I went to the seminary a short time, then returned to brother Lepley’s to stay all night with them. A fair and warm day.

Fri 5/26 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night I stayed at brother Lepley’s and took breakfast with them. After breakfast I went to the seminary a while, then went down town and received a letter from Father. I called at Mr. Vanvolzah’s, then called on Dr. Burg, then went to the boarding house. After dinner I went to the seminary. In the evening I attended Society. I stayed in the seminary all night but was very much disturbed by confusion.

Sat 5/27 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I did not rise till 7:30 a.m. Then Mr. J.M. Gebhart and I went to Buffalo Valley to see Mr. William Miller. From there we went to Mifflinburg and came home about 6:30 p.m. It was very warm the greater part of the day. I got very tired of my ride. I went to brother Lepley’s in the evening.

Sun 5/28 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night I stayed with brother Lepley’s. I felt quite unwell all day. In the p.m. I went to our S.S. but was compelled to leave ere it was out. I then went to Dr. Burg’s. From there I went to professor Bentz’ and stayed there a short time. Then I went to brother Lepley’s. This was a very warm day Fair weather – toward evening we had thunders and a little rain.

Mon 5/29 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night I was very restless and slept very little, consequently in the morning I did not feel well. After breakfast I went to the seminary and fixed up a little there. Then I went to brother Lepley’s for dinner. Toward evening I went to Dr. Hoy’s, then went to the seminary and packed my clothes and books – ready to start home in the morning. In the p.m. we had a gust and a little rain.

Tue 5/30 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night I stayed at brother Lepley’s. In consequence of not being well I left this place today for home. Captain Mitchell brought me to Middleburg, and from here he secured the service of a man who brought me to Fremont to Mr. Hockmaster’s. I took dinner here and in the p.m. Mr. Hockmaster brought me home. I arrived here about 2 p.m. In the p.m. I took a short nap. I felt very much wearied of my ride. I had on the over coat coming home. It was a little cool all day and very much so in the morning. O Lord, in as much as thou hast spared me to come home again help me to serve thee faithfully and earnestly.

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62 David Mitchell (1828-1904) was a lifelong resident of New Berlin and is buried in the town cemetery. He had been a captain in the Civil War, and in later years he appeared in uniform as a staple at town Memorial Day and Flag Day celebrations.

63 John Hockmaster (1843-1917) is buried in the Susquehanna Mennonite Church Cemetery between Fremont and Port Trevorton. His obituary mentions no relatives and states that he lived with the William Shafer family.
Chapter 7 – Beginning May 1876
Early Home-stay for the Summer

Wed 5/31 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I rose at 6:15 a.m. I rode to town with Mr. Bottiger, but walked back. I got very tired. I received some medicine from the doctor. I called to see brother Hertz. The p.m. I spent at home, took a nap, and sat around to rest. This evening I feel very fatigued. In the a.m. it was cloudy a while – the remainder of the day, fair. It was quite cool all day.

Thu 6/1 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I rose at 6:15. I stayed about home all day. I felt good except for a little head ache I have. I am also very weak yet. I am not strong enough to study, hence time seems very long to me. O Lord, help me now to muse upon all thy goodness and mercies. Help me to see thee in all thy greatness and beauty. Assist me to appreciate thy great goodness. From day to day help me to grow up in thee, my living head. There was a little cool wind all day, hence in the shade it was cool but the sun shone very warm.

Fri 6/2 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. After breakfast I went to town with Father and returned with Mr. Roush. The remainder of the forenoon I spent at home. Very much of the time I felt tired, hence I slept a good part of the a.m. The p.m. I spent at home too. It was very warm today. Toward evening it commenced to thunder and continued until in the night. After dark it rained pretty heavy. I could eat a hearty supper and feel greatly encouraged this evening.

Sat 6/3 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. In the a.m. I also took a nap. I spent all day about home. In the p.m. Mr. William Kaltrider and his wife came to see us. Fair weather in the a.m. In the p.m. it soon commenced to thunder and continued to do so, and rain, until in the night. It was very warm all day. The ground is well soaked now. In the p.m. I studied my S.S. lesson. O Lord, assist me in my daily duties.

Sun 6/4 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. In the a.m. I went to Richfield, where the U.B. had preaching. The p.m. I spent at home. Toward evening I took a walk. In the evening I attended preaching at the Pine church. Rev. Geist, a U.B. minister, preached and they had communion. I also communed. It was very warm today – and sultry in the a.m. In the p.m. we had thunder gusts and some rain. Late in the evening it began to get cool. I feel pretty strong now again. Toward evening I especially enjoyed myself spiritually.

Mon 6/5 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. After breakfast I took a short nap. In the a.m. Father and I went to Mr. John Lauver’s. We drove our colt. In the p.m. we drove him to Mr. Bottiger’s, then we returned and I soon went to town. I met

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1 Jonathan Bottiger (1837-1901) is buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery.
2 Conrad Groff Geist (1818-1883) was a semi-retired member of the East German Conference who lived in Pillow, Dauphin County, but assisted as needed on both sides of the Susquehanna. His daughter Henrietta married United Brethren preacher Jacob Runk (1835-1915).
Mr. M.S. Winey,\(^3\) a friend of mine, there. I called to see grandma Basom. I also purchased material for a suit of clothes at Rhine & Graybill’s store, then took it to brother Hertz’ to have it made. I returned home about 6:30 p.m. The air was quite cool all day. It was a little cloudy the greater part of the time. Mr. Henry Snyder from the West stayed with us last night.

**Tue 6/6 – Richfield, Pa.** I rose at 8 a.m. I passed the time today in studying my S.S. lesson and reading – as much as was advisable for me now. In the p.m. I tinkered a little about the house. I felt middling well all day. In the evening I felt very tired. Fair weather all day – but quite cool, especially in the shade.

**Wed 6/7 – Richfield, Pa.** In the morning I stayed in bed until 9:30. I received a letter from brother A.W. Bower in the morning. I did not do much today as I did not feel well. Toward evening I read a little. In the p.m. I went to town with Brother Jacob [Basom]. In the evening I attended and led prayer meeting. Fair weather all day.

**Thu 6/8 – Richfield, Pa.** Today I went to Mr. Christian Lauver’s\(^4\) with Angeline [Basom]. I returned near night, then went to town to Brethren (River)\(^5\) preaching. Fair weather and warm.

**Fri 6/9 – Richfield, Pa.** In the morning I rose at 6. At 8 a.m. I started and went to East Salem. I took dinner at Mr. Custer’s. In the p.m. I called at the East Salem school house, from there to Mr. Harley’s – at which place I took supper and in the cool of the evening went to East Salem. Messrs. Custer and Winey’s ladies made ice cream in the evening, so I ate some. I stayed all night at Mr. Custer’s. This was a warm day. In the p.m. it rained a little here. I enjoyed this day.

**Sat 6/10 – East Salem, Pa.** I rose at 4:40 a.m. I stayed at Mr. Custer’s last night. I felt quite unwell last night, so it detained me from sleeping. In the a.m. I called to see Messrs. Cross, Kurtz and Rev. Landis. At 9 a.m. Mr. King and I

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\(^3\) This may be Michael S. Winey (1847-1877), originally from nearby Evendale, who married Frances Rannels [Reynolds] in December 1874. They both died young and are buried in Old Church Hill Cemetery, Port Royal. His exact relationship to the other Wineys is not known.

\(^4\) Christian Lauver (1795-1881) was the father of Henry’s sister-in-law Angeline Lauver [Mrs. Jacob] Basom. The 1897 *Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of the Juniata Valley* states in part: “Christian Lauver was born in Fayette Township and received there a fair German and English education. He spent his early life on the homestead farm, after which he purchased a large tract of forest land, the home of wild animals, and by hard work, made of it a dwelling place for himself and his family. Building a log house and barn, with the assistance of his sons, he cleared the land. A fine stone mansion soon replaced the log house; he planted extensive apple and peach orchards, and in a few years had made the recent wilderness one of the finest and most productive farms in the Township. He subsequently sold the homestead farm, and purchased a property near Browns Mills, where he died. He was a Whig, and subsequently a Republican. He held various Township offices, including those of supervisor and school director. He was a prominent and consistent member of the United Brethren church, and was highly respected.”

\(^5\) The River Brethren are the Brethren in Christ denomination, but there was no known congregation of that group in the Richfield area in 1876.
went to Thompsontown where the Methodists had quarterly meeting. I attended
the preaching of the sermon – after which I went to Mr. Patton’s and had a talk
with Alice,\textsuperscript{6} she now being in trouble about her soul. In the p.m. we set to East
Salem. I ate at Mr. Winey’s at 1:30 p.m. I then called at Mr. King’s. Toward
evening I went to Cross Roads to Mr. Frey’s. In the evening Miss Mary and I
went to E.S.L.S. In the p.m. it was gusty.

Sunday 6/11 – Cross Roads, Pa. Last night I stayed at Mr. Frey’s. In the
morning I rose at 5:45. In the a.m. we went to the Cross Roads school house to the
Dunkard meeting. From there I went with Rev. Kepner’s and took dinner with
them. In the p.m. Rev. Kepner and I went to Mr. Frey’s. At 4 p.m. I started for
home and arrived there a little ere sunset. I drove very slowly. In the evening I felt
very much fatigued. It was very warm all day. In the p.m. it was a little cloudy.

Mon 6/12 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 9:30 on account of not feeling well and
needing rest. In the a.m. I went to town. In the p.m. I read a while and helped
Father to butcher a beef. It was very warm all day. In the p.m. we had gusts – not
very much rain here.

Tue 6/13 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:30 a.m. After breakfast I fixed a little
at home, intending to visit some of my uncles, aunts and my grandma Shaffer. On
account of the rain I did not go. In the a.m. I rode the colt to town, taking some
news there. Part of the day I spent in reading the \textit{Messenger} and studying
scripture. Toward evening I walked to town on an errand for Ma. I also called on
the doctor and received some medicine. Last night it rained a little, and in the a.m.
a little. In the p.m. we had a gust and middling heavy rain. All vegetation is
thriving finely now. O Lord, help me to live right.

Wed 6/14 – Richfield, Pa. At 6:45 a.m. I rose and spent the greater part of
the day reading the \textit{Messenger}. I read a very effective piece entitled “The Baby.” I
received a letter from D.S. Lepley today. It was cloudy a while in the morning,
but fait the remainder of the day. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in the
Pine church.

Thu 6/15 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7:15 a.m. First I shaved and took a bath.
At 10:30 a.m. brother Morris and his family came to our place. In the p.m. I rode

\textsuperscript{6} The 1870 census show a 16 year old Alice Patton, daughter of John and Susan Patton, living in
the area.

\textsuperscript{7} Peter G. Shelley (1862-1938) is the son of the previously mentioned John S. Shelley. Both
father and son are buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery.
our colt to town. I did not feel very well today – had pain in my right side. Last night it rained a little – and at different times during the day. It was very changeable and stormy. Toward evening I went to Maneval’s store and purchased cigars for brother Morris. It continued raining and is still raining and storming now at 10 p.m. It is also stormy and a little cool.

Sun 6/18 – Richfield, Pa. At 6:50 a.m. I rose. The a.m. I spent at home. At about 10:30 a.m. I brought Annie and her family to our house – who took dinner with his. Immediately after dinner Rev. Morris and his family left our place for home. At 2 p.m. I attended the U.B. prayer meeting at Pine church. Then I went home and read a while. Last night it rained. Today it rained until about 1 p.m. it cleared off. About 5:30 p.m. we had a gust and some rain – middling clear again in the evening. It was a little cool all day – and stormy.

Mon 6/19 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5. Then Father and I went to Mr. S. Winey’s and Mr. Graybill’s to fetch a beef and a sheep. The remainder of the a.m. I spent at home. In the p.m. I rode our colt to town, then went home and we butchered. In the evening I went to Mr. Rohrbaugh’s on an errand for Pa. Foul weather a great part of the day. It was quite cool last night and this morning. Today John Zimmerman was taken to jail for stealing.

Tue 6/20 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:30 a.m. I got ready and started away at about 9:30 a.m. I took dinner at Mrs. Crater’s, then called at Mr. A. Page’s to see about cattle for Father. Next I stopped to see Mr. Cyrus Carvell who is sick now. Next I stopped at Mr. Kerchner’s, then I went on to Mr. John Shelley’s where I took tea and intended to stay all night. Fair weather the greater part of the day – a little cool. About 6:30 p.m. we had a thunder gust – not much rain here.

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8 The 1877 atlas shows C. Maneval an G. Houthworth living just a few properties north of the Basoms, along with what appears to be a store with the names “Houthworth & Maneval.”
9 This may be Henry’s sister-in-law Angeline Lauver [Mrs. Jacob] Basom who lived next-door – although he usually refers to her as Angeline.
10 The 6/28/1876 Juniata Sentinel and Republican, page 3, reported that “John Zimmerman was lodged in jail a few days ago on the charge of breaking into the store of Rhine & Graybill, at Richfield, and taking therefrom clothing and sundry other articles amounting to the sum of about $53.” The 9/13/1876 edition of the paper, page 3, reported that he was found guilty of the crime and sentenced to 30 days in the county prison.
11 Abel Page (b. 1853) was a second cousin to Henry (b. 1849). Abel’s mother Rachel Frances (Fanny) Basom Page (1821-1900) was a first cousin to Henry’s father Samuel Basom (1821-1898).
12 Cyrus Peter Carvell (1850-1928) was a brother to the previously mentioned William H. Carvell. He was born in Snyder County and died at his home in Thompsontown, where he was a highly respected citizen. His 1928 obituary lists him as a member of the Lutheran church, in which cemetery he is buried, but he appears as a regular contributor in Methodist records of the early 1900’s.
13 This John Shelley (1821-1894) was the son of John Shelley (1786-1849) and Catharine Snyder, and he was married to Mary Graybill (1828-1904), daughter of Peter and Hannah Graybill. He is not to be confused with other persons named John Shelley living in the area at the time.
Wed 6/21 – Cocolamus, Pa. Longest day of the year. I rose at 5 a.m. After breakfast Miss Lizzie Shelley and I took a walk to Mr. Smith’s orchard and got strawberries to eat. On our way back we stopped a short time at Mr. John Leister’s, then went on. I stopped a while at Mr. Hunt’s and Lizzie went home. At 11 a.m. I went to Mr. Shelley’s again. I felt a little tired from my ramble. At about 1 p.m. I left Mr. Shelley’s and went home. I arrived at about 3:30 p.m. It was cool all day – and a little stormy. In the evening it rained a little. In the evening I attended prayer meeting at Pine church.

Thu 6/22 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. Mr. John Snyder stayed with us last night. The carpenters are working at our place now. I wrote a letter to Mr. Sharon in the morning, then went to town to the post office, then back and to Mr. Foster Winey’s and to the steam sawmill on an errand for Father. Immediately after dinner I assisted to raise some lumber on our barn, then took a short nap, then helped to butcher a beef. After tea I went to the steam sawmill for some shingling lathes and came home at twilight. In the a.m. it sprinkled a little at different times. I did not feel well today in my bowels.

Fri 6/23 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. After breakfast I helped the carpenters a while at the barn. The greater part of the remainder of the day I spent in reading. After supper I went to town to fetch a lounge. I took brother Jacob’s Minnie [Basom] along. In the p.m. I took a nap. In the evening I received a letter from Mr. Sharon. It was a little cloudy part of the day. It was also pretty warm. O Lord, direct me still higher. Lead me near to thee.

Sat 6/24 – Richfield, Pa. I rose At 5:30 a.m. Early I read scripture a while. At 8 I commenced drawing shingles on the barn for the carpenters and continued until noon. In the p.m. I took a short nap, read a while, and shaved and washed. After supper I went to town, called at brother Hertz’ and Mr. Peter Graybill’s. From the latter place I went to Pine church where brother Smith preached. It was not very warm until toward evening.

Sun 6/25 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. After breakfast I read a while. At 8 a.m. I went to town to S.S. and taught a class. From S.S. I rode to Pine church with brother Teats, where I attended prayer meeting. In the p.m. at 2 I attended preaching in town. Rev. Donat preached. Afterward I went to Mr. George

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14 Elizabeth Shelley (1860-1935) is the daughter of John Shelly and Mary Graybill. In 1881 she would marry Banks W. Kauffman (1857-1932) and raise a family of four children. Although both Elizabeth and Banks were of Mennonite heritage, they united with the Lutheran church. And are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery in Mifflintown.

15 William Wilson Sharon (1831-1914) was a resident of Fayette township, Juniata County – i.e., in the Cocolamus area which Basom had recently visited.

16 Foster Winey (1850-1928) was born in Snyder County moved to Michigan about 1880 and died in Ludington MI. Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix.

17 Peter S. Graybill (1826-1903) is buried in the Cross Roads Mennonite Cemetery.

18 Willoughby Donat (1841-1920) of the Reformed Church was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College (1869) and the seminary in Lancaster (1872). He was a brother to German Reformed pastor Wilson D. Donat (1851-1931).
Mitterling’s and stayed there until 6 p.m., then attended singing in town. At twilight I went home. This was a fair and very warm day – gusty toward evening.

Mon 6/26 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. After breakfast I went to town for nails, then went on the barn roof and drew up shingles until noon. I was then fagged out, so that I could not work in the p.m. After dinner I took a nap, then did some turns for myself. After supper I helped to butcher a beef and did some redding up at the barn. Today I worked the hardest of any day yet in the new year. It was very warm all day.

Tue 6/27 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. and worked at the barn a while before breakfast. After breakfast I red up at the barn, drew up shingles, and went to town for nails until noon. In the p.m. I made trenches in the garden and Mother planted celery. At 3 p.m. I redressed and read until supper time. After supper I went to town for the news. In the p.m. we had gusts and some rain. It was very warm.

Wed 6/28 – Richfield, Pa. At 6 a.m. I rose. After breakfast I read in the Messenger a while, then covered (shaded) our celery – after which I went to my room and studied and read. I took a nap in the a.m. At noon I went to Mr. Shirk’s for my sisters and Angeline [Basom], who picked cherries. In the p.m. I went to Mr. Roush’s mill on an errand for my parents. In the evening I attended prayer meeting. Ere 12 noon we had gusts and it was gusty all p.m. – and we had heavy rains. Part of the p.m. I spent reading. Very warm today.

Thu 6/29 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. In the morning I read until about 8½, then Father and I went to Mr. A. Page’s for a beef. The same was very wild and stubborn to bring home. We both led it. I was very tired. At 2 p.m. we came home. After eating I went to town on an errand for Father, then home and rested a while. At 5 p.m. I helped to butcher a beef. In the evening I was very tired from my day’s work. Foul weather most all day – some rain in the p.m.

Fri 6/30 – Richfield, Pa. In consequence of feeling tired from my previous day’s labor, I rested till late a.m. The p.m. I spent in reading and studying my S.S. lesson. After supper I helped to butcher a beef. It was pretty warm again today. We had no gusts today. Fair weather – toward evening it got cool. O Lord, assist me in serving thee as I ought. At the close of ½ of the year I can truly say that I have made some spiritual progress. God help me to double my steps the future part of the year in thy service.

Sat 7/1 – Richfield, Pa. Rose at 6½ a.m. Read a while in the morning, then went to the barn, cleaned and red up until 2½ p.m. Then I washed, shaved and dressed. Rev. Morris came to our place at 6:30 p.m. After supper I went to town on an errand. I returned, then went to Pine church to preaching. Brother Morris

19 George S. Mitterling (1839-1924) was president of the Juniata Valley Mutual Aid Society when it was incorporated in Richfield in 1881. He later moved his family to Fremont NE, where he is buried.

20 Abel Shirk (1846-1924) was a second cousin to Henry (b. 1849). Abel’s mother Elizabeth Basom Shirk (1817-1892) was a first cousin to Henry’s father Samuel Basom (1821-1898).
preached from I Timothy 4:16. It was very warm all day. Toward evening it thundere
d but did not rain here. O lord, help me to live close to thee now and forever.

Sun 7/2 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. I read, studied and sung a while in
the morning. Rev. Brother Morris stayed with us last night. At 8:30 a.m. brother
Morris and I started and went to Daniels church where he preached at 10. He
preached a good sermon. I felt good. After services I went home with Miss Sallie
Martin and took dinner there. At 4:30 p.m. I started home. We had one gust ere
noon and several in the p.m. – not much rain. In the evening while Sister Jane
[Basom], Mother and I were singing on our porch, I felt very happy in my God.
God help me. Very warm today.

Mon 7/3 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 ½ a.m. Last night we had heavy
thundering and rains and almost constant lightening for a while. All day it was
pretty stormy – but fair weather. In the a.m. I wrote letters. In the p.m. I went
to town to the post office, also called at brother Hertz’ and Grandma Basom’s – then
went home and read. Toward evening I went to Maneval’s store to see Mr. Daniel
Amey. 21 It is now 9:15 p.m. I will soon retire. God bless me and help me ever to
aspire higher.

Tue 7/4 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. This notable day, the 4th of July
and One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence I celebrate as
follows. I read scripture until 9 a.m., then I went to the hay field and worked there
until 3½ p.m. Then I was very tired from the heat of the day. I then rested until
after tea, when Mr. Peter Graybill and I hitched and drove our colt single. It was
very warm all day – fair until noon, when it commenced to thunder. At 3½ p.m.
we had a pretty heavy shower. In the evening it was clear again. Now at 9½ p.m. I
will retire. God bless me.

Wed 7/5 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. After breakfast Father and I
hitched our colt, Charlie. I got on the buggy to drive him. He ran off for me
against a tree, broke the buggy, and threw me out. I was hurt on my left shoulder
externally and internally at the head. I went to bed and was up only a short time
un the evening. I fainted several times during the day. Foul weather most all day –
gusts in the p.m. Thanks to thee, O God, for keeping me amid eminent danger.
In the p.m. we had a few hail.

Thu 7/6 – Richfield, Pa. In consequence of my sores, and being fainty and
dizzy, I stayed in bed until 11:45 a.m. I then rose and stayed up until now – 10:45
p.m. I will soon retire. I kept moving a little in the p.m. and felt middling good.
After supper I rode to town. After I came home I went to Maneval’s store and
purchased some liniment. Fair weather – a little cool.

Fri 7/7 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. I kept moving about the greater
part of the a.m. In the p.m. I took a nap. After supper I walked to town to the post

21 Daniel Amey (1839-1903) was born in Juniata County, married Elizabeth Rumfelt (1831-1915),
and died in Richfield. This surname appears to be an Anglicization of Emig/Emigh. Mrs. Amey is
buried in Neimonds Church Cemetery, but Daniel’s grave site remains a mystery.
office and rode home with Mr. David Swartz Sr.\textsuperscript{22} I did feel very dull all day. It was quite warm – especially toward evening, and in the night. At about 9½ it thundered but did not rain here. O Lord, anoint this season of discouragement. Be thou my solid comfort.

Sat 7/8 – Richfield, Pa. In consequence of the heat and not feeling well, I slept very little last night. I rose at 7:30 a.m. In the a.m. I kept about the house and in the shade as much as possible – and did not expose myself to much confusion - and so in the p.m. until about 2:30. Then I went to Mr. R. Gordon’s and got shaved. I then returned when we had visitors – Mrs. J. Watts\textsuperscript{23} from the West and Mrs. Boyd, formerly H. Watts\textsuperscript{24} After supper I took these ladies to town to their home. In the p.m. it thundered but did not rain here. It was exceeding warm all day. Tonight I feel pretty good – great improvement.

Sun 7/9 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 4:45 a.m. After breakfast Mother and I went to Mrs. Joseph Shaffer’s\textsuperscript{25} funeral at Grubb’s church. Rev. Mr. Samuel Winey\textsuperscript{26} preached the sermon. From the funeral we went home with Uncle Amos Shaffer’s and took dinner with them. In the p.m. we stayed there until 5:30 p.m. we started and went home. We came home at twilight. It was very warm all day and I very sensibly felt the effects of it. We had no gusts today.

Mon 7/10 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. After breakfast I went to Mr. Michael Rumfeld’s\textsuperscript{27} and Mr. Solomon Lauver’s\textsuperscript{28} and returned about 10 a.m. At noon I went to town to the post office and on an errand for Father. Last night we had a gust and some storm, but not much rain here. About 1¾ p.m. it thundered pretty heavy here but did not rain. Toward evening another gust arose and it rained pretty heavy. It was exceedingly warm all day. I felt quite unwell the greater part of the p.m. O Lord, help me ever to trust in thee.

\textsuperscript{22} David Walter Swartz (1822-1911) was a neighbor. His son David Lauver Swartz (1855-1935) had a different middle name [in each case the middle name being the maiden name of the mother], but they were distinguished by the designations senior and junior.

\textsuperscript{23} Catherine Winey (1816-1892) married John Watts (1808-1889). They are buried in the Cross Roads Mennonite Cemetery. She was the sister of the previously mentioned Daniel G. Winey. Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix.

\textsuperscript{24} Hanah Shup Watts (born c1831) was a sister to John Watts and married a Mr. Boyd.

\textsuperscript{25} Susan Harrold Shaffer (1835-1876) was married to Joseph Shaffer (1825-1901), a first-cousin to Henry’s mother Melinda Shaffer Basom and to Henry’s uncle Amos Shaffer.

\textsuperscript{26} Samuel Winey (1822-1882) was a prominent Mennonite preacher and bishop. He married his double first-cousin Sarah Winey (1827-1867). Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix for his relationships to the other Wineys in the diary.

\textsuperscript{27} Michael Rumfeld (1821-1903) and his wife Margaret (1826-1902) are buried in St. Peter’s Reformed cemetery in Monroe township, Juniata County. He is a brother to Elizabeth Rumfeld, wife of the previously mentioned Daniel Amey. This surname is also rendered Rumfelt.

\textsuperscript{28} This could be one of two persons: Solomon A. Lauver (1851-1928), of the Mennonite faith and buried in Neimonds cemetery in Monroe township, Juniata County, or Solomon Lauver (1827-1904), a first-cousin to Henry’s sister-in-law Angeline Lauver Basom. While the latter matches the age of Henry’s first callee, he moved to Illinois at some point and may have already been there in 1876.
Tue 7/11 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7½ a.m. The a.m. I spent in reading and studying the S.S. lesson of last Sabbath. In the p.m. I sat about in the house and did not feel well. I also went to Mr. Daniel Amey’s toward evening. After tea I worked in the garden. Foul weather a great part of the day. Toward evening we had a gust but no rain here of any account. In the evening I unhitched for Father. I still feel the effects of my fall very sensibly, hence am at times much discouraged. 10:15 p.m. – I retire.

Wed 7/12 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. After breakfast I worked in the garden a while. The middle part of the day I spent in reading. In the p.m. I worked in the garden a while again. After tea I went to Mr. William Winey’s for celery plants, then home and assisted Mother to plant them. It was quite warm all day. In the p.m. we had a gust but very little rain here. In the evening I went to prayer meeting. In the evening Brother Thomas Basom [Basom] came home. I have not seen him for several years.

Thu 7/13 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7 a.m. In consequence of the heat I could not sleep last night. After breakfast I worked in the garden a while, then read. In the p.m. I went to town and purchased some goods. After supper I helped to butcher a beef and worked in the garden a while. In the p.m. we had a few gusts – not much rain until evening it commenced pretty steady and rained until in the night. I felt good today. My head is getting better slowly.

Fri 7/14 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. In the a.m. I worked in the garden at my celery. In the p.m. I first worked at the hay. After tea I worked in the garden until twilight. Last night it rained a while. In the morning it was cloudy until almost noon. The greater part of the p.m. it was clear. In the evening it got cloudy again and rained a little at twilight. I worked hard all day, hence now at 9:30 p.m. when I am ready to retire I am tired. O Lord, help me ever to rest it thee.

Sat 7/15 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I rose at 6. All a.m. I worked at my celery. After dinner I dressed and at 2 p.m. went to town to meet the school directors of Monroe township. In the morning we had foul weather a while, then it cleared off and the sun shone fair the remainder of the day. The state of the atmosphere was greatly changed today. It was warm but still not near so far war, as formerly. In the evening I attended preaching in the Pine church. Brother Morris preached.

Sun 7/16 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. Brother Morris stayed with us last night. In the morning he and I went to Sabbath School at town. From there we went to Pine church where we had communion. We had a good and profitable meeting. Quite a number of friends stayed at our place for dinner. At 4 p.m. I left

29 William G. Winey (1837-1910) is a brother to the previously mentioned Samuel Winey. Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix. He is buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery.
30 Thomas Basom (1859-1885) died 24 days after his 26th birthday and is buried at Shelley’s Cemetery [a.k.a. Brick Mennonite Church Cemetery] near Richfield. Where he had been for the past several years is not stated. He apparently never married.
home and went to Cross Roads. Fair weather all day and pretty comfortable – for several days and nights now it has been cool.

Mon 7/17 – Cross Roads, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. Last night I stayed at Mr. Frey’s. At 7½ a.m. I started here and went to East Salem and stopped at Mr. Custer’s. I had my horse put away, then went to Mrs. Guyer’s. I here had a chat and Miss Ella favored me with some instrumental music. At 11 a.m. I returned to Mr. Custer’s again and took dinner here. In the p.m. I called at Mr. Samuel Schlegel’s. At 1½ p.m. I left East Salem and went to Macallisteville. I called to see Mr. Sharon, Mr. Smith, J. Harley, and Mr. and Mrs. Wealer. At the latter place I took supper. At 6:45 p.m. I left here and came home at 9¼ p.m. Warm day and fair weather. Last night it was pretty cool.

Tue 7/18 – Richfield, Pa. Rose at 5½ a.m. Last night Brother Morris stayed with us. I did the feeding and work in the morning, then hitched up for Rev. Morris. The I went with Brother Jacob [Basom] to bring a load of hay from Mr. Derr’s. In the p.m. Jacob and I hauled in one load of hay for Father, then I read a while. At about 3½ p.m. brother Miller and his son William came to our place. It was quite warm all day. Toward evening we had a heavy thunder gust and heavy rain.

Wed 7/19 – Richfield, Pa. My Birthday. In the morning I rose at 4:45. Rev. brother Miller and his son William stayed with us last night, so William and I were up late last night. In the morning they took an early start. I attended the funeral of Mr. Ephraim Graybill’s twin babes at 9 a.m. at town, Richfield. Rev. Morris preached a good sermon from Revelation 7:17. In the p.m. I took a nap and spent the remainder of the time in reading. In the evening I attended prayer meeting at Pine church. It was well attended and we had a good meeting. In the morning it was cloudy a while but soon cleared off. It was quite warm all day. God bless me now.

Thu 7/20 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 4:45 a.m. At six I started and went to Mr. Sander’s, near Troutman’s store. I returned near noon. In the p.m. I went to Richfield, then went to see Mr. Hoot. I then returned home and made some preparations for going away. After tea I helped to butcher a large beef, and in so doing I broke the crystal on my watch. It was quite warm today. After about 5 pm we had gusts till night – some rain also.

Fri 7/21 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. At 7½ I left home and came to Millerstown with Mr. Hoot. At 12 noon I left for Brother Jerome’s [Basom] at

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31 David W. Miller (1832-1904) had served the local Port Trevorton charge 1870-72 and was now (1875-77) serving the Middleburg charge.
32 William H. Miller had been a student at Union Seminary 1872-73, while his father was assigned to Baltimore circuit.
33 Ephraim C. Graybill (1842-1912) was born in Richfield where in 1874 he established the Monroe House – that town’s last known hotel. He is buried in the Glendale Cemetery, Middleburg. His parents David Graybill (1821-1903) and Matilda Hendricks Graybill (1820-1884) are buried in the cemetery where the Pine church stood.
34 Troutman’s store was likely in Aline, Snyder County – home to serval Troutman families.
I stopped off at Harrisburg. I purchased a straw hat. At Landisville I had to wait one hour. At about 4½ p.m. I arrived at Manheim and met Brother Jerome and family all well. After tea we played croquet a while. In the evening we went to Mr. Mengel’s and walked in town. Last night and all day it was pretty cool.

Sat 7/22 – Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa. I rose at 6:15 a.m. In the a.m. Brother Jerome and I went to the barber shop and had my hair cut – I also received a shave. In the p.m. we were to Mr. Shreiner’s. I also studied my S.S. lesson and several times played croquet. In the evening Brother Jerome and I attended preaching at the U.B. church – the presiding elder preached. Fair weather today.

Sun 7/23 – Manheim, Pa. I rose at 6:45 a.m. At 9 brother Jerome and I attended S.S. at the Evangelical church. In the p.m. we attended a meeting at the creek, where the U.B. baptized. At 6 p.m. we attended a children’s meeting on Market Street. I also spoke to the children. In the evening I attended service at the Lutheran church. Last night it rained, and also at several times during the a.m. It was quite cool during the day.

Mon 7/24 – Manheim, Pa. At different times I helped to play croquet. I also did some reading, and Brother and I walked round in town. I did not feel well for several days. This was a fair day – cool all day.

Tue 7/25 – Manheim, Pa. I rose at 6:45 a.m. I called at one of the stores in town today. In the p.m. Brother and I called at Mr. Shreiner’s. I did some reading today – also helped to play croquet. In the p.m. we had a thunder gust and some rain. In the evening Brother and I went to the Evangelical church where a good German sermon was preached.

Wed 7/26 – Manheim, Pa. At 6:45 a.m. I rose. After breakfast I went to the barber’s and had a shave – also purchased a razor. Then I went to the Evangelical ministerial convention. In the p.m. I attended the S.S. convention which opened at 1½ p.m. After supper I played two games of croquet, then I went to the post office, then to our church to children’s meeting. Last night it rained some. Today we had fair weather. In the p.m. it was pretty warm again. I did not feel very well today. I retired at 10:45 p.m.

Thu 7/27 – Manheim, Pa. In the morning I rose at 10:45. In the morning I studied at a sermon a while. During the day I studied my S.S. lesson and read some. I also played several games of croquet. In the evening Jerome’s wife and

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35 Last year Jerome lived in Elizabethtown.
36 The United Brethren congregation in Manheim has an interesting history. In 1876 they were worshiping in their second building – a brick structure erected in 1868 that proved to be beyond their financial means. In 1883 they erected a frame building a short distance to the south, and the brick building for many years was the Manheim town hall. In 1911 they dedicated their fourth building, a brick structure at East High and South Main Streets. The congregation is now Salem United Methodist Church, in their fifth building at 140 N. Penn Street.
37 The Evangelical Association congregation in Manheim became United Evangelical in the 1894 denominational split and then Evangelical Congregational in 1922 when it joined most of its sister congregations in not participating in the denominational reunion.
children and I called to see Mary’s sister Mrs. Miller, also Mary’s parents. Last night it was quite cool – also cool during the day. It is remarkable how cool it is for the time of the year. I have felt well all day. O Lord, evermore bless me with thy presence.

Fri 7/28 – Manheim, Pa. I rose at 6:45 a.m. At 9:12 a.m. Brother Jerome, Minnie and I left Manheim. We stayed at Landisville for dinner. At 11:42 a.m. we left and Minnie stayed at Elizabethtown. Brother came on to Middletown. I came to Deiblers Station\(^{38}\) where I met brother George W. S. Wenrich. I came with him to his present home, Mrs. Reeser’s.\(^{39}\) I arrived there at about 4:30 p.m. Sometime in the afternoon it commenced raining and rained until almost night, then cleared off and the sun shone fair. I felt tired of my trip when I had completed it. I had a pleasant chat with brother Wenrich. We retired at about 11 p.m.

Sat 7/29 – Paxinos,\(^{40}\) Northumberland County, Pa. Brother Wenrich and I rose at 6 a.m. Early in the morning Mr. Walmer, a friend of brother Wenrich’s, came here. I did a little reading and studying in the a.m. I also shave and washed. I did not feel well in the a.m. as I felt very dizzy. In the p.m. I was alone a while and prepared a sermon. At 3:30 p.m. Rev. George Wenrich and brother Walmer and I left here and went to one of brother Wenrich’s appointments. We drove about 13 miles. We stopped at Mr. David Malick’s.\(^{41}\) We arrived at about 6:30 p.m. and soon got supper. The weather was fair until about 4:30 p.m. it got cloudy. I enjoyed the ride in the p.m. through the country very much. We observed an abundance of berries in the woods and apples, etc. in the orchard.

Sun 7/30 – Lower Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pa. I rose at 6:15 a.m. I stayed at Mr. David Malick’s. At about 9 a.m. it commenced and rained all day. We left brother Malick’s and came to Malick’s church\(^{42}\) and attended S.S. By request I spoke to the school. At 10:30 a.m. I preached for brother Wenrich at this church. I preached from Romans 12:1 and got along pretty

\(^{38}\) Deiblers Station is in Shamokin township, Northumberland County, near Snydertown. The railroad followed the Susquehanna River from Harrisburg to Sunbury and the went due east to Deiblers Station. Before turning south and passing through Paxinos on the way to Shamokin.

\(^{39}\) The widow Harriet (nee Krigbaum) Reeser was born in Snydertown in 1822. Her husband David M. Reeser had been a local preacher for several years and was killed 6/22/1864 in the battle at Petersburg. The local U.B. class met in Resser’s school house and the Upper Augusta M.E. church until erecting their own building about 1870. Named Pleasant Hill church but known locally as Resser’s church, it was destroyed by a tornado in 1883 and replaced soon after.

\(^{40}\) Paxinos was the name of the United Brethren circuit G.W.S. Wenrick served 1875-79, but the home in which he was living was near Snydertown and not in Paxinos.

\(^{41}\) David R. Malick (1831-1904) was a trustee of Malick’s church and is buried in the Malick church cemetery.

\(^{42}\) This building was erected in 1847 about 5 miles southeast of Sunbury in Lower Augusta township near the community of Mile Run and officially named Mt. Zion United Brethren church – but it is commonly referred to as Malick’s church. The building and contents were sold at auction in 1947, and only the cemetery remains.
well. After service we went along with Mr. John R. Malick.\textsuperscript{43} We stayed with him for dinner. At 3:30 p.m. we left for brother Wenrich’s present home. I felt very good after preaching. While going to Mr. Malick’s all the time it was raining. In the p.m. it was most [unclear], for I got wet going home. We arrived at 6½ p.m. Mrs. Reeser called us to supper at 8 p.m. On our trip yesterday and today the folks treated us very well.

Mon 7/31 – Paxinos, Pa. I enjoyed a good night’s rest last night and rose at between 6 and 7 a.m. After breakfast brothers Wenrich, Walmer snd I had a short chat. At 9 a.m. brother Walmer left for Harrisburg (home). I then wrote part of a letter. Brother Wenrich slept a while in the a.m., then we had a social chat. In the p.m. we had a short talk. At 3:35 p.m. I left here and came to Northumberland by rail. From there I came in the coach to New Berlin with Mr. Snyder and several students. I enjoyed the ride through the country. We arrived at New Berlin at about 7:30 p.m. I took supper at brother Lepley’s. I called at the post office, then brother John Craul and I went to professor Bentz’ where we intended to lodge. In the a.m. it rained a while, was cloudy until almost night, then cleared off.

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This is one of the few Evangelical church building existing in the time of the diary of which we have a photograph. The village of Fremont is now known as Mount Pleasant Mills. The church stood two blocks north of the town square, on the right side of the road, at a site now used as an off-road parking space for large trucks. When the 1894 denominational split divided the congregation, the Evangelical Association maintained control of the building, known locally as “The Dam Church.” Beginning in 1894, the congregation was served by the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association, and it was one of the few area Association congregations to survive until the 1922 denominational re-union. Services were discontinued about 1930, and most of the members transferred to the United Brethren congregation, now Emmanuel United Methodist. The building was sold to Rev. Oscar G. Martin, who used the lumber to erect a shed that still stands on the family property one mile north of town.

\textsuperscript{43} John R. Malick (1820-1897) was a brother to David, also a trustee of the church, and also is buried in the Malick church cemetery.
Chapter 8 – Beginning August 1876
Fall Term at Union Seminary

Tue 8/1 – New Berlin, Pa. Brother John Craul and I slept at professor Bentz’ last night. We rose at 5½ a.m. and came to D.S. Lepley’s, our boarding place, and took breakfast at 6 a.m. After a short chat we came to the seminary and commenced fixing up. My chum Mr. Isaiah Burry soon arrived and we proceeded to fill our chaff tick, clean our carpet, tack it down, etc. After we were done, in the p.m., I shaved and washed and read a little in the Messenger. After supper Messrs. Leonard¹ and I walked in town. I called to see Mrs. Snyder. In the evening I wrote a letter to Pa. Fair weather the greater part of the day – and pretty warm.

Wed 8/2 – In my room at New Berlin, Pa., room No. 6. I rose at 5:15 a.m. At 6 we went to breakfast. After we ate our meal we elected new officers.² I was elected president; John F. Craul, vice-president; Mr. Dunkleberger, treasurer; Mr. Goodman,³ secretary. After breakfast I read a while but was frequently interrupted by visits. At 9 a.m. we had chapel service, then proceeded to classify the school – after which I had an appointment to meet and speak with some mates. In the p.m. we met a short time in school. After tea I spent a short time at brothers Miller and Rathfon’s. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in chapel. I enjoyed it. We had a good meeting.

Thu 8/3 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:30 a.m. Today we commenced our recitations. I did not study much at my lessons. At noon Mr. Leonard and I took a walk through town. After supper I read the Messenger a while and studied a little at Greek. At about 7 p.m. I took a short nap in consequence of not feeling well – I had a sore throat today. In the evening brother Gutelius⁴ and I went to prayer

¹ Eugene Philip Leonard (1854-1927) from Markelsville, Perry County PA, was one of the Leonards. He was licensed by the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association in 1878 and transferred to the Des Moines Conference in 1882. The other appears to be Horace E. Leonard, and there may have been a third, but attempts to identify others listed in the Union Seminary catalogs as biological brothers to Eugene have not been successful.
² “We” are those male students, organized as per custom into a financially accountable group, taking meals with the Lepley family.
³ William R. Goodman (1851-1918) from Sugar Valley, Clinton County PA, went on to become a medical doctor. He had studied medicine with a doctor in Loganton before attending Union Seminary, then taught school and continued studying medicine a few more years before entering Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and eventually returning to practice medicine in Loganton. He married a Miss Anna McCloskey and their son Lee McCloskey Goodman (1881-1945) followed family tradition and educational practices of the day by completing grade school in Loganton, studying three terms at Union Seminary (by then named Central Pennsylvania College), graduating from Lock Haven High School, and going on Bucknell University.
⁴ James Peter Gutelius (1854-1937) from Mifflinburg moved to Kansas about 1880 where for years he was a farmer and entrepreneur. He was a well-known auctioneer for 32 years and was quite a showman, making faces and acting up during his sales. He went into the Evangelistic field after being converted in 1913 and became a popular minister in Oklahoma known as “the converted auctioneer.” He died and is buried in Oklahoma.
meeting. We had a good meeting. I was richly blest. Glory to God. I will now retire at 10:10 p.m. Cloudy all day, Toward evening it commenced raining.

Fri 8/4 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. – however I had intended to rise earlier, but on account of not feeling well I did not rise early. I tried to study but on account of not feeling well I could not study well. At 11 a.m. I began to feel well. In the p.m. I felt very much encouraged in my studies. I labored hard today to increase our membership in Society. After supper I went to the shoemaker and to professor Bentz’. In the evening I attended Society. I was elected president. In the a.m. it was cloudy a while – but soon cleared off and got warm.

Sat 8/5 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5. After washing, we swept our room. Then I went to the post office and received my news and purchased coal oil, then returned to the seminary – after which we went to breakfast. After breakfast I went to the Excelsior Hall and red up a little there, then returned to my room and transcribed the Society minutes of last term. I kept pretty close at it until about 2 p.m., then I finished a letter, then washed and shaved. Then I went to tea – after which my chum and I took a stroll through the woods eating berries and reading. Then I returned and went to the post office. It was very warm today.

Sun 8/6 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m., then dressed and got ready for breakfast. After breakfast we sung a while in our room. I also studied my S.S. lesson and called at Rev. Smith’s. From there I went to the union S.S. From the union S.S. I went to the Lutheran church where I listened to a good sermon. The sacrament was held here. I communed and found it a great measure of grace for me on this occasion. In the p.m. I attended our S.S., then returned and read a while. A little ere supper I did not feel well and thought I could not eat, but I could eat a hearty supper and then felt better. I think the heat had only overcome me. In the evening I attended meeting in our church. Brother Smith preached. It was extremely warm all day – fair. In the p.m. it thundered but did not rain here.

Mon 8/7 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m., studied a while, then Mr. Goodman and I took the wash to Mrs. Snyder. Then I went to breakfast. After breakfast I studied pretty hard. I recited pretty hard and recited well. In the evening I wrote a letter to brother Wenrich. This was a very warm day. In the p.m. we had thunder gusts and some rain. Fair weather today.

Tue 8/8 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5:15, then studied German until breakfast time. My studies were somewhat mixed up today, but I recited well. After school I transcribed Society minutes a while, then read scripture – after which I attended prayer meeting in the chapel. Then I went to my room. Brother Gutelius, some others and I talked religion. Then we reopened our prayer meeting. We had it in room No. 8. Fair weather all day – and it was quite warm too. I enjoyed the services of the evening. God be always with me. Amen.

Wed 8/9 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. Before breakfast I studied my Latin Grammar lesson. I studied pretty hard all day and recited middling well. After tea I called at Mr. King’s store. From there I called at Rev. brother Smith’s and had a talk with him. Then I returned to the seminary and studied hard until 9
p.m. when we had our prayer meeting in the Neocosmian Hall. Fair weather all day. In the morning it was cool, but during the day it was quite warm. O Lord, assist me in my studies and help me to serve thee faithfully.

Thu 8/10 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. Before breakfast I studied my Latin Grammar. I studied hard during the day and recited middling well. After supper I wrote at a composition a while. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in our church. The room was well nigh filled. We had a good meeting. Rev. Morris was there too. After prayer meeting I attended our worship in the Excelsior Hall. Fair weather all day – cool in the morning, but warm during the day.

Fri 8/11 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. I was kept very busy during the day in as much as I had to write or finish writing my first essay for this term – besides I had all my lessons to study. After dinner we swept our room. After supper we played base ball a while. In the evening I attended Society. I was installed as president and presided for the first time. In the a.m. it was cloudy a while, then got clear. It was quite warm all day. I felt quite well.

Sat 8/12 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:30 a.m. I went to the post office before breakfast, then after breakfast I selected a text to preach from. I spent the greater part of the day in preparing my sermon. Aft er dinner I called at the shoe maker’s shop, at Mr. Gephart’s, Rathfon’s and professor Bentz’. After supper brother Craul and I went to brother A. Eyers, from there we went to brother Berie’s where I preached from Micah 6:8. I got along middling well. To God be the glory. It was quite warm all day. In the a.m. it was cloudy a while – soon cleared off. In the p.m. we had gusts. I will now retire at 10:45 p.m.

Sun 8/13 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. After breakfast I took a short rest, then read a while. At 10 a.m. I attended preaching at our church. Professor Baker preached. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. I taught a class. After S.S. brother Hartman and I started to Winfield. We stopped at brother Buskirk’s and took supper with them, then we went to the church where I preached from Micah 6:8. I felt first as though I could not preach, but God strengthened me and I felt well. After service we came to New Berlin. I came to my room at 11:45 p.m. Fair weather. Very warm.

Mon 8/14 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:35 a.m. After breakfast I helped to take the wash to Mrs. Snyder, also called at Mr. Walter’s, then returned to my room and put away my clothes. Then I took a nap until chapel time. I did not have my lessons well prepared today. After supper I studied a while, then I went to town to meet the stage. Brother Hollenbaugh came tonight. In the evening I attended our prayer meeting in the Excelsior Hall. Fair weather all day, and quite warm.

Tue 8/15 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:30 a.m. I did not get anything studied before breakfast. After breakfast I commenced studying. I was very drowsy the greater part of the day and did not enjoy much of a studying hour. In

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5 This surname should be Van Buskirk, common in Union County. There are four Van Buskirks buried in the old Eyer Cemetery in Winfield, and a Palmer Van Buskirk was on the building committee for the second (present) Winfield Evangelical church building dedicated in 1906.
the evening between the close of school and supper I studied my Latin Grammar for the following day. After supper I studied diligently until prayer meeting time in the chapel. I then attended it; we had a good meeting. I enjoyed much of the spirit of Christ. Fair weather – very warm. At about 7:30 p.m. we had a shower of rain. After study hour I went to the post office.

Wed 8/16 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I studied hard after breakfast. I felt pretty good all day. After chapel I studied my Latin Grammar. After supper I called at Mrs. Snyder’s and visited at professor Baker’s. At 9 p.m. we had our worship in professor Bentz’ room. In the morning it was a little cool, but soon got warm again. In the evening I suffered from the effect of the heat. In the evening I received a letter from Rev. Wenrich. I do not now enjoy myself so very much in secret. God help me now.

Thu 8/17 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I studied pretty hard during the day. I did not recite very well. After supper I tried to memorize a declension. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in our church and enjoyed the exercises. After prayer meeting we had worship in the Neocosmian Hall. It was quite warm all day. O Lord, give me daily thy spirit.

Fri 8/18 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I studied pretty hard all day. Most all day I was a little mad since I had to prepare a declension – but I did prepare it and recited it best of any yet. After supper I called at Mr. King’s store, also at Mrs. Snyder’s and Mr. Mitchell’s. I attended Society on the evening and enjoyed the exercises. After Society I went to the post office. Fair weather all day – and warm.

Sat 8/19 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. I shaved before breakfast. Last night it commenced raining and continued raining until almost noon or about noon. In the a.m. I took a nap and read some. I had intended to start away to camp meeting early in the morning, but owing to the rain we did not go until about 1 p.m. The camp meeting was held in the Berger’s woods, Snyder County, Pa. I enjoyed part of a sermon in the p.m. and prayer meeting. In the evening brother Shortess preached but was interrupted by rain. I enjoyed very much the service of today. O Lord, bless me.

Sun 8/20 – Camp Ground, Snyder County, Pa. I rose about 5 a.m. I got my meals today here on the ground. I enjoyed the following reverends’ discourses: Revs. Krause, Smith, Bentz, Morris and Dice. I also attended prayer meeting in the morning and in the evening – and during the intervals we sang some. In the evening there were four or five penitents forward. We had a good meeting. I left camp about 10:30 p.m. and arrived about 11 p.m. I came with Captain Mitchell.

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6 This may be Simon Berger (1826-1910) who lived near Globe Mills and later moved to Kansas, where he died and is buried.
7 Samuel Irvin Shortess (1834-1910), father of previously mentioned student Thomas A. Shortess, served Marysville 1875-77.
8 Abraham Krause (1823-1893), father of previously mentioned student James B. Krause, served McClure circuit 1876-77.
9 Levi Dice (1842-1928) served Mifflinburg circuit 1876-78.
Fair weather all day – a little cool, so much as to render it comfortable. In the p.m. I did not enjoy as much of the spirit as I mostly do.

Mon 8/21 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose about six minutes before six a.m. After breakfast I called at Mr. King’s store, also at the post office. I did very little studying today as I felt tired and sleepy yet from camp meeting. After supper I read scripture until night, then studied my Caesar lesson. Then brother Swengel and I went to the post office. I also called at Captain Mitchell’s. Fair weather all day – and pretty cool. Tonight it is almost too cool to be without fire. We had worship in room No. 3.

Tue 8/22 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. and shaved before breakfast. Soon afterward I went to camp meeting again. I stayed until in the night. I attended class meeting in the a.m., then brothers Dice and Krause preached. Presiding elder Kohr\(^\text{10}\) preached and we had communion. I also communed. Toward evening we had prayer meeting. In the evening brother Shortess preached. I arrived at home about 12:15 a.m. Fair weather and pretty cool.

Wed 8/23 – New Berlin, Pa. In consequence of losing sleep for several nights, I refused breakfast in the morning and slept until 8:15 a.m. I did not get much studying done, consequently did not recite well. I did not feel very well. After tea I called at professor Bentz’ and at Mr. Gephart’s. Fair weather today – and pretty cool. I do not feel very lively spiritually now. God help me.

Thu 8/24 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:30 a.m., then went to the post office before breakfast. I studied diligently the greater part of the day. After supper I wrote an essay. I attended prayer meeting at our church in the evening. At 9 p.m. we had worship in room No. 1. Fair weather today – and pretty warm. O Lord, let me glory in thee only.

Fri 8/25 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5:45 a.m. I studied diligently after breakfast until chapel. At noon I criticized my essay and rewrote some of it. After supper I talked Society with Mr. Myers\(^\text{11}\) and some of our Neocosmian boys – they came almost getting me in earnest. It was very sultry most all day – a little cloudy part of the time, rained very [hard] in the morning. About as it was getting night, a heavy gust arose and it rained a good bit – also thundered hard. In the evening we had the ladies invited to Society.

Sat 8/26 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5:45 a.m. I went to the post office before breakfast and received a letter from Father. I finished posting the Society minutes, read scripture and History of the Reformation. We also swept our room and washed off some of our furniture. In the p.m. I wrote a letter to M[other], shaved and washed. After supper I called at Mr. Dreisbach’s, at Miss Maggie Walter’s. Then Messrs. Burry, Swengel and I went to the cookery, then we went to the seminary – after which Mr. Burry and I went to Mr. Carl’s, the

\(^{10}\)Emmanuel R. Kohr (1824-1894) was superintendent of the Carlisle District 1876-1879. A native of York County, he was licensed in 1844, retired in 1891, and served a total of 23 years as a district superintendent.

\(^{11}\)Jacob P. Myers from Warren PA (per the Union Seminary catalog) is otherwise unknown.
Irish-man, for peaches. In the evening we went to the post office. It was cool all day – fair weather. 10 p.m. – I will now retire.

Sun 8/27 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:40 a.m. I did not go to S.S. in the morning, but studied the lesson and read scripture until 10 a.m., then attended service in our church. Professor Bentz preached. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. – the remainder of the p.m. I read. At twilight brother Burry and I took a walk, then I went to our church where brother Binkley preached. Fair weather all day – and cool. I enjoyed a pleasant Sabbath. I kept busy.

Mon 8/28 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. and studied my Latin Grammar until 5:45. Then brother Burry and I took a walk yet before breakfast and spelled on the way. I studied diligently during the day. At noon I took a nap. After supper I read a while, then studied. At about 8:30 p.m. brother R. Jones brought a citron to our room and we devoured most of it. At noon I called at Miss Agnes Dreisbach’s. From there I went to Miss Maggie Walter’s and brought a flower stock along to the seminary. In the evening the boys put up our flag. In the evening we had worship in room No. 8. Fair weather – cool.

Tue 8/29 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. I studied a while at my Theology before breakfast, then I took a walk. I studied diligently today and succeeded well in my lessons. At noon we spelled a while in the yard – after which I took a nap. After supper I read scripture a while. In the evening I attended our regular prayer meeting in chapel. There was a good feeling prevalent in our meeting. I did not enjoy so much of God’s special nearness for some days. After prayer meeting I went alone in the camp and prayed. God help me right early. Not so very cool fair until toward evening it got cloudy.

Wed 8/30 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. I studied a while before breakfast and kept at studying pretty constantly all day. At noon I shaved and took a nap. I could have my mind on God pretty constantly today. I now earnestly long to get nearer thee. Help me, O Lord! After chapel Mrs. Dundore and Jacob Longacre were in my room a short time. I studied until 8½ p.m., then the brothers Jones came to my room and we talked a while. At 9 I attended worship in brother Gebhart and Gingerich’s room. Fair weather the greater part of the day. Bless me O Lord, with thy nearness. 10 p.m. – I retire.

Thu 8/31 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:25 a.m. I kept myself diligently at studying today and succeeded well in my studies. At noon I took a nap. In the evening I attended service at the U.B. church. Rev. Hershey preached. I enjoyed

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12 Henry uses this term again later in the diary. The “camp” appears to be clump of trees on the seminary grounds.
13 Jacob S. Longacre (1839-1894) lived in the Port Trevorton area. He is buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Verdilla, Snyder County, and his death was the ultimate result of injuries received in the Civil War.
14 Wellington Gebhart and Nathaniel Gingerich were identified earlier. These roommates were both from the community of Zion, in Centre County.
15 The only known U.B. preacher named Hershey in the area at this time was Eusebius Hershey who had served Union circuit 1850-52, but he is probably not one Basom heard. Eusebius had left the denomination in 1859 and was living in Rebersburg, Centre County, as part of the
all my duties of the day and felt well. After supper I wrote a letter to Father. Fair weather all day – and it was most uncomfortable warm to study today. It was quite warm in the evening. In the evening we had service of worship in C. Rooke’s room.

Fri 9/1 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. I took a walk before breakfast. It was quite warm today, so much so that I could not study well – part of the day feeling dizzy. I had good lessons, save Greek. In the p.m. we had philosophical experiments instead of declensions. After supper I washed some stockings. In the evening I attended Society and very much enjoyed the exercises. We had thundering most all day – and rain a great part of the p.m.

Sat 9/2 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I rose at 5:45. First in the morning I swept my room and red up the room. Afterward I shaved and washed. Mr. N. Cornelius was in my room a while. Then at 10:30 a.m. I called to see Rev. Yearick. From there I went to Miss Agnes Dreisbach and Maggie Walter and got some flowers from them. I then returned to my room. In the p.m. I first took a nap, then wrote a letter to brother George Wenrich. Afterwards I studied Greek a while, then went to tea, then returned to our room and studied Caesar, then went to professor Bentz’. At 8:30 p.m. I returned to my room and prayed to God for instructions. Fair weather all day – stormy and cool.

Sun 9/3 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. After breakfast I read scripture and studied the S.S. lesson until time for S.S., then I attended at the union school. From here I went to our church to prayer meeting. The room was well filled. I went there with a high expectation and strong determination to enjoy a good meeting – and we had a very good meeting. I think all were richly blessed. I was greatly strengthened. The meeting lasted till 12:30 p.m. At 2 I attended our S.S. – after which I called to see Rev. Yearick. I wrote a letter to Father today. In the evening I attended preaching in our church. Rev. Smith preached. Fair weather all day. God help me now to watch.

Mon 9/4 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. I felt very drowsy after breakfast, as I did not sleep very sound last night. I took a nap at noon. I felt good for studying in the p.m. and kept pretty close at it. In the evening Mr. Bennett cut my hair. I went to meet Mr. Yearick in the stage in the evening. In the

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16 Charles Morris Rooke (1861-1945) of Winfield owned and operated, from 1887 to 1908, a company to manufacture and distribute lime. When he died in 1945 he was Winfield’s oldest living resident. He was the son of prominent Winfield physician and entrepreneur Dr. Levi Rooke (1826-1907).

17 Howard Newton Cornelius (1855-1947), son of Milton G. Cornelius, was a nephew to the previously mentioned Gideon Cornelius.

18 Peter Y. Bennett of Winfield was a fellow-student. He was an older student, born about 1852.

19 Ursinus William D. Yearick (1858-1899) was born in Centre County, but the family was currently living in Hilltown, Bucks County, which is given in the catalog as his home town. He was a brother to Rev. Zwingli Yearick. He died in Lancaster, reportedly of typhoid fever.
evening we had worship in brothers Bliem\textsuperscript{20} and Weidenheimer’s\textsuperscript{21} room. It was quite stormy most all day and pretty cool. Foul weather. In the p.m. at 5 p.m. we had a pretty heavy shower of rain. I felt good in the Lord today.

Tue 9/5 – New Berlin, Pa. Last night I did not have a very satisfactory sleep, hence I did not rise until 5:45 a.m. I felt well to study today, save in the p.m. I had a little headache. After tea Mr. Burry and I took a walk, then returned and did some spelling. At 6:30 p.m. I attended our regular prayer meeting in chapel. Rev. Detwiler led the meeting. I enjoyed the presence of the Lord in the meeting. After meeting we studied Caesar and I studied my Analysis. Fair weather all day. Some folks began cutting corn fodder here today. This was the coldest day for this season.

Wed 9/6 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. and studied diligently all day until after supper. I could not succeed well – Society spirit spoiled my studies again in the evening. After supper I called at Dr. Vallerchamps’s and at Mr. Berie’s, then returned to the seminary – from where brother Gutelius and I went back of the seminary in the fields and had a good prayer meeting. In the evening we had worship in room No. 8. It was cool today. Some of the boys had fire. Toward evening it got cloudy and soon after 6 p.m. it rained a little. H.S. Basom

Thu 9/7 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. and studied my German before breakfast, then went to the post office. I studied diligently all day. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in our church. After meeting brother John Jones and I called at Dr. Vallerchamp’s. Foul weather all day – at several times it misted today. At about 9:30 p.m. it commenced raining.

Fri 9/8 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:10 a.m. I tried my best today to study but on account of the Society I was some confused. After supper I called at Mr. Mowery’s, then Mr. Yearick and I went to Mr. Gebhart’s, and from there to Society. We had pleasant times. In the morning it rained a while – soon cleared off and got warmer again. In the evening we had worship in our room. I read a letter from home in the evening.

Sat 9/9 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. After breakfast I attended to some miscellaneous matters. At 8 a.m. I went to Dr. Vallerchamp’s to get my teeth fixed. I was there until 2:45 p.m., I then went to my room and washed, shaved and took a bath. In the evening I wrote a few letters, read scripture a while. At 7:15 p.m. I went to bed and napped until 10, then went to worship in room No. 5. Fair weather all day – and middling cool. I realized today that God was with me. Bless me now, O Lord.

Sun 9/10 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. After breakfast I studied my S.S. lesson, then went to brother Swengel’s room and sang a while. Then I went to the union S.S. I opened the school there. After S.S. I went to our church. Brother Smith preached. After dinner I studied the S.S. lesson and then brother

\textsuperscript{20} Milton Jacob Bliem (1860-1928) of Lehighton, Carbon County PA, entered Lafayette College the following year and went on to become a physician and surgeon.

\textsuperscript{21} Frederick Alexander Weidenheimer (1859-1921) of Lehighton, Carbon County PA, was born to parents who immigrated from Germany. He is buried in Washington County KS.
Gebhart and I took a nap on our bed – after which I went to S.S. (Evangelical). After school I read scripture till tea – after which I made fire, then went to our church to prayer meeting. Foul weather all day. At about 9:30 a.m. it commenced raining and rained almost incessantly until in the night. It was cool today.

Mon 9/11 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 4:30 a.m. and studied several of my studies until chapel time – after which I went to the teachers’ examination at the town hall. Messrs. John Craul and J.M. Gephart were examined. At 2:30 p.m. I came to school again. I recited only Greek today. After school I studied again. It continued to rain last night and rained slowly most all day. It was cool. We had fire today, and it was necessary for comfort. In the evening we had worship in room No. 4. Now 9:45 p.m. – it is still raining.

Tue 9/12 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. I succeeded middling well in my lessons today. After dinner I called at Dr. Vallerchamp’s. After supper I called at the students’ rooms to solicit Rev. Smith’s salary. In the evening I attended our regular prayer meeting in the chapel. Brother Dunkelberger led. In the morning it rained yet, but during the a.m. it cleared off. The sun did not shine long today.

Wed 9/13 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. I studied diligently today, but seemed to be behind in my studies all day. At noon and in the evening I called at Dr. Vallerchamp’s. I took a nap at noon. Fair weather all day. It was not very cold. We still had fire for comfort. I studied hard in the evening. We had worship in room No. 3 in the evening. O Lord. Aid me in my daily duties. Help me to be a faithful Christian. Amen.

Thu 9/14 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. I studied diligently all day. At noon I took a nap. We had thunder gusts in the a.m. and p.m. It also rained pretty heavy a great part of the day. In the evening we had worship in room No. 2. Miss Cobel came to school today. I succeeded well in my recitations today. O Lord, assist me in my duties.

Fri 9/15 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. and went to the post office before breakfast. In the morning brothers Gingerich and Gebhart left for home. I had good lessons today. At noon I took a nap. In the p.m. we had essays on the subject “Cleanliness.” In the case of Mr. Binkley it was comical. After chapel we cleaned our room. In the evening we had the ladies to Society and had lively exercises. Foul and fair weather today…well – fall weather. The ground is well soaked now. In the evening we had prayer meeting in room No. 1. The Lord blessed our meeting. O Lord, help me to pray.

Sat 9/16 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. In the morning I called at Dr. Vallerchamp’s, Mr. Shiffard’s, and Mrs. Snyder’s. I spent the remainder of the a.m. in reading. In the p.m. I wrote a letter, then we went out to the woods and had a good prayer meeting. In the evening I called to see Miss Lizzie Baker, our preceptress. Fall weather today. In the evening it rained very little. It was pretty cool all day.

22 The printed Union Seminary catalog for 1877 identifies this student as Lizzie J. Cobel of New Berlin, but the copy available at the conference archives has “Bellefonte” hand-written in as the home town. She is otherwise unknown, but she will prove to be a major player in Basom’s diary.
Sun 9/17 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. We had rain and storm almost continuously all day. This is an equinoctial storm for certain. In the evening the storm was so violent that we (students) did not venture to go to church, but in its stead we had prayer meeting in brother Burry’s and my room. We had a glorious meeting. In the a.m. I attended union S.S., preaching at the Reformed church, and prayer meeting a while at our church. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. The remainder of the day I spent in reading. I enjoyed myself very well in the service of my Lord today. 8½ p.m. – it is quite stormy yet.

Mon 9/18 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:15 a.m. I studied my Analysis before breakfast. After breakfast I studied some of my other lessons. In consequence of Miss Lizzie Baker going away, and her substitute not yet having arrived, I heard her classes today. I enjoyed this labor. In the evening we had worship in brother Holdeman’s room. This was very unpleasant weather – very little sunshine in the morning, rain storms during the day, cool. Last night the storm tore down one of our trees in the camp. The water is high now.

Tue 9/19 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. There was not very much study spirit in me today. I got my lessons middling well. After supper we (the students) assisted Mr. B.F. Winter to raise a willow tree the storm lately tore down. From there I went to Dr. Vallercamp’s, then back to the seminary. In the evening I attended our regular prayer meeting in the chapel. I did not enjoy as much of the presence of God as I should like to. Fair weather the greater part of the day. It was necessary to have fire for comfort.

Wed 9/20 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. I studied German before breakfast. I studied industriously today and had good lessons – save Greek. At noon I took a nap. I studied hard in the evening and succeeded well. Fall weather today – sunshine and foul weather. Toward evening the weather moderated – so much so that we allowed our fire to go out. In the evening we had worship in [blank].

Thu 9/21 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. I studied industriously all day and succeeded well in my recitations. At noon I took a nap. I did not get any studying done after school. I read scripture a while, then went to our church to prayer meeting. I did not feel God as powerfully in church tonight as at some times, but I am satisfied. In the evening we had worship in brother Bennett’s room. I there felt very good. God, help me to trust thee fully. In the p.m. I bought a flower stalk (carnations). It was warm enough today to do without fire. Fall weather – some sun shine. Toward evening it got cloudy.

Fri 9/22 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. In consequence of being to prayer meeting last night I did not get any studying done – hence I had to study hard today. In the morning I came very near being bothered so much that I could not read Caesar at all. I succeeded pretty well in my lessons. After supper I stayed at our boarding pace a while and conversed with Miss Cobel. In the evening I

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23 An equinoctial storm is defined as “a storm of violent winds and rain occurring at or near the time of an equinox and popularly, but erroneously, believed to be physically associated with it.”
attended Society and enjoyed the exercises. After Society I went to the post office. Foul weather all day. It misted a little a short time. At 5 p.m. it rained a while. In the evening we had worship in room No. 17. I enjoyed myself spiritually today.

Sat 9/23 – New Berlin, Pa. I over slept myself in the morning – hence I did not arise until 6 a.m. After breakfast I read part of the tract “The Lord Is My Shepherd” received from a friend. At 8:30 a.m. I went to the dentist, Mr. Vallerchamp, and he worked at my teeth until 4:15 p.m. Then I returned to the seminary, washed and shaved. Then I went to supper. After tea I studied a little while. At 7:45 p.m. I called at professor Bentz’, from there I called at the post office, and on my way to the seminary I called to see Rev. Yearick. Then I went to the seminary and attended worship in room No. 11. Foul weather all day – rained a great part of the day. It was necessary for us to have fire today. Notwithstanding my treatment, I spent a pleasant day. God was with me.

Sun 9/24 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:30 a.m. After breakfast I studied my S.S. lesson and read scripture a while. Then I went to union S.S., from there to our church – where brother Smith preached. In the p.m. I attended our S.S. The intervening part of the day I spent in reading. In the evening we attended preaching at the Presbyterian church. Brother Jones preached from Revelation 3:20. It rained very nearly the whole day. It was not very cool. Shortly before supper I felt unwell. I spent a pleasant day in Christ.

Mon 9/25 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 4:45 a.m. and studied until breakfast time. Last night it ceased raining and cleared off. The sun shone brightly the greater part of the day. Toward evening it got cloudy. It was quite warm today for fall weather. We did not have any fire. At noon I took a nap. After supper I called at Rev. Mr. Smith’s and Dr. Vallerchamp’s, then returned to the seminary. After chapel, till time for tea, I spent my time in our hall reading religious tracts and communing with my God. I could not get along very well with my studies today and felt somewhat gloomy, yet it made my spiritual sky clearer – especially in the evening in worship in room No. 8. I felt good. God bless me now and evermore.

Tue 9/26 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. I did not feel well or encouraged to study again today, but in the morning I had sweet communion with Jesus in the hall and it helped me all along today. I want, and have tried today especially, to live nearer to Jesus. O Lord, help me to trust thee by the moment. After tea Miss Cobel and I took a walk. In the evening I lead prayer meeting in the chapel. We had a good meeting. I especially enjoyed it. I read the 16th chapter of Matthew. After prayer meeting I tried to study Caesar, but did not get much done. Last night and in the morning it rained a while, but a great part of the day it was clear – sunset, clear. Toward evening it got cold.

Wed 9/27 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at ten minutes ere six a.m. I studied diligently all day and succeeded well I all my recitations. After tea I stayed a while at the boarding house. I then went to my room and had sweet communion with Jesus. Then professor Bentz called me to the ladies room where I had a talk with professor and Mrs. Bentz. I then went to Mr. Gephart’s on business, then
returned – but ere I went I had a talk with Mr. Goodman on the subject “Religion.” I studied very little tonight. We had worship in our room tonight. I am very happy in Jesus now and have enjoyed very much of him during the day. Glory to God for it. Multiply the blessings. Lift me higher now – just now.

Thu 9/28 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I could not do much in studying today. At noon Mr. Burry and I went to Mr. King’s store. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in our church. I felt good there, but the power only came in worship in brother Goodman’s room. God powerfully blessed us in praying for our students. God help me to be fully thine – body, soul and all. Fair weather – cool.

Fri 9/29 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 4:45 a.m. and wrote my essay until breakfast time. I kept myself very busy until chapel time. After supper I took a walk until Society time. I then went to Society. After Society I returned to my room and the brothers Jones came to visit me. We had a talk until 10:30 p.m. Fair weather the greater part of the day – not cold. I felt the spirit of God with me today. O Lord, help me to trust thee in all things. At 11 p.m. I read the tract “Difficulties Concerning Consecration.” God help me to consecrate myself fully to thee.

Sat 9/30 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. After breakfast I went to my room a short time, then I called at Dr. Vallerchamp’s. From there I went to the country to Mr. Kohler’s25, from there I returned to professors Bentz and Baker and had a talk with them. I spent ½ hour in my room yet ere dinner. The p.m. I spent I doing some Saturday work and reading. In the evening I attended a holiness meeting at professor Baker’s. I enjoyed myself well ere I went there – middling well after, not as well as I should have liked to. Last night it rained. Fair weather most all day. I enjoyed the spirit of Christ today.

Sun 10/1 – New Berlin, Pa. In the morning I overslept myself, hence did not get up until the breakfast bell rang. After breakfast I stayed at the boarding house a while, then went to my room. At 8 a.m. Mr. Thomas Kohler26 came to my room, then he and I started and came to my parents’. I enjoyed the buggy ride. We arrived at home at noon. In the p.m. we went to town to prayer meeting. We took supper at Mr. P. Graybill’s, then Mr. Kohler took me to my parents’. Spiritually I did not enjoy myself very well – but in the evening, at home while having

24 “Difficulties Concerning Consecration” is a pamphlet by Robert Pearsall Smith (1827-1898) – a prolific producer of pamphlets on theology, hymnology, and other religious and devotional topics. In 1851 he married Hannah Whithall Smith (1832-1911), author of the 1875 classic “The Christian’s Secret of a Happy Life,” and in 1873 he went to England as an evangelist.

25 Simon Peter Kohler (1831-?) lived and farmed along Penns Creek, about 1 mile southeast of New Berlin. Henry knew the family. Simon’s father Andrew Kohler (1795-1869) had operated the Kohler mill adjacent to the Basom farm in Richfield and then retired to New Berlin. The Kohlers were active Lutherans – Simon’s brother John Kohler (1820-1878) and two of John’s sons became Lutheran pastors.

26 Andrew Kohler had a son Thomas (1836-1852), but he died at the age of 16. The exact place of this Thomas within the 10-child Andrew Kohler clan cannot be determined.
worship, I felt very good. In the evening I read most of “The Three Passovers.” Fair weather and cool. I thought very much of school – i.e., the students. Guard their welfare and keep me by the moment. Give me the faith of God. Amen

Mon 10/2 – Richfield PA. I rose at 5 a.m. Brother Jacob took me to town before sunrise. I took breakfast at Charles Pellman’s. I then called to see the new school house, then to see grandma Basom and Mr. Mitterling. Then I called at Mr. P. Graybill’s and met Mr. Kohler. We sang a while, then we went to my parents. At 11:30 a.m. we started for New Berlin and arrived here at 4:15 p.m. In meeting the students and teachers it seemed as though I could not leave. God direct me. In the evening I called at Mrs. Snyder’s and at Miss Maggie Walter’s. From there I attended Bible class. I enjoyed it very much. After supper I stayed at the boarding house a while. We had worship in room No. 8. Fall weather.

Tue 10/3 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. After breakfast I swept our room, then tried to study some until school time, but did not get much accomplished. I recited middling well during the day. After chapel service brother Yearick and I went to town and invited some of our Excelsior ladies to Society for Friday night, then same to supper. I stayed at the boarding house a short time after tea, then came to the seminary. We then exercised a short time in running. I did not get any studying done in the evening. In the evening I attended regular prayer meeting in the chapel. Brother Gutelius led. We had a calm but good meeting. I felt a calm resting in Jesus. After meeting I went out of the building a while, then returned at 9 p.m. and went to room No. 3. There a few of us started singing and praying and I could then fully give myself to Jesus. Jesus blessed us mightily and our meeting lasted until 11 p.m. We all felt good. I never before was so happy in Jesus. All doubts vanished. The world was all gone from my mind. My faith took hold of God. I believe I was powerfully blessed. God keep me.

Wed 10/4 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I had a sweet sleep in Jesus last night and all day I was full. I never before was so free from temptations as today. I either had none, or else I could quench them ere they were visible. I did not feel like studying today. At noon I went to town and called at several places, then took a nap. After tea Miss Cobel and I took a walk to the cemetery. I returned at 7 p.m., then studied a while. In the evening we had worship in room No. 2. Foul weather about all day – quite cool.

Thu 10/5 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I felt good to study in the morning. I could study and recite well today. After tea I stayed at the boarding house a while, then returned to the seminary and we had prayer meeting in room

27 “The Three Passovers, or, A Glance at the Church Militant” was a popular 1873 pamphlet whose author is identified only as E.H.P., the writer of several other contemporary religious pamphlets. Could this be Rev. Emory H. Porter, later rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Pawtucket RI?

28 Charles Pellman (1833-1904) is buried in the Cross Roads Mennonite Cemetery. He was a local school director, and Henry was making plans with him to begin teaching in the fall term. Mrs. Pellman, nee Barbara Graybill (1832-1923) was a sister to the previously mentioned Peter S. Graybill and the last surviving of the 11 children of Christian and Barbara Sausman Graybill.
No. 11. Charles Rooke was seeking religion. In the evening we attended prayer meeting in our church. I enjoyed it. We recommended brothers Hartman and Hollenbaugh for license. After meeting I returned to professor Bentz’, then to room No 11 where we had worship. A great part of the day it rained a little. I enjoyed myself well in Christ today.

Fri 10/6 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. Brother Strayer slept with me last night – chum was away. In the morning Messrs. Strayer and Bower left us. I did not get much studying done today, but recited middling well. After tea I took a short walk, then went to the seminary. We had a few prayers in brother Swengel’s room, then got ready for Society. The ladies were in Society tonight. We had a very large crowd. I very much enjoyed the exercises. I delivered my farewell address. This was a pleasant day to me. I felt happy in Jesus all day – especially in the evening in worship. My attention was arrested tonight by “Mercy Seat.” Foul weather most all day – rained a little. In the evening the sun shone a while. Jesus be ever with me.

Sat 10/7 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. After breakfast I called at Dr. Vallerchamp’s, King’s store, and brother Eyer’s and Rev. Smith’s. Then I returned to the seminary and read a little and did some necessary Saturday work. I went to the boarding house a little ere dinner and had a button sewed on my overcoat. At 1 p.m. brother Eyer and I went to Winfield, Pa., to quarterly meeting. The meeting was not well attended. Brothers Hartman and Hollenbaugh were recommended to conference for license. Brother Hartman and I went to brother Silverwood’s and took tea with them, then went to church to Winfield where

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29 Oliver F. Strayer (1859-1937) is listed in the catalog as being from “Mulberry” – a no longer existing post office in York County between Kralltown and Dover. He married local girl Anna E. Spahr of Dover in 1883, but moved around the country – living in Minneapolis MN 1884-92 and in Harrisburg PA 1892-30, where he operated a large hardware Store at 1220 N. Third Street. In addition to a large number of ads regarding the business, the following two items appear. (1) A 1912 ad in The Southern Planter reads in part: “Wanted – large farm or estate. I offer in exchange my hardware business, wholesale and retail; is now, and has been for thirty years, very profitable.” He is buried in Vestal NY. (2) An April 11, 1916, article in the Harrisburg Telegraph states: “BROTHER FIGHTS BROTHER IN APRIL COMMON PLEAS COURT Brother fought brother in legal battle today in April Common Pleas Court when Harry and Luther Strayer began an action against Oliver F. Strayer to recover $500 which the plaintiffs declare they paid to the latter in taking the option on the Strayer hardware store. Oliver F. Strayer conducted a big hardware business on North Third street and his two brothers offered to buy it. They contend that the price agreed upon was $12,000 and they accordingly paid $500 to bind the bargain. When the balance of the fund was to be paid over, Oliver, they alleged, boosted the price to $13,000. Incidentally, it is alleged that he refused to return the $500. The Strayer case was heard before Judge Rush Gillan, Franklin county, who is assisting resident Judge Kunkel this week.”

30 Mathias Silverwood (1818-1893) lived about 1 mile southwest of Winfield on what is now Felmey Road. He is buried in the Eyer’s Old Winfield Cemetery.
brother Kohr preached. After meeting brother Eyer and I went home with brother Kramer’s.  

Sun 10/8 – Winfield, Pa. Last night brother Eyer and I stayed at brother Kramer’s. We rose at 6:30 a.m. After breakfast I read a while. At 9 a.m. we went to Winfield to service and attended prayer meeting a while. At 10 a.m. brother Kohr preached from Micah 2:13. He preached – I think – a good sermon, but holiness was not on my mind. I felt happy and had sweet communion in my soul with God ere I partook of the visible emblems. I took dinner at brother Silverwood’s. In the p.m. I attended the children’s meeting here. I addressed the school. From here we went to Father Eyer’s and took supper here, then came to New Berlin. I then called at brother Lepley’s and then went to our church and attended prayer meeting. I came late. We had a good meeting – nearly all were happy. I felt the sanctifying influence. Quite cool all day – foul weather. Jesus keep me with certainty.  

Mon 10/9 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5 a.m. and read Timothy before breakfast. After breakfast brother Hollenbaugh and I took the clothes to Mrs. Snyder. Then I called at Dr. Vallerchamp’s and at the post office, then returned to the seminary. I did not have much time to study my lessons today. In the p.m. I passed the examinations pretty pleasantly. After tea I stayed at the boarding house and heard Miss Lizzie Cobel’s mental recitation. Then we went to visit Miss Lizzie Baker, and from there to the teachers’ meeting and had a profitable time. In the evening I attended worship in brother Bliem’s room. Fair weather all day – heavy frost last night. I enjoyed spiritual blessings today. God keep me ever.  

Tue 10/10 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I studied a little in the morning. In the a.m. we closed the exercises for the present term. After dinner I went to Mr. Yoder’s to help to carry a shanty, then returned to the seminary and filled out my reports – after which I took a short nap. Then I commenced reading Muller’s “Life of Trust.” Then I received a visit from Misses Cobel and Kramer. At 4 p.m. we met in the chapel and received our reports. After tea, I fixed up some in my room. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in the chapel and enjoyed the services. After meeting, Miss Cobel and I called at Miss Lizzie Baker’s to give her good-bye.  

Wed 10/11 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. and went to the post office before breakfast. Mr. Weidenheimer left in the morning. This was the day to classify the school, but I could not be present. I went to see Miss Lizzie Baker start in the morning, then called at professor Bentz’, The remainder of the day until 4:15 p.m. I spent at the dentist. The spare moments I employed today in

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31 This is believed to be Abraham Cramer, son of Mary McPherson (1782-1838) and Charles Cramer (1784-?), or one of his brothers. The Cramer and McPherson and Silverwood families in the Winfield area were related in multiple ways.

32 “The Life of Trust” is the autobiography of George Muller (1805-1898), whose faith and miraculous experiences of God’s provision in connection with his Ashley Down orphanage in Bristol still inspire believers today.

33 The Union Seminary lists this person as Annie E. Kreamer of Winfield.
reading Muller’s “Life of Trust.” After tea I called to see Miss Cobel’s room, then
we took a walk – also called to see Miss Long, then went to the Reformed
church to S.S. Convention. In the evening, worship closed just as I came to the
seminary. At noon I learned that I must go home. This matter I gave into the care
of God, but still it seems hard for me to submit. First snow today for the season –
fall weather today.

Thu 10/12 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. Soon after breakfast I went
to town and got a box to pack my books in. Then I went to Mrs. Snyder’s and paid
the remainder of my washing bill. Then I returned to the seminary and attended
chapel worship, then went to town and called to see Rev. Smith and Mr. Walter’s
family, Miss Wilson, Mr. Rathfon, Rev. Miller, Mr. Vanvalzah, Miss Agnes and
Mrs. Dreisbach. I spoke to Miss Agnes on the subject of religion. I also spoke
briefly to Mrs. Dreisbach – I could not resist doing so. I then returned to the
boarding house. After dinner I packed my things. After supper Miss Cobel and I
took a walk to the Indian Spring. In the evening we went to the Reformed S.S.
Convention. Fair weather all day – hard frost last night. 10 p.m. – I retire.

Fri 10/13 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I stayed at the boarding
place a while after breakfast, then returned to the seminary feeling very sad since
I must soon go home. I stayed at the seminary till 8 a.m., then called at Mr.
Mowery’s to give them good-bye. I took my second breakfast there, then I went to
Dr. Vallerchamp’s and at 2:30 p.m. the doctor finished my teeth. The we dined –
after which I called at Mr. Geanhart’s, professor Baker’s, Mr. Spitler’s, Rev.
Smith’s, I. Eyer’s. Then I went to the boarding house a while but did not eat
supper. I then returned to the seminary. I was cast down when I returned to the
seminary, but had to work for the Society – which renewed me. Then I attended
Society. After Society we went to the post office, then returned to the boarding
house. Fair weather all day. I enjoyed a pleasant day, and a very pleasant evening.

Sat 10/14 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. I called at father Winter’s
before breakfast to give them good-bye. I led worship in the morning. After
breakfast I stayed at the boarding house until the stage driver called me to go. I
reluctantly bade the folks here – Miss Lizzie Cobel, Miss Mowery and Miss Long
– good-bye. I then went to the seminary and bade the boys good-bye, then started
away. I stopped in town at brother Eyer’s, then started for home. I came in the
stage to Middleburg and remained at Mr. Bower’s until after dinner. At 12 a.m.
father came for me. We arrived home at 4½ p.m. I was cold. I then unpacked my
things. At 6 p.m., according to promise, I met my friend in prayer and we had a
good meeting. God blessed me. God help me at home. In the evening at 6:45 I
went to town and in one hour returned. Toward evening it got cloudy. In the
evening it rained a while. God help me now.

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34 The Union Seminary catalog lists this person as Sarah Alvilda Long of New Berlin. A notation by
her name states that she was later expelled.

35 Future entries in the diary determine that the friend is Lizzie Cobel, and that the two of them
had agreed to be in prayer “together” at 6 p.m. that evening even though they were in different
locations. Henry will continue to practice this strange phenomenon on occasion for over a year.
Chapter 9 – Beginning October 1876
Living at home, Teaching in Richfield

Sun 10/15 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. In the a.m. I went to town and attended service at the new U.B. church which was dedicated this a.m. Rev. Daugherty\(^1\) preached from John14:1-3. He preached a good sermon. I went with brother Hertz for dinner. In the p.m. I attended the children’s meeting – after which Rev. Weirich\(^2\) preached in the German language. After service I went home. I then spent my time in reading scripture and the “Life of Trust.” I spent this day middling pleasantly and thought frequently of the New Berlin folks. Last night it got stormy and cold. It was quite cold all day. God keep me.

Mon 10/16 – home, Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. After breakfast I did some turns about the house, then went to town to the post office and made some arrangements to go to the Centennial. I then returned home and finished unpacking and fixed up my books – which took me most all p.m. toward evening. I wrote a letter – or commenced to write one – to friend Lizzie Cobel. In the evening I helped Father a while to cut up meat. In the evening I wrote a while. I was very sorrowful in the evening. The reason why is improper to state here. I felt Jesus with me in great power. Jesus bears all my troubles. Help me to give them all to thee now.

Tue 10/17 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7 a.m. A read a while in “The Life of Trust” – after which I finished writing my letter to friend Lizzie [Cobel]. I then went to town. At noon I returned. In the p.m. I read a while, took a bath, and did some turns for myself. In the evening I went to town to the U.B. church to preaching. We had a good meeting. I felt the presence of God and felt that I was remembered by my school mates. Fall weather all day – not quite as cold as it had been for some time. O Lord, help me fully to trust, Go with me tomorrow. Keep me.

Wed 10/18 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 4:15 a.m. I first got ready for my Centennial trip, then read scripture a while. At 7 a.m. we started to Millerstown. At 10:45 we left here and arrived at the city of Philadelphia at about 4 p.m. We boarded at Mr. Borge’s\(^3\) and had good accommodations at $1 per day. I was at once directed to my room. Before leaving it I thanked the Lord for bringing me

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\(^1\) Joseph Brandt Daugherty (1826-1829) was licensed by the U.B. Church in 1856 and ordained in 1859. He served as superintendent of the Harrisburg District in the East German Conference 1875-1878. The published history of the church says the structure was “dedicated in haymaking time July 1876 by Rev. John Smith who became the first pastor.” July was probably the date of the first service in the building, and October the formal dedication. See the picture on page 144.

\(^2\) Joseph Weirich (1838-1923) was licensed by the U.B. Church in 1873 and ordained in 1876. He served the Middleburg circuit of the East German Conference 1875-78.

\(^3\) John Borge lived at 1232 Salmon Street, just a few blocks from the Delaware River – providing an invitation for Henry and his companions to walk to the wharfs. That section of Salmon Street has been replaced by I-95, and the Borge house stood approximately where the large intersection is now at the end of E. Girard Avenue and I-95.
here, requested him to help me that all I might see at the Centennial might help me to become better and that the Lord might thereby be glorified. Then, after taking a wash, we went to the wharf to see. I there saw for the first time ships. We took tea at 6½ p.m. My companions now requested me to go along to the theater, and in the evening when we were out in the city walking they wanted me to go along. I thought it wrong, refused, and went to our boarding place alone. At 8:15 p.m. I returned, then read Muller’s “Life of Trust” a while. At 9:45 I retired, feeling strong on Jesus. I very much enjoyed this day – meeting many acquaintances in the cars. God help me now to trust thee fully. Fair weather today. God help me to invest well my time.

Thu 10/19 – Philadelphia, Pa. Last night I enjoyed very good rest. I rose at 5:45 a.m. and took breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Soon after breakfast we went for the first time to the Centennial grounds. We first visited the Main Building. The first that there particularly engaged my attention was the scene representing the crucifixion of Christ. This scene made and left a deep impression on my mind. God help me to take it fully to heart. On my way to the grounds I came in contact with a lady on the street car – she was from Washington city. While we passed the Children’s Home and spoke of it, I introduced the “Life of Trust.” The lady never read it, but thinks it must be grand. Many things in the different buildings were attractive to me. At noon we got a lunch and rested a while, then proceeded on our walk again. In the p.m. I lost my company because we came to the scene where Christ was born. I saw all these things and they so much attracted my attention that I lost my company. At 3 p.m. I left the grounds and went to the boarding home. At 4:30 p.m. I arrived here. God bless the scenes of this day to my good. This was Maryland and Delaware day. I spent the evening reading Muller’s “Life of Trust.” Fair weather all day – not very cold.

Fri 10/20 – Philadelphia, Pa. I enjoyed good rest last night and rose at 6 a.m. At 8 a.m. we went to the Centennial grounds. We stayed in until about 1½ p.m., when we left and went to our boarding place and took a short rest. I then went to the book store and purchased “A History of England,” “Paradise Lost,” and “Life of St. Paul.” Then I went to the boarding home and took supper. In the evening I read “Life of Trust” a while, then we made out to start tonight for Harrisburg. I then slept a nap. At 11:55 p.m. we arrived in the depot and here waited until 1 a.m. we could enter the train. At 1:11 a.m. we started. I slept in

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4 The Main Building was at that time the largest building in the world by area, enclosing 21.5 acres, and dealt with mining, manufacturing, education and science. Exhibits from the United States were placed in the center, and foreign exhibits were arranged around the center based on the nation’s distance from the United States.

5 There were no specifically religious displays in the Main Building. The Mexican exhibit, however, included paintings by Mexican artists – most of which centered on religious themes, including the crucifixion. This could be to what Henry was referring. A similar comment likely applies to his later reference to scenes of the birth of Christ.

6 This building, officially the “Union School and Children’s Home” at 12th and Fitzwater Streets was erected in 1854 and added to in 1874. It is still standing and has been refurbished as the Fitzwater Lofts upscale condominium.
the train. At 5½ a.m. we arrived at Harrisburg and stopped at Mr. Landis’ hotel.\textsuperscript{7} It has been raining some during the night.

Sat 10/21 – Harrisburg, Pa. I had no regular time for sleeping last night – hence no regular time to rise. I took breakfast at Landis’ hotel, then went in search of brother Walmer. I could not find him. I went to the M.E. Book Store and purchased some tracts, then went to the barber’s and had my hair trimmed, then returned to the hotel. Then Mr. and Mrs. Mitterling and I went to Mr. Muffet’s where we arrived at 2:45 p.m. At this place I also slept a short time. From here I went to hunt up Mr. J.M. Landis. I soon found him. He took me to his home where I found all in a happy mood. I had a good chat – especially about old times with Sallie. In the evening Mr. Landis and I walked out a while. Foul weather and some rain and mist today. I enjoyed myself very well today. Lord, do thou richly abide with me.

Sun 10/22 – Harrisburg, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. In the a.m. Mr. Landis and I went to Grace\textsuperscript{8} M.E. church to preaching. Rev. Mr. Holmes\textsuperscript{9} preached an effective sermon from St. John 3:5. The sermon did me very much good. In the p.m. Mr. Landis, Mr. Bashore and I went to the cemetery and from there to the English Catholic church. God pity such people. I felt I had to see their performances. I saw their nuns. In the evening brother Gutelius and a friend of his came to Mr. Landis’ home and we had a good talk and prayer meeting here. I felt good in Christ. In the morning I went to the railroad intending to go home, but was too late for the train. I felt bad and was troubled first, but then soon collected my things and trusted in God that all would be for the better. Foul weather.

Mon 10/23 – Harrisburg, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. I soon after breakfast went to the depot and at 8 a.m. left for home – arrived at Millerstown at 9½ a.m. I there found Mr. P. Swartz at the warehouse and with him came home on the big wagon. At 4 p.m. I arrived at home. Foul weather all day. About 3 p.m. it commenced raining and rained until in the night. In the evening I posted my diary – or transposed it.\textsuperscript{10} Not very cold today, Miss Maggie Kinzer taught all our pupils today since I could not be present.

\textsuperscript{7} This hotel is unknown. An 1876 visitor’s guide to Harrisburg lists several major hotels, but none of them was associated with the name Landis.

\textsuperscript{8} Grace was the flagship M.E. Church in Harrisburg. The site on State Street, between the Capitol building and the river, was purchased in 1871 and the existing chapel was dedicated in 1873 and served all the purposes of the church until the present sanctuary was dedicated in 1878. When the capitol building burned in 1897, the state legislature met in Grace church for two years (while the congregation worshiped in other various places). In 1876 Henry Basom would have worshiped in the present structure’s chapel and not its sanctuary.

\textsuperscript{9} Charles Avery Holmes (1827-1897) was an eloquent orator-preacher in those days when such preachers went from conference to conference serving the most prestigious appointments. He transferred to the Central Pennsylvania Conference from the Pittsburgh Conference in 1874, served Harrisburg Grace 1874-77, served Williamsport Pine Street 1877-79, and then transferred to the Kentucky Conference in 1879.

\textsuperscript{10} It appears that Henry did not want to risk taking his diary to Philadelphia, and so he took daily notes to enter into the diary upon his return home.
Tue 10/24. I over slept myself in the morning, hence did not rise until 6½ a.m. I then got ready and soon went to town – where I today commenced my school. Miss Kinzer and I after worship divided the schools. Miss Maggie had 48 and I 12 pupils.\textsuperscript{11} We succeeded well today. I got a very bad headache – the cause being, I think, the paint. I enjoyed the first day’s work. God assist me in teaching. May it be a pleasure to me. I took supper at Mr. John Shelley’s, then called at Miss Maggie’s and brother D.G. Winey’s.\textsuperscript{12} Then I went to the U.B. church for preaching. I closed the meeting under the influence of the Holy Spirit, Fair weather the greater part of the day.

Wed 10/25 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:15 a.m. At 8 a.m. I went to school. We enjoyed a pleasant day teaching. I had only twelve pupils in my school today. After school I soon went home and finished writing a letter. At 6½ p.m. I went to town to the U.B. church to preaching. Brother Smith preached from “And they all with one consent began to make excuse.”\textsuperscript{13} I enjoyed the meeting. Foul weather the greater part of the day – the atmosphere was quite cold. O Lord, remember me daily at a throne of heavenly grace.

Thu 10/26 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. After breakfast I helped to take a beef to the butcher house. At 8 a.m. I went to school. I enjoyed teaching today. At noon I went to the post office and received the expected letter from friend L.\textsuperscript{14} I read its precious contents with great satisfaction and pleasure. It was just what I needed – God bless the writer. After school I returned home and helped a little at home. Mother got her finger in the sausage cutter and had it badly hurt. I had not intended going to meeting tonight, but in secret prayer I had a good time and God told me I ought to go to meeting. I obeyed – and felt good while there. Especially I was interested in Miss Maggie Miller – a penitent. Foul weather all day – in the evening it rained a little.

Fri 10/27 – Richfield, Pa. Last evening brother Smith came home with me and we stayed up until 12 midnight – in consequence of which I slept in the morning till 7 a.m. At 8 a.m. I went to school. I enjoyed teaching today. At noon I went to visit Grandma Basom and went to brother Mitterling’s to read the Messenger a while. After school I returned home. I read a while in the evening and slept a while. Fall weather all day – pretty cold all day. In the evening I felt a special nearness to God. Since I received the blessing of sanctification I am getting special well along in the Master’s work. What a peace and joy.

\textsuperscript{11} While this division of pupils appears unfair, they were likely grouped by age/grade – with Henry taking the older students, of which there were far fewer.
\textsuperscript{12} Daniel G. Winey (1830-1918) is a cousin to the previously mentioned Samuel Winey. Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix. He was a carpenter and later moved to Elkhart IN, where his sons Austin and August and Harvey established the Winey Brothers woodworking, milling and manufacturing business.
\textsuperscript{13} Luke 14:8, King James Version.
\textsuperscript{14} Friend L is Lizzie Cobel of New Berlin, and Henry will refer to her in this way in his diaries from now on – including a strange way in which he talks about having intimate prayer with Friend L, even though they are in separate locations.
Sat 10/28 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. and read until breakfast time. I read most all a.m. in “The Life of Trust.” In the p.m. I attended preaching at Pine church at 2 p.m. Brother Smith preached. After preaching Maggie Miller, Miss Derr and Maggie Graybill were baptized. After this ordinance I started to go to Troutman’s church, but the weather discouraged me and I turned back. I spent the evening at home studying at a sermon and studying the S.S. lesson. Foul weather all day – and a little rain at intervals. In the evening at 6 I had sweet communion with friend L before God.  

Sun 10/29 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. In the a.m. I stayed at home, read scripture, studied the S.S. Lesson, and kept studying some at my sermon for the evening. In the p.m. I went to S.S. to town. After S.S. I attended prayer meeting at the U.B. church. Afterward I went home and had a season of prayer with God and prepared finally my sermon for the evening. At 6 p.m. I went to town to the U.B. church where I preached from Isaiah 1:3, “My people doth not consider.” I succeeded middling well. God helped me. Thine, O Lord, be all the glory. The house was crowded full. Foul weather part, and fair weather part of the day – sunshine and clouds, not very cold.

Mon 10/30 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. At 7 a.m. I went to town to school. I made fire in Miss Maggie’s [Kinzer] and my stove. We enjoyed a pleasant day in our duties. After school I went to Mr. Tobias Basom’s and stayed there for supper. At 7 p.m. I attended preaching at the U.B. church. Brother John Hertz preached from St. John 1:29. Foul weather most all day. It was not very cold today. Many things came up today to hurt me, but I will trust in God – not listening to discouragements. The Lord will I trust. Help me now, my Shepherd. Jesus be my all now and forever. I will now retire at 9:40 p.m.

Tue 10/31 – Richfield, Pa. Last evening I was tempted to be forgetful and reckless. I felt the effects of it soon and suffered sorely. This was the worst I felt since I am home. I prayed to God for victory ere I slept – and gained. All was light ere I retired. Praise to God. I rose at 6 a.m. and read scripture until school time. At 7:45 I went to school – had a pleasant day teaching. After school I returned home and wrote part of a letter to friend L. At 6½ p.m. I went to town to church. Brother Snyder preached from Joshua 24:15. Foul weather until toward evening. God bless me now. 10:45 p.m. – I now retire.

Wed 11/1 – Richfield, Pa. I awoke and rose at 6 a.m. I wrote at a letter until school time. At 8 a.m. I went to school and spent a pleasant day at school. After school I called to see Mr. D. Amey, a school director. I signed my article, then returned home. I took a rest till after supper, then I continued writing at a letter until 10½ p.m. Very pleasant weather now, like Indian summer – warm. In the morning it was foggy. O Lord, help me now fully to trust thee. I will now retire at 10:45 p.m.

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15 This is the second mystical long-distance practice of prayer with Lizzie Cobel. Apparently they agreed to be “together” in prayer Saturdays at 6 p.m.

16 Tobias Basom is a cousin to Henry’s father.
Thu 11/2 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. and continued a letter until 8 a.m. After attending to my regular morning duties I went to school. Immediately after dismissing school I finished the letter I was writing to friend L, then took it to the post office. Teaching is uphill business now. Indian summer is at hand and the pupils are having poor lessons. After school I went home and did some turns for Father and myself. In the evening I stayed at home and read. Fair Indian summer weather now.

Fri 11/3 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. At 7:45 I went to school. I enjoyed teaching middling well. In the p.m. Miss Maggie [Kinzer] and I brought our pupils together and we spelled a while. Last night it rained and today it was stormy the greater part of the time. Fall weather – not much sunshine. Colder again. In the evening I attended preaching at the U.B. church in town. The protracted meeting there was closed tonight. After school in town in conversation I was discouraged and then went home – feeling very badly about it. The first I did after getting home, I went to my room and brought the matter to Jesus and all was there taken off the altar. Jesus does all things well. I felt Jesus keeps me. "The Lord is my Shepherd." I believe it. I feel it.

Sat 11/4 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. and read scripture and Muller’s “Life of Trust” a while – until breakfast. After breakfast I read Muller’s “Life of Trust” until 9 a.m. – after which I attended to my flowers – giving them new earth and washing them. Next I took my celery out of the ground and put it away. At 1 p.m. I was done. Next I took a bath, etc. Toward evening brother Morris came to our place. In the evening I attended preaching at Pine church. Brother Morris preached a good sermon. At 6 p.m. I met friend L in prayer – felt that our prayers were answered. I felt good in church in the evening. Foul weather all day – pretty cool. I had no severe temptations today. Jesus led me today. God help me to pray.

Sun 11/5 – Richfield, Pa. Last evening I went to bed at 10½ and slept. At 1 a.m. I got awake thinking it was morning. In the morning I rose at 6½. I read the first book of Peter before breakfast. Brother Morris stayed with us last night. At 9½ a.m. he went away. At 10 a.m. we had prayer meeting at sister Hoot’s. I led, and we had a good meeting. At 2 p.m. I attended S.S. in town. In consequence of brother Hertz’ going away I was elected superintendent. After S.S. I attended prayer meeting at the U.B. church. The evening I spent at home. In the p.m. I had a very bad headache. I had no particular temptations today. God is good to me. Fair weather. At 7½ according to promise I met my friend in prayer. I asked for a present answer and received it.

Mon 11/6 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. At 7 I went to school and soon made fire in my room. I had 17 pupils today and spent the pleasantest day in school yet spent this winter. After school I went home and stirred applebutter a while. The evening I spent in reading and in writing a letter to Brother Jerome. Sunshine part, and foul weather the other part of the day. Toward evening it got cloudy. At about 5½ p.m. it commenced raining. I spent a pleasant day – had no

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17 This is in addition to the regular 6 p.m. Saturday prayer-across-the-miles with Lizzie Cobel. The exact nature of this mystical practice is not clear, but it certainly is taken seriously be Henry.
special temptation. God be praised for all his goodness. “The Lord is my shepherd.”

Tue 11/7 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. I read the second book of Peter before breakfast. After breakfast I went to town to the poll and voted. In consequence of the election being held in our school house, we did not teach school today. At 8:40 a.m. Misses Maggie Kinzer and Elnora Basom and I went to Cross Roads to visit Miss Sallie Holterman’s school. At 11 a.m. I went to town and called at brother Hertz’, then returned home at 12 noon. The p.m. I spent in reading in “Life of Trust.” The evening I spent in writing a letter to the brothers Jones and reading. Fair weather all day – not very cold. I got along well in trusting the Lord today.

Wed 11/8 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:30 a.m. After attending to my morning duties I started to school at 7½. In consequence of the election being held in my school room yesterday, the room did not look fit to be in. I came very near being sorely tested. At noon I read a while in the “Life of Trust.” After school closed I stayed in the room and read “Life of Trust” one hour, then returned home. In the evening I attended prayer meeting in Pine church. I led the meeting. There were not many present but we still had a good meeting. Fair weather today – hard frost last night. No temptations save the one above mentioned. Help me, O Lord.

Thu 11/9 – Richfield, Pa. In consequence of going to bed late last night and not sleeping well during the night, I rose at 7:15 a.m. I then attended to my regular morning duties. At 8 a.m. I went to school. At noon I spent the first ½ hour in reading “Life of Trust,” then went to the post office and received my mail – among which was a letter from friend L of New Berlin. I hastened to my school room and eagerly read half of it yet. I was anxious to peruse all, but duty called me to school work. Immediately after dismissing school I finished reading the welcome epistle from my friend and the remainder of the evening until twilight I spent in the school house in reading “Life of Trust.” I then walked home. After supper I read scripture a while then finished “Life of Trust.” Next I read L’s letter again. Fair weather. I felt happy in Jesus today. No temptation in particular. In the evening in my room I had a precious season of prayer. All is light with me. I will glory in the Lord only. Sweet also my trust is in Jesus – and ever shall be.

Fri 11/10 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:45 a.m. After again attending to my morning duties I went to school at 8 a.m. In the morning I sent the “Life of Trust” to New Berlin. We had school until noon. In the p.m. we scrubbed our school rooms. We were done at 3:35 p.m. I then went home. I was tired of the p.m. work. The evening I spent in reading 2nd and 3rd John and Jude – also read most of the last Messenger. Fair weather until toward evening it got cloudy. I enjoyed a pleasant and peaceful day. In the evening my spiritual sky seemed somewhat gloomy. I had no special reason. I longingly came to God in prayer at 6:15 p.m. and had sweet communion with him. The Lord is my helper in all time. Amen.

Sat 11/11 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7 a.m. I am so busy now that I retire most too late – which answers for my late rising. After breakfast I called at
brother J’s and P. Wire’s, then returned home and read scripture and studied my S.S. lesson. At 11 a.m. I commenced a letter to friend L. In the p.m. I attended to some Saturday work – after which I went to town and attended to some duties. I took tea at Mr. John Shelley’s. In the evening I attended preaching at the U.B. church. Brother Snyder preached. I exhorted. After meeting I returned home and continued writing the letter of the day. I did not have so much sensible nearness of Christ today as at some times, but I am resting in my Master. Fair weather until toward evening it got cloudy and rained in the evening a little – but it soon cleared off. 10:45 p.m. – I retire.

Sun 11/12 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:30 a.m. I read scripture until breakfast and a while after. At 9:30 a.m. I went to town to the German Reformed church where Rev. Donat preached and held the sacrament. After service I went home for dinner, then back to town for S.S. I there for the first time filled my office – superintendent. The Lord blessed me in my duty. From S.S. I went to the U.B. church to class meeting. I very much enjoyed the exercises. From here I went to Mr. George Mitterling’s for tea, then to the Dunkard Brethren prayer meeting, then home at 9:30 p.m. I enjoyed a pleasant Sabbath. God blessed me in my duties. Very fair weather all day. O Lord, now take me for the night. I had no particular temptations today. I’ve given my all to Christ. In the peace of Christ I will now retire at 10 p.m.

Mon 11/13 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. At 7 I went to school. I made fire in the school rooms for Miss Maggie [Kinzer] and myself. Today the directors (school) were here to grade the school, etc. This boy was not well satisfied – I was tempted some on account of the unreasonableness of some things. I soon got over it. I took dinner with Grandma Basom. After school I went and continued writing a letter to friend L. Very fair weather all day. The Lord richly blessed me in the evening in worship. The Lord keeps me still. Trusting fully in Jesus is a blessed thing.

Tue 11/14 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I rose at 4:45. After breakfast I finished my letter to friend L. I felt very sleepy today for sleeping so little last night. I enjoyed a pleasant day teaching today. At noon I read in the Messenger a while. After school I went to the mill for Father. In the evening I went to Brother Jacob’s [Basom] a while and read scripture a while. Foul weather all day – most all a.m. it rained a little, not much in the p.m. I had no special temptation today.

Wed 11/15 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:30 a.m. I read scripture until breakfast time. At 8 a.m. I went to school. I got along pleasantly today in school – only I am most too busy. After school I went home and read our county paper. In the evening I attended prayer meeting at Pine church. There were only few there, but we had a good meeting. I felt like trusting the Lord fully. Last night and a while in the morning it rained. It misted a great part of the day – foul weather all day. At 10:30 p.m. I will retire. God keep me as thou seest fit. “Thy will be done.”

Thu 11/16 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 ½ a.m. and read scripture a while before I went to school. At noon and in the evening I wrote a letter to brother Wenrich. I enjoyed a pleasant day in school. I spent a pleasant day in Christ
today. I had sweet communion with my blessed Lord in the evening. I want to live better. In the evening I read scripture and the *Messenger* a while. Foul weather in the morning – but it soon cleared off and was fair and middling warm. I desire to have my entire confidence fixed in and upon God. Lord help me to be good.

Fri 11/17 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 4:45 a.m. and had a season of scripture reading ere going to school. At 8 I went to school. At 11:30 a.m. Mr. Pellman instructed us to close school and come to town to see a bear which was there. After returning from school I took out some celery. In the evening I commenced reading the Psalms. In the p.m. I had my school to recite declamations, but some of the large boys took it in their heads they would not recite them. I have an idea they will or will not be my pupils. Tonight I felt like having sweet communion with God and did not have it. Foul weather all day. In the evening it misted a little. God, help me to fully trust thee.

Sat 11/18 – Richfield, Pa. In the morning I awoke laughing – the reason: I dreamed I were at New Berlin and bishop Yeakel\(^{18}\) preached; brothers Smith, Hollenbaugh and I were in the pulpit. At the close of the service brother Yeakel called upon us to give our experience. I was just done telling mine and last expressed my firmness I felt in Jesus – then I awoke laughing and happy. I felt happy at the early dawn. God give more such early dreams. In the a.m. I read part of Psalms and did some necessary [unclear] for myself. In the p.m. I read scripture, swept the church, made fire there, and did some other duties. In the evening brothers Herrold\(^{19}\) and Roush came to our place, then we went to Pine church where brother Herrold preached. Foul weather all day – and it misted and rained the greater part of the day. I had no special temptation. I enjoyed a pleasant day. Keep me still, O Lord.

Sun 11/19 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. At 8 a.m. I had sweet communion with friend L before God. The a.m. I spent at home, studied some of the S.S. lesson, and read a good part of the Psalms. In the p.m. I walked to town, despite all the rain, to attend S.S. – but no one had come. The remainder of the p.m. I spent at home reading. Rev. Herrold had been at our place the greater part of the day. He and I had interesting talks on sanctification. It did my soul good. The evening my sisters and I spent in singing. It rained about all day. The water is high tonight. I spent a pleasant Sabbath, but it would have been more satisfying if we had service.

Mon 11/20 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. At 7 a.m. I went to school and made fire in the school house in both rooms – or stoves. Last night it

\(^{18}\) Reuben Yeakel (1827-1904) began his pastoral ministry in the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association in 1853. He was elected a bishop in 1871 and served in that capacity until becoming principal of Union Biblical Institute (later Evangelical Theological Seminary) in Naperville IL in 1879. His brother Jesse Yeakel (1820-1895) was also an Evangelical preacher.

\(^{19}\) Joseph G.W. Herrold (1856-1916), licensed and ordained by the East German Conference of the U.B. Church in 1882 and 1885 respectively, was functioning as a local pastor. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1893. In 1895 he transferred to the Congregational Church, served in New England, and is buried in Hebron CT.
continued raining. It rained until almost evening, then quit a short time but did not clear off. At about 6 p.m. it commenced raining again. It stormed very much today, and the water tonight is quite high. After school I called at Mr. E. Graybill’s, Thomas Graybill’s and John Whiteley’s. Then I returned home and did some turns here. In the evening Rev. Herrold and B. Roush were here a while. Different ones of my pupils were absent today, but I spent a pleasant day in school. I had no special temptations today.

Tue 11/21 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. and got myself ready to go to Mifflin to County Institute. I read some scripture before breakfast. At 8 a.m. I started for Institute. At Richfield Miss Maggie Kinzer and I left at 8½. We had a slow drive through the mud and arrived at Mifflin at 1 p.m. After dining we went to Institute and attended the p.m. session. After the session I took Miss Maggie to her uncle’s one mile from town. In the evening I attended Institute again. Many good things were said and I was much delighted in seeing many of my schoolmates. Fair weather the greater part of the day – not very cold. Last night it cleared off. I had no special temptation today – but regular hours of prayer and reading scripture.

Wed 11/22 – Mifflin, Juniata County, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. and studied at the S.S. lesson a while before breakfast – after which Mr. Rumfelt and I called at different stores where I purchased various articles. In the a.m. and p.m. I attended the sessions of the Institute. At noon I called at the “Republican Printing Office.” In the evening I read a while and instead of attending the entertainment at the courthouse given by Miss Chidester, I attended preaching at the Lutheran church. Fair weather today. Toward evening it got cold and stormy. I spent a pleasant day. God help that it may have been a profitable one.

Thu 11/23 – Mifflin, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. I read a while before breakfast – after which I went to Patterson and called on Messrs. D.E. Lantz, W.I. Hibbs.

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20 Hattie Florence Chidester Lukens (1854-1885) was one of the founders of the national Alpha Phi sorority at Syracuse University in 1872. She was born in Utica NY, received her B.S. in 1875 at age 21, and her M.S. in 1879. She became an elocutionist and teacher of higher mathematics in the high school in Bedford PA. She also taught in Minnesota and New York – and in Teacher’s Institutes in Pennsylvania and Iowa where she typically “gave drills in elocution and calisthenics, and an evening elocutionary entertainment.”

21 David Ernest Lantz (1855-1918) graduated from the State Normal school at Bloomsburg in 1875 and was a teacher (and later principal) of the public schools in Mifflintown. He later moved to Kansas, was superintendent of schools at Manhattan KS, became a professor of mathematics at Kansas State University 1883-1897, and finished his career as an expert (and author) on mammals and field rodents at the Department of Agriculture in Washington DC. He is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan KS.

22 William Irwin Hibbs (1851-) was the principal of the high school in Patterson. A graduate of the State Normal School at Millersville, he worked in education for 17 years before being admitted to the bar in 1889 and becoming a prominent attorney in Luzerne County PA.
and E.O. Kreider.\textsuperscript{23} I stayed there until Institute time, when brother Kreider and I came to Institute. I attended both the a.m. and p.m. sessions and was pleased with most. In the evening I read a while, then went to the courthouse to hear Dr. Hayes\textsuperscript{24} lecture on “Everyday Reasoning.” The lecture was a grand success. I enjoyed a pleasant day – had no special temptations. Foul weather most all day – cold, and snow air.

Fri 11/24 – Mifflin, Pa. I had only a tolerable good sleep last night. I rose at 6 a.m. First, I read a while. After breakfast I received a shave, then went to jail to see John Zimmerman, then went in the cupola of the courthouse, from there to Institute and enjoyed a pleasant session. Immediately after dinner Miss Maggie Kinzer and I started from Mifflin. I took Miss Maggie home, and I went to Cross Roads to Mr. Frey’s. I there enjoyed a pleasant greeting. Foul weather about all day – and snow-cold, I enjoyed a pleasant day with no special temptations. O Lord, be ever with me.

Sat 11/25 – [Meet brother Wenrich in prayer tomorrow morning at 8.] Cross Roads, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. I stayed at Mr. Frey’s last night. At 7½ I went from here to East Salem – Miss Mary went along. I there called to see different ones of my friends. At 9 a.m. Miss Maggie Kinzer and I started here and went to Richfield. I arrived at home at about 12½ p.m. I took a short nap. In the p.m. at 3 p.m. I received a letter from friend L. It just came at the right time – how sweet and cheering. God bless her kindness. In the p.m. I studied for a sermon. In the evening I preached at Pine church from Job 22:21. God blessed me. I have a very bad headache now at 8:40 p.m. Foul weather today – it snowed a little.

Sun 11/26 – Richfield, Pa. I retired last evening having a very bad headache. I felt the effects of it yet in the morning. I rose at 6 ½ a.m. I had sweet communion with God at 7. At 8 a.m. I met several friends in prayer\textsuperscript{25} and felt that it is not vain to trust God. During the morning I studied some at the text Romans 12:1. At 10 a.m. I preached at Pine church from the above text. I felt God’s presence powerfully with me. All glory to my Master. In the p.m. I attended S.S. in town – from there I went home. In the evening I attended preaching at Pine church. Brother Morris preached for us. We had a good meeting. I enjoyed a pleasant and profitable Sabbath. In the a.m. foul weather. Last night and in the a.m. it snowed a little – only mud-snow. In the p.m. the sun shone a while.

Mon 11/27 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. and attended to different duties, then went to school at 7, I made fire in both stoves then swept my room. I

\textsuperscript{23} E.O. Kreider was an Pennsylvania educator whose career spanned several communities and positions, including a time as principal of the Soldiers’ Orphans’ School in Mount Joy, Lancaster County PA.

\textsuperscript{24} Rev. Loyal Y. Hayes of the Mifflintown Academy had an interesting career in ministry and education within the Presbyterian Church in his native Pennsylvania and across the Midwest, including the presidency of that denomination’s Fort Dodge Collegiate Institute in IA.

\textsuperscript{25} This is another instance of Henry praying at-a-distance with someone who is not physically present. Up to now he has mentioned this practice only in connection with his friend L (Lizzie Cobel of New Berlin).
received five new pupils today. I enjoyed a pleasant day teaching. At noon I was
tempted while speaking with a fogy. After school I went home. In the evening I
attended preaching at Pine church – brother Morris preached us a good sermon
from Acts 4:9. God ever bless him. I enjoyed the meeting. Foul weather most all
day. About 10 a.m. it commenced snowing and snowed slowly most incessantly
until evening – only mud snow, did not amount to much. Cool. In the evening I
 commenced a letter for L. 10 p.m. – I retire.

Tue 11/28 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:45 a.m. At 8 a.m. I went to school. I
succeeded well in school today. At noon I wrote a letter to brother A.W. Bower.
Fair weather today – stormy and quite cold also. In the evening I attended
preaching on our church. Brother Yeager\textsuperscript{26} preached for us a good sermon. The
congregation was large and very attentive. A good feeling prevailed. I very much
enjoyed the meeting. I feel now for sinners. After meeting I wrote to sister L a
while. O Lord, help me to be faithful.

Wed 11/29 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. and read scripture until
breakfast. Brother Yeager stayed with us last night. At 8 a.m. I went to school. In
the morning I appealed to the better reasoning of my pupils in regard to doing
duty in all respects – on the subject of declamations and essays. They all
promised to do right. I got along well in school today. I get tired of my daily
labor. Brother Morris was sick today. In the evening I attended preaching. Rev.
Yeager preached. We had a good meeting – one penitent: Miss Kahler.\textsuperscript{27} Fair
weather most all day. In the evening I continued writing to friend L.

Thu 11/30 – Richfield, Pa. Thanksgiving. I rose at 7 a.m. Rev. Yeager
stayed with us last night. In the morning I wrote a letter a while to L. At 9½
a.m. brother Morris and I went to brother J.W. Swartz’. We enjoyed a pleasant
talk. Shortly after dinner we left her and went to brother John Winey’s.\textsuperscript{28} We had
a chat here and took tea with them. Then we went to my parents’. I read some
scripture a while. In the evening I attended meeting. Brother Morris preached.
After meeting I wrote a while. Foul weather most all day – very snow-cold. I
spent a pleasant Thanksgiving. In the p.m. I felt very serious and calm.

Fri 12/1 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. and finished my letter to sister L.
At 8 a.m. I went to school. This was an extremely cold day. Ice froze all day – no
thawing. Rev. Morris stayed with us last night and today. In the evening I
attended meeting. Brother Morris preached. My feelings were rather cool in the

\textsuperscript{26} Amos F. Yeager (c1830-1895) was licensed by the East Pennsylvania Conference of the U.B.
Church in 1856 and had served the Susquehanna circuit 1865-67 and again 1873-75 – at which
point he appears to have ceased itinerating but continued living in the area. He surrendered his
U.B. license in 1878 and began serving in the Lutheran Church the following year. His first wife
Matrona Yeager (1832-1865) is buried in the Zion U.B. Cemetery near Dundore.

\textsuperscript{27} The diary clearly states “Miss” Kahler for this date, but later in this series of meetings the
penitent is noted as Mrs. Maggie Kahler. Margaret L. Weimer (1850-1936), sister to D.W. Weimer
who will be mentioned later in the diary, was recently to married (1876) William N. Kahler (1849-
1922) and her youthful appearance likely was the cause of the mis-title.

\textsuperscript{28} John Winey (1820-1893) was a brother to the previously mentioned Daniel G. Winey. Refer to
the Winey-Graybill appendix.
evening. I did not worship by mere feeling – but by principle. At the altar we sang the chorus “Hallelujah ‘tis done, etc.” The blood through which I am saved roused me up and I felt the power of God coming down. After meeting I filed my school report partly. These few days I did not read my Bible as much as I should have since I was kept busy.

Sat 12/2 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7:15 a.m. and attended to various duties at the house. At 9 a.m. brother Morris and I went to the house of Mr. Hendricks to pay the last respect to the child Cloyd Hamilton.\(^{29}\) This was a serious funeral. This death has been a blessing to the lad – grant that it may be to the rest of the family. Miss Maggie Kinzer took dinner with us – after which she and I went to see the [unclear]. We had a cold trip. I stopped on the way in town. In the evening I attended meeting. Misses Emma Winey\(^{30}\) and Annie Landis came forward as penitents. Rev. Morris preached. We had a good meeting. I did not feel as much in the spirit as I might – God’s way be my way. Miss Sallie Martin was at our place in the p.m. Foul and cold weather.

Sun 12/3 – Richfield, Pa. I did not get awake until daylight. I rose at 7½ a.m. After breakfast I studied the S.S. lesson and studied some at a sermon for the evening. Brother Morris was with us last night – at 9:15 he and Pa went away. At 10 a.m. I attended prayer meeting at Pine church. At 1:30 p.m. I walked to town to S.S. – we had a pleasant season at school. From S.S. I went to the U.B. church to prayer meeting. At 4½ p.m. I went home and studied at a sermon. At 5½ I went to my room in secret prayer and felt God with me. In the evening I preached to a large concourse of people from Acts 26:12. It seemed very much of a cross for me to enter my duty tonight – three penitents we had. This was a foul day for the weather – and quite cold, no thawing. I was very much bound in God’s service today. I do not know where I failed – if I did. I am pleased to see the Lord’s will done. I got along well in preaching.

Mon 12/4 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. and attended to different domestic duties. At 8 a.m. I went to school. I received two new pupils today. I have 36 in number now. In all we have 105 pupils. I enjoyed a pleasant day’s teaching. At noon Austin Winey\(^{31}\) and I fixed some of the windows. In the evening Pa and brother Morris came back again. I attended meeting tonight. Rev. Morris preached. We had a good meeting, but I do not now enjoy that fullness of the spirit that I might want to – but it is the same Lord, and his sweet will be done. Fair weather all day – a little moderated. 10:15 p.m. – I retire.

\(^{29}\) It is unclear whether Hamilton is the surname, or the middle name of a child named Cloyd Hamilton Hendricks – but despite the known funeral date, the deceased cannot be identified.

\(^{30}\) Emma Winey (1855-1940), daughter of the previously Daniel G. Winey, never married. Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix.

\(^{31}\) Austin B. Winey (1858-1957), son of the previously mentioned Daniel G. Winey, was just 3 weeks short of his 18th birthday and would have been one of the older students. He married his first cousin Barbara Ann Winey (1864-1894), daughter of his father’s brother William G. Winey (1837-1910). Refer to the Winey-Graybill appendix. He became a carpenter and cabinet maker and later moved to Elkhart IN.
Tue 12/5 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7:15 a.m. and had to hurry to get ready to go to school. I enjoyed a pleasant day in school. I was kept very busy all day. At noon I purchased material for wrappers for each of the brothers Jones. Fair weather a great part of the day. In the evening I read scripture a while, then went to church. We had a pleasant meeting. Miss Emma Winey was blessed. For some time I did not enjoy meeting so very much, but tonight I felt some of the holy power. All is right that Jesus does.

Wed 12/6 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6½ a.m. and read in the Messenger before breakfast. At 8 a.m. I went to school. I enjoyed teaching today. In the a.m. brother Morris visited my school. At noon sister Maggie Mitterling sent for me to come and take dinner with them. I did so. Brother Mitterling was there too. After school I got a pair of new boots at Mr. Maneval’s shop. In the evening I read scripture a while. I attended meeting in the evening. Mrs. Maggie Kahler came as a penitent in the evening. God bless her just now. Fair weather all day. Toward evening it moderated a little. The roads are frozen dry now – and they are dusty. I had a sweet season of prayer and reading after meeting. God help me to be seriously and honestly devoted.

Thu 12/7 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:45 a.m. At 8 a.m. I went to Mr. Miles Hoot’s, from there to town to school. I enjoyed teaching today. I have a cold, hence get very tired talking and teaching. In the evening I read scripture a while, then went to meeting. Rev. Morris preached from Malachi 3:8 – “Will a man rob God?” He preached a good sermon. Mr. Ephraim Graybill came forward as a seeker. It infused new life into me. I feel for precious souls. I enjoyed the meeting. God blessed me. I am encouraged. Fair weather most all day – a little moderate.

Fri 12/8 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. and arranged some necessaries for going on my visit. At 8:15 I went to school and taught until noon, then gave the school in the hands of the pupils and went home. At 1½ p.m. I was ready and started on my trip to New Berlin. At Mr. John Winey’s I stopped and had Miss Ellen Graybill to go along. We had a pleasant trip and arrived at our place of destination at 5 ½ p.m. I stopped at brother Lepley’s. Friend Lizzie Cobel was the first one to meet me. After a short talk and after dining, brother Lepley went to Society, then returned to Lepley’s. We then had a short chat yet. Foul weather most all day – not very cold. Toward evening we had a little snow storm.

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32 Margaret Weiss Mitterling (1848-1930) was the wife of George S. Mitterling. Their son Peter (b. 1867) was likely one of Henry’s pupils.

33 Ellen Graybill (1853-1926) was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Fisher Graybill of Richfield. She was married to Thomas B. Lease of Fremont by Rev. J.T. Smith on September 26, 1877. Thomas Lease died in 1881 at the age of 27 leaving a wife and a daughter, and Ellen then married U.B. preacher John Adam Yarkers (1859-1915). Ellen and John are buried in the Otterbein Cemetery in East Salem.

34 The notation “brother Morris and brother Smith” appears in the margin for both today and tomorrow, suggesting they also made the trip to New Berlin with Henry and are part of the “we.”
Sat 12/9 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 5½ a.m. Last night I stayed with brother Lepley. I took breakfast with the club\textsuperscript{35} – after which Lepley and I had a good chat. At 8½ I went to the seminary to see the students. I spent a pleasant day with them. At 10:30 a.m. I returned to Lepley’s and Miss Lizzie Cobel and I started to see some friends in town – stopped first with Miss Long, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Miss Agnes, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Miss Ella Seebold, 4\textsuperscript{th} Mrs. Snyder, 5\textsuperscript{th} Rev. Smith’s where we stopped for dinner, 6\textsuperscript{th} at Miss Maggie Walter’s, 7\textsuperscript{th} professor Bentz’ 8\textsuperscript{th} at Kleckner’s store\textsuperscript{36} where I purchased a scarf, then I returned to brother Lepley’s again. At 3½ p.m. we started again – 1\textsuperscript{st} call on Miss Hettie Mowery, 2\textsuperscript{nd} brother Eyer, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Miss Minerva Spitler, 4\textsuperscript{th} Miss Maggie Gephart, 5\textsuperscript{th} went to Mr. N. Yoder’s where we stayed for tea and spent a pleasant time. At 7 p.m. we left here and called at professor Baker’s, next called on Miss Annie Winters who is sick. I did not hear any murmurs today, but met all in a happy mood. We had a pleasant list of visits. Last night it got stormy and very cold – and continued thus all day. Now we returned to brother Lepley’s.

Sun 12/10 – New Berlin, Pa. I rose at 6 ½ a.m. I stayed at brother Lepley’s all night. I took breakfast with brother Lepley. The students were very slow coming to breakfast. The students and I had a good sing in the morning. Sister Lizzie [Cobel], brother Lepley and I studied over our S.S. lesson a while. At 9 a.m. friend Lizzie and I went to the union S.S. I closed the school. From there we went to our prayer meeting. I led it. I enjoyed the association, singing and prayer of my brethren. From there we went to brother Lepley’s. I took dinner with the club. Soon after Lizzie and I went to Mr. Yoder’s in the buggy. At 1½ p.m. I left here and Miss Ellen Graybill and I went home to Richfield. It was a cold trip. We did not stop to warm, but got cold. It was quite cold – sunshine part of the day. We arrived home at 5½ p.m. After warming I went to Pine church to preaching. We had a good meeting. Brother E. Graybill was blessed, and I received a good blessing likewise. I felt happy in the Lord. O Lord, help me to trust thee fully now and always.

Mon 12/11 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7 a.m. I first attended to my morning duties. At 8:15 I went to school. All the students had lit up countenances – this encourages a teacher. I spent a pleasant day’s teaching. At noon I selected some words to preach from, then called at Mr. Kahler’s. After school I returned home and studied over my sermon. In secret prayer I felt the power of God. I felt somewhat lonesome. In the evening I preached from I John 5:14. I had the help of

\textsuperscript{35} “Club” refers a group of male students who room at the seminary and bind together to contract for board at a private home.

\textsuperscript{36} Kleckner’s store was in the Union Hotel that was erected at Vine and Market streets in 1818, added to over the years, and burned down in 1912. In 1876 along the hotel’s length on Market Street was a long roofed porch with 5 doorways which led respectively (starting at Vine Street) to the parlor, the great hall, the bar, the store, a residence. The proprietor was Michael Kleckner (1807-1887), who was also involved in stores and enterprises with his sons Jeremiah and Charles in Snyder and Schuylkill counties. The ultimate administrator of the family enterprises was son Charles Kleckner (1831-1911) – married to Harriet A. Orwig, a first cousin to the noted bishop and former principal of Union Seminary William W. Orwig.
my Master. Mrs. Maggie Kahler was blessed. Annie Landis and Mrs. Yeager are penitents yet. The meeting was good for me. Last night about 3 inches of snow fell. Foul weather all day – it had moderated a little, but did not thaw. I felt tired yet happy after meeting.

Tue 12/12 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7 a.m. At 8 a.m. I went to school. Brother Jacob [Basom] took me in the sleigh – the sleighing is not good. About two inches more snow fell last night. It thawed very little today. At noon I selected a text – after which I called at the post office. The sun shone a while toward evening. After school I returned home and studied for a sermon. I felt some cast down in the evening. In the evening I preached from Joshua 24:15 – “Choose you this day whom ye will serve.” I did not get along as pleasantly as sometimes – but all is well. Mrs. Annie Yeager came as a penitent.

Wed 12/13 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7:15 a.m. At 8 I went to school. I felt somewhat downcast in the morning ere I arose, but trusted to Jesus and spent a pleasant day. Fair weather all day. It moderated some today – the snow and ice melted some today. At noon I selected a part of scripture to read for the evening at meeting. I read and spoke from the 32nd Psalm. In the evening we closed our meeting. God bless still the efforts we put forth. Bless the penitents yet. After meeting I wrote a while at two letters. 10 p.m. – I retire. God bless me now and all my friends – and all my enemies, if any there be.

Thu 12/14 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. and read scripture a while before going to school. At 8:10 I went to school. I enjoyed a pleasant day in school. In the morning I called at Mrs. Maggie Mitterling’s. Brother George Mitterling was to visit me in the a.m. I spent a pleasant day. This was the first evening I spent at home for about a month. The evening I spent in reading – and finally I fell asleep. Foul weather part of the day – part sunshine. Not very cold. In the evening at 6:15 I had sweet communion with sweet Jesus in secret. O how sweet to trust Jesus fully.

Fri 12/15 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7 a.m. I read scripture a while in the morning – Psalm 88:18. At 8 I drove to town to school. I enjoyed a pleasant day in school. In the p.m. we spelled a while. I stayed at brother E. Hertz’ for supper, then called at E. Graybill’s, next to Mr. Kahler’s. From there sister Maggie Kahler and I went to the U.B. church to prayer meeting. I felt very sensibly the presence of Jesus. A few brethren got up and spoke and spoke of brethren not doing their duty, etc. – but I could not see things in the same light, but felt full. God ease me from boasting, save in Jesus – but save me from sinking in the slough, Jesus, all the way along. Stormy and cold today – not thaw much. In the evening I wrote to L a while. I retire at 10 p.m.

Sat 12/16 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 5:45 a.m. I spent a truly pleasant day. I desire not to boast – but am well satisfied tonight. First in the morning I read in the Psalms a while, then took a short recreation, then I read U.S. History until noon. At 1 p.m. I went to town to the post office, also called at Mr. Basom’s and Mr. Graybill’s – then I came home in the buggy with Pa. Going up to town I walked – and the wind almost prevented me. After returning home I first studied
the S.S. lesson a while, then spent a short time writing to L and had a good cry. At 6 p.m. I had a good season of prayer in secret. In the evening I commenced reading Sacred History.\(^{37}\) and wrote to L a while. After worship I read scripture a while. Last night got quite stormy and cold – and continued so all day. What little snow we have drifted. In the evening I felt so happy in Jesus. O the sweetness of being confident.

Sun 12/17 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7½ a.m. At 8 a.m. I had communion with my God. I employed most all the a.m. in reading from Psalms. A short time I called at brother Jacob’s [Basom]. About noon I studied a while at my S.S. lesson. At 1½ p.m. I attended S.S. in town. I enjoyed it – we had a pleasant session. At 2½ I attended class meeting at the U.B. church. We had a precious meeting. In the evening my sisters, Thomas\(^{38}\) and I went to Daniel’s church to preaching. Brother Morris preached. In the a.m. it snowed a little. Fair and foul weather – cold, did not thaw any.

Mon 12/18 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:45 a.m. At 8 a.m. I walked to school and spent a pleasant day at school. At noon I received my Messenger and read a while in it. After school I returned home. Mr. Leonard came to our place in the after noon. The evening I spent in speaking with Mr. Leonard and writing to friend L. Early in the morning it commenced snowing and snowed pretty steadily until some time in the p.m. – then it cleared off and got very sunny and pretty cold. It was rather unpleasant in the evening to go home. How glad I am that I am sheltered from the fearful storm and cold. God care for the destitute.

Tue 12/19 – Richfield, Pa. I went to school at 7½ a.m. I read after arriving there – I finished reading Psalms. Rev. Morris was in to visit school in the a.m. The evening I spent in reading – but soon fell asleep. In the p.m. Mr. Leonard came to our place and stayed with us all night. I spent a pleasant day in school. At noon I looked anxiously for a letter but was disappointed – all is the Good Lord’s will.

Wed 12/20 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 ½ a.m. At 8 a.m. I went to school. In the p.m. I expected brother Leonard my schoolmate, but was disappointed to see him at school – but he came to my home in the p.m. When I reached home we had a good talk. In the evening he, my sisters and I went to Daniels church to preaching. The church took fire tonight\(^{39}\) – which caused disturbance. The church was quite cold. At 10 we returned home – still quite cold.

Thu 12/21 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:45 a.m. Brother Leonard slept with me last night. In the morning before school brother Leonard and I had a little prayer meeting in my room. I felt sweet Jesus with us. At 8 a.m. I went to school and brother Leonard started home. At noon I called at brothers E. Graybill and

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\(^{37}\) *Sacred History of the World* by English scholar Sharon Turner (1768-1847) is a book written in the format of a series of letters from a father to a son giving a philosophical account of the world, beginning with creation.

\(^{38}\) This is Henry’s brother Thomas Basom (1859-1885). He died 24 days after his 26th birthday and never married. He is buried at Shelley’s Cemetery in Richfield.

\(^{39}\) It is not clear whether this was spiritual fire or an actual (apparently small) physical fire.
D.G. Winey. I spent a pleasant day in school. In the p.m. Messrs. Thomas and Irvine Graybill and B. Roush were to visit us. In the evening when I came home I felt quite lonesome – so I first went to my room, read the 23rd Psalm, and had sweet communion with my Jesus. All is well now again now. Last night it commenced snowing and snowed until almost noon. In the p.m. it moderated. Some use sleds – some, wagons.

Fri 12/22 – New Year’s Night [sic] Richfield, Pa. At 7 a.m. I rose. At 8:15 I went to school. In the morning at worship in school I felt very solemn – so much so that I could not refrain from tears while in prayer. At noon I called to see Grandma Basom. In the p.m. we heard the declamations, then spelled a while. After school Miss Maggie [Kinzer] and I filled out our reports. I took supper with brother D.G. Winey, then called at brother E. Graybill’s – from here I went to the U.B. church to prayer meeting, then home. Foul weather in the morning – soon commenced snowing and snowed until in the night. Mr. D.W. Weimer⁴⁰ was to visit us in the p.m. In the morning I had a precious visiting before Jesus.

Sat 12/23 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. I had a good sleep last night. In the morning I was not awake until about 5 minutes ere I rose. I read until about 8 ½, then I went in the sleigh to [unclear] John Niemond’s for school money. At 11 a.m. I returned home and read Sacred History until noon. In the p.m. brother Jacob [Basom] and I went to town. I soon returned home – I then attended to some necessary duties for self. In the evening I wrote a while to friend Lizzie [Cobel]. Last night it ceased snowing and got stormy. It was stormy the greater part of the day – not very cold. Sleighing is not very good. At 6 p.m. I had sweet communion with Jesus. Still more trust in the sweet Saviour is what I want.

Mon 12/25 – Richfield, Pa. I arose at 6 ½ a.m. First I read scripture a while. Dr. Vallerchamp stayed with us last night. Today he filled two teeth for me. I did not well like to have it done since it is Christmas. Sundry times today

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⁴⁰ D.W. Weimer was a native of Richfield and active in local politics and society. Beginning in 1881 he and George S. Mitterling (who appear together one week later in the diary) were secretary and president respectively of the Richfield-based Juniata Mutual Aid Society. Although this has not been confirmed, he is assumed to be the brother of the previously mentioned Margaret Weimer Kahler and the son of the Dr. Christian L. Weimer (1811-1878) and his first wife Mary A. Foust who are buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery.

⁴¹ Abel Shirk (1846-1924) is buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery. He was a second cousin to Henry – Henry’s father Samuel Basom and Abel’s mother Elizabeth Basom Shirk being first cousins. The name or age of the deceased child could not be located.
we sang. Toward evening I went to town to the post office, then returned home. The evening I spent reading scripture and writing to friend L. I did not spend Christmas as I should have liked to. I took it all to Jesus in the evening and he blessed me. Foul weather today. Late in the evening it commenced raining a little.

Tue 12/26 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6:40 a.m. At 8 a.m. I went to school. I got along pleasantly today, but occasion to punish Peter Shelley\textsuperscript{42} – which was necessary to be done roughly. I did only right. At noon I received a letter from friend L and a handsome Christmas present. I appreciate all very much. After school I returned home and read my letters and continued speaking to L.\textsuperscript{43} Foul weather most all day. It moderated today – the snow melted very much. Sleighing is being spoiled now. O Lord, help me ever to trust thee now.

Wed 12/27 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 6 a.m. and finished my letter to friend L. I also sent her my last church paper. At 8:15 I went to school. Peter Shelley was to school again and was a good boy. At noon I called at brothers D.G. Winey and E.C. Graybill. After school I kept Calvin Rathfon\textsuperscript{44} in a while, then went home and read scripture a while. In the evening I attended the union prayer meeting at Pine church. We had a good meeting. Foul weather most all day – not very cold. I enjoyed school today.

Thu 12/28 – Richfield, Pa. I rose at 7 a.m. At 8 a.m. I went to school. I spent a pleasant day in school. At noon I read “Perfect Love”\textsuperscript{45} a while. In the evening Miss Maggie [Kinzer] and I went home to Mr. and Mother Shirk’s pupils. We took supper with Mother and had a talk. At 7 p.m. we went to Abel’s and spent the remainder of the evening here. Abel Shirk and I had a talk on the subject of “Entire Sanctification.” Foul weather most all day. In the morning going to school I got colder of any morning yet this winter.

Fri 12/29 – Richfield, Pa. Last night I stayed at cousin Abel Shirk’s. I rose at 7 a.m. At 8 a.m. Miss Maggie [Kinzer] and I went to town. I read in the Messenger a while. At noon I read “Perfect Love” a while, then called at the post office. In the p.m. at school we had an exercise in reading. The remainder of the p.m. we spelled. Messrs. D.W. Weimer and George Mitterling were with us and helped us. I spelled a while. Early in the morning it commenced snowing and continued falling all day. A good part of the day it was quite stormy. The snow drifted – in the p.m. it sleeted. Brother Jacob brought me a horse to town, and I rode home after school. In the evening I read scripture a while and also the Messenger – soon fell asleep.

\textsuperscript{42} Peter G. Shelley (1862-1938) is buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery. A 14 year old boy at the time, he is the son of John S. and Mary (nee Graybill) Shelley.

\textsuperscript{43} It has been a while since Henry mentioned this mystical long-distance speaking and prayer with Lizzie Cobel. It is mentioned fairly regularly in his diary for next year. It is not known whether Henry had discontinued the practice for a while, or simply didn’t record it in his diary.

\textsuperscript{44} Calvin S. Rathfon (1858-1946) is buried in the Richfield Union Cemetery. An 18 year old boy at the time, he is the son of Jacob and Mary (nee Snyder) Rathfon.

\textsuperscript{45} Perfect Love is a collection of speeches from the March-April 1867 New York Preachers’ Meeting on the subject of sanctification, along with the sermon by Methodist bishop E.S. Janes delivered at the August 1867 Newark Conference Camp Meeting.
Sat 12/30 – Richfield, Pa. First I read in the *Messenger* a while. 2nd scripture. 3rd “Perfect Love.” In the a.m. I visited Brother Jacob’s. In the p.m. brother Morris called to our place. He was almost exhausted of the storm. He brought his son Warden along. Toward evening I did my necessary Saturday work. In the evening brother Morris, Father and I went to the church but there was nobody else there – hence we returned home. Last night it ceased snowing. The snow is very much drifted – not easily broken. It was stormy most all day – not very cold. In the evening at 6 I met friend L in prayer and felt the presence of God with us. God blessed our meeting.

Sun 12/31 The past year I had much enjoyment in Christ. Anew I will now consecrate my all to God. More holiness give me. New news to write to friends. – Richfield, Pa. Last night brother Morris stayed with us. At 8½ a.m. he left for home. I spent the time assiduously in reading scripture and “Perfect Love” until 1½ p.m. when I walked to town for S.S. – but on account of the bad roads no person was there. On the way back I called to see brothers Whiteley and Peter Graybill about watch meeting – then I returned home and read a while. In the evening I attended our meeting at Pine church. In consequence of the roads being drifted badly we did not have many brethren present. Keep me Lord.

[undated page after 12/31 – possibly written in connection with a New Year’s Eve watch night service] In the morning at 8 a.m. I met sister L in prayer. I did not feel Jesus as sensibly as some times – but I know that Jesus heard me. In the a.m. while reading scripture, the 26th chapter of Isaiah especially attracted my attention. The 3rd verse speaks of perfect peace. I love to think of this peace. O, I love to feel it. At 12 at noon I felt to go to Jesus in secret. I had a longing – and O, I was filled with the glory of the blessed Jesus. How sweet it is to go to Jesus, who always helps when needed. In the evening I was in secret – did not feel so much of the power. And then I went to church. Brother Hertz preached – after which we had singing, prayers and experience until 10 – then went home. In my testifying for Jesus I was wonderfully blessed. Jesus is so good to me. The year about past Jesus was very good to me. I now give myself to him anew. Lead as thou wilt – I will follow. Help me to remember this great promise. Help me to fulfill it. All for Jesus.
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Yearick, Rev. [Reformed]: 1876 – 4/2, 5/24, 9/2, 9/3, 9/23
Yearick, other: 9/4, 9/8, 10/3
Yeigh: 1875 – 2/3
Yoder: 1875 – 6/6, 12/11; 18786 – 1/19, 3/4, 4/23, 5/10, 10/10, 12/4, 12/10
Zimmerman: 1876 – 6/19, 11/24
BASOM FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
(not complete, but intended to include names and relationships relevant to Henry's Journal)

MELINDA SHAFFER FAMILY (HENRY'S MOTHER)
1. J. Jacob Shaffer (1786-1862)
   m. Anna Maria Hummel (?-1817) [1814]
   2. Simon Shaffer (1815-?)
   2. Rebecca Shaffer (1817-?)
   m. Catharine Traub (?-1819) [1818]
   2. Aaron Shaffer (1819-?)
   m. Caroline Goodling
   m. Christina Troup (1792-1877) [1820]
   2. Amos Shaffer (1821-?)
   2. MELINDA SHAFFER (1823-1884)
      m. Samuel Basom (1821-1898)
      2. Ann Shaffer (1825-?)
      3. William Shaffer (1827-?)
      2. Henrietta (Harriet) Shaffer (1833-?)
      m. Michael Hoffman

SAMUEL BASOM FAMILY (HENRY'S FATHER)
1. Jacob Basom (1786-1859)
   m. Catherine Albright (1791-1861)
   2. Elizabeth Basom (1817-1892)
      m. John Shirk
         3. Abel Shirk (1846-1894)
   2. Rachel Frances [Fannie] Basom (1821-1900)
      m. John Page
         3. Abel Page (1853-?)

   2. Susannah Basom (1826-1908)
      m. Joseph G. Wines (1823-1898)
      3. Clara Wines (1851-1928)
         m. Benjamin H. Custer (1843-1907)
      3. Wilson Wines (1858-1953)
         m. Emma J. Graybill (1858-1923)
      3. Barbara Wines (1858)
      3. Emma Wines (1860)
      3. Seth Wines (1862)
      3. Abel Wines (1864)
   2. Jacob Basom (1828-1865)
      m. Jane Hostetler (1827-1903)
      3. Emeline E. Basom (1852-1872)
      3. John H. Basom (1855-1907)
   2. Tobias Basom (1830-?)
      m. Careline Van Ormer (1834-?) [1852]
   2. John Basom

1. Henry Basom (1790-1861)
   m. Susanna Shirk (1791-1881) [1819]
   2. Michael Basom (1820-?)
      m. Josephine ___ (1830)
      3. Brian Basom (1859-?)
2. SAMUEL BASOM (1821-1898)
   m. Melinda Shaffer (1823-1884)
   2. Julia Basom (1823-?)
   2. Joseph Basom (1825-?)
   2. Jacob Basom (1830-?)
HENRY’S FAMILY

1. Samuel Basom (1821-1898)
m. Melinda Shaffer

2. Jacob Basom (1847-1917)
m. Angeline Lauver (1850-1913) [1870]
  3. William Austin Basom (1871-1936) [to Texas]
  4. Mirnie M. Basom (1873-?)
    m. John N. Brosius (1874-?) [1896]
  3. Albert Henry Basom (1875-?)
    m. Edith

3. Rev. Edward Charles Basom (1878-1957)
m. Carrie Bordlemay (1873-1941)
   4. Rev. William E. Basom (1915-2011)
      m. Ruth Nash [1939]
  3. Clarence Cloyd Basom (1881-?)
    m. Henriette
  3. Banks Curtis Basom (1886-?)
  3. May Basom (1892-?)

2. REV. HENRY BASOM (1849-1920)
m. Ada L. Nailor (1855-1925)
  3. Florence Basom (1886-1964)
    m. Rev. Lester A. Fuhrman (1881-1953)
  3. Emma Catherine Basom (1894-1988)
    m. Rev. Harry Halbert Jacobs (1893-1975)
        m. Vance M. Dimmick (1914-1997)
      4. Rev. Vance Dimmick (1938-2014)
          m. Mary E. Haines (1919-2002)
        5. Rev. Thomas H. Jacobs

2. Jerome S. Basom (1850-1918)
m. Mary
   3. Ida Basom
   3. Minnie M. Basom (1871-1958)
   3. Edward Scott Basom (1879-1958)
     m. Mrs. Catherine Traynor Kinsella (1857-1917)
   3. Robert Garfield Basom (1894-1894)

2. Lucilla Basom (1851-1870)
2. Elizabeth Basom (1852-1870)
2. Sarah Basom (1855-1870)
2. Insanet Basom (1856-?)
2. Jane Basom (1856-?)
   m. William Hoffman
   3. Maurice Hoffman
2. Susan Basom
   m. John McKinney
2. John M. Basom (1858-?)
   m. Sarah Matilda Inch
   m. Ketura G. Sarver
2. Thomas Basom (1859-1885)
2. Peter Basom (1859-?)
2. Amanda Basom (1861-1941)
   m. Henry Wise (1839-1932)
2. Michael Basom (1861-?)
2. Samuel Basom Jr. (1864-?)
2. Mary Basom (1865-?)
2. William Basom (1867-?)
2. Janice Basom (1869-?)
WINEY-GRAYBILL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE DIARY
(not complete, but intended to include names and relationships relevant to Henry's journal)

Jacob Winey Jr (1764-1844)
Anna Kaeler (1774-1843)

John Graybill (1766-1838)
Maria Eppler (1772-1853)

Amos Winey (1796-1880)
Barbara Graybill (1801-1873)

John Winey (1820-1893)
Elizabeth Fischer (1831-1905)

Amos Winey (1823-1905)
Harriet Graybill (1829-1869)

Daniel G. Winey (1830-1918)
Mary Bostwick (1832-1903)

Joseph Winey (1828-1898)
Sarah Winey (1828-1898)

William Winey (1837-1910)
Sarah Scholl (1843-1915)

Christian G. Winey (1841-1927)
Amanda Landis (1846-1929)

Foster Winey (1850-1928)
Hannah Garman (1856-1946)

Emma J. Winey (1855-1940)
[never married?]

Caleb Winey (1849-1933)
Mary Graybill (1851-1923)

Clara Winey (1851-1928)
Benjamin Custer (1842-1907)

Barbara Anna Winey (1866-1894)
Austin Winey (1858-1957)

and

William Winey (1864-1937)
Kitty Morse (1870-1897)

Austin Winey (1858-1957)
Barbara Anna Winey (1864-1894)

Menno Winey (1866-1924)
Alice L. Bums (1856-1923)
Epilogue

There is one final part to the story that needs to be told. Henry suffered from a serious deformity in his feet. After serving his first appointment 1877-78, he removed himself from the itinerant system for 5 years to have surgeries and recovery periods. He returned to the itinerant ministry in 1883 and served continuously until 1907.

Nowhere in the text presented in *The Chronicle* does Henry allude to this handicapping problem\(^1\) that today might call for special treatment and elaborate social services. This information has deliberately been withheld until this epilogue so as not to prejudice the reading of the material. The photograph below is believed to have been taken during Henry’s Union Seminary days – but the identities of the other three persons are not known.

\[\text{Henry Basom is seated at the right, on the footstool – circa 1876.}\]

\(^1\) The reader may recall that Henry mentions visits to a shoe shop and occasions when the walking conditions were quite treacherous, but these incidents may or may not be associated with his handicap.
The website\(^2\) for the archives of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church includes several databases, including pastoral records. Here is the record for Henry Basom as it appears in the “Central Pennsylvania Evangelical Pastors” database. The “Note” at the end of each record includes known relationships to other persons in the database.

**BASOM, HENRY S.**

Born: 7-19-1849 Richfield PA  
Died: 2-25-1920 Carlisle PA  
married: Ada L. Nailor  
obit: 1925,82

1876 license  
1883 ordained deacon  
1886 ordained elder

Interment: Kutz's Cemetery, near Carlisle PA  
Obit: 1910,65

1877-78 Baltimore circuit  
1878-83 located to undergo a surgical operation to correct physical deformity  
1883-86 Big Spring  
1886-88 Brush Valley  
1888-91 Jersey Shore Circuit  
1891-92 Williamsport Newberry  
1892-95 Lock Haven Circuit  
1895-98 East Prospect  
1898-02 Big Spring  
1902-03 Wellsville  
1903-07 Salladasburg  
1907 on leave  
1908 retired

Note: Henry S. Basom is the father of Florence Basom Furhman, wife of Lester A. Fuhrman, and of Emma Basom Jacobs, wife of Harry H. Jacobs. He is the uncle of Edward C. Basom and grandfather of Susquehanna Conference preachers Vance Dimmick and Thomas Jacobs.

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\(^2\) To reach the website for the conference archives, go to the conference website susumc.org and click on the resources option. The resource links are listed alphabetically, the first of which is “Archives of SUSUMC.”