

Jotham Meeker journals

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The journals of Jotham Meeker, in three volumes, describe his daily activities as an Indian missionary, printer, and minister in Michigan and Kansas territories. In 1825 Meeker served as a teacher and preacher among the Pottawatomis, the Ottawas, and later the Chippewas in Michigan. The Board of Baptist Missions sent Meeker to Indian Territory in 1833 in an area that would later become Kansas. Due in part to the Indian Removal Act of 1830, the U.S. government was relocating many Eastern tribes west of the Mississippi River. Meeker was assigned to the Shawnee tribe as a printer-missionary. By February 1834 he had set up his printing press at the Shawnee Baptist Mission in present Johnson County, Kansas. In May 1837 Meeker began his own mission among the Ottawas near present Ottawa, Kansas. Meeker died at the Ottawa mission in January 1855. A full transcription (PDF) is available below under "External Links." Images of the original journals are followed by images of the typescript copies. Funding to digitize these journals was donated by Dr. A. Allan Schmid.

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- long and painful conversation with Meshukwutoqua. Fear she is lost.
8. I with an Ind. haul 7 cords of Stove wood. Mr. Bertrand & family with us last night. Receive letters from S. & H. and R. S. Hunter. A slight rain last night.
 9. Rel. visits to Moreland & Pooler & their families, Wawasumoqua and Musquahbunoqua, and Sahkemahqua.
 10. Lord's Day. Preach to the Ottawas on the duties of wives, husbands, children, fathers, servants & masters, from Eph. 5 & 6. Shawboned[a] follows.
 11. Write to H. & S. Mark off 10 acres of grass for my meadow. At sunset meet Brn. Jones, Pamahchewunk, Thomas and Shawboneda, at Br. Wolf's, where we continue till about midnight counselling about some of the difficulties in the Church.
 12. Have a long visit from Wm. Turner, with whom I have much rel. and other conversation. Rel. visits to Meshukwutoqua, Akito, Fashikokah, Seseel, Pota and Eakee. Hive two swarms of bees, but they afterwards leave while I am absent. Very warm.
 13. Ride 8 miles to write a full description of Wanedahbunoqua's ailments to Dr. Griffith at the Sac & Fox Agency. Go to attend the pr. meeting at the house of Petonukwut, but am taken there with a chill, followed by fever & sweating. Ride home, take a vomit.
 14. Had a restless night last night--severe head ache--take pills this morning--physic lightly-- Feel unfit for any kind of business. Write to Bro. J. G. Pratt.
 15. Physic this morning, take quinine--vomit it up, eat nothing all day scarcely. Severe pain and fever.
 16. No better, but am daily getting weaker. Fevers continue. No appetite. Medicines seem to do no good.
 17. Lord's Day. This is the day that was set apart for the Communion, but I am not able to attend. The Brn. and Srs. however hold a Ch. meeting. They



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restore to the fellowship of the Church Jane M'Nabb and Sahkemahqua. Meshukwutoqua suspended for her continued refusal to submit to her husband.-- Pamahchewunk and Oshosh are appointed a Committee to labor with her. A charge was brought against Pahtee for proposing marriage to another woman. He, being sick, is not present--but is suspended, and Missos & Petonukwut are appointed to wait on him. The subject of Tattling, Fault finding, Slander, &c. was brought up, but no definite action taken--it was however postponed to be resumed at some future time. My fever continues. Am no better.

18. Send Thomas to Westport for Flour and "Boxes" at Kansas. Have no fever through the day until 4 o'clock P. M. but a severe head ache, weakness and want of appetite continue. Fever very high in the evening.
19. Take Quinine from 6 till 12 o'clock, my fever does not return, but my head continues to ache.
20. Employ three men, who commence cutting my hay.-- Have no fever, but my head aches in the afternoon.
21. Feel much better today. Walk out considerably. Learn that Judge Lewis died last Friday in Westport, of Drunkenness.
22. Ride out some. Sell a Beef for Jos. & Lucia King. A load of 1000 lbs. flour arrives for me from Kansas.
23. Measure 6 1/2 acres of my Meadow, the amount that has been mowed. Visit Br. Jones, who is sick. Tinker some at my wagon. Instruct Pamahchewunk & Missos relative to their duties as Committee men in the Church.
24. Lord's Day. Preach from Gen. 4, 9. "Am I my brother's keeper? Thomas follows in the afternoon. About 40 Ottawas attend. Several are getting down sick in the neighborhood.
25. Visit and administer to Br. Jones. He is no better. Receive 6 1/2 acres of Hay from Missos & Co. Hunt up two men to haul my hay, and to make some



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26. Right up some of my hay cocks which have blown down. My head aches again all day. Write some.
 27. Make various preparations to leave home on to-morrow, and to attend the annual Meeting at Delaware.
 28. In company with my daughter Maria, go in my buggy to the Shawanoe Bap. Mission. Head aches all day. Spend the evening and night with Bro. Simerwell.
 29. Maria & I go to the Del. Bap. Mission. The annual Meeting commences in the afternoon. Br. Pratt opens it with an address. Several prayers are offered.
 30. Preach in the morning from "Where is Abel, thy br.?" Br. Barker follows from "Not by might," &c. In the evening Br. Smith (Moravian) from "As I live, saith the Lord I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked" &c. Br. Pratt closes with a general address. Some Ind. speaking.
 31. Lord's Day. I preach to a crowded assembly from "Look unto me all the ends of the earth, and be ye saved," &c. Ketchum follows. Br. Stateler (Meth.) from the "Way" & "Highway" prepared for the Church. Brn. Pratt and Jonnycake preach in the evening.
- Sept. 1 [1851] We meet before breakfast, have several prayers and a few remarks from Br. P. when we exchange salutations, and close the present series of meetings. No special excitement,--but good attention has been given about 150 Inds. present. My daughter and I proceed direct to Westport. Agree with a Mr. Barns to board my daughters M. & E. and with Mr. O. Guthrie to teach them, for several months, Emeline to commence next week. Some two or three months ago Mr. Nathan L. Simpson offered himself in marriage to my daughter Maria, who accepted his offer, upon the conditions that her parents should give their consent. Having made it a subject of enquiry;--of consultation with my wife; brn. Simerwell, Barker, Pratt, and Guthrie;--and prayer to God,--I this evening consult Nathan and his father on the subject,--and give to Maria my full consent. May the dear Lord direct every



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- movement in this matter, and add his blessing.
2. Do some business in Westport, leave Maria at Mr. Barns's, and ride home alone--arrive at 9 o'clock, P. M. Weather exceedingly warm. During the afternoon am troubled with diarrhea. My men finish hauling and stacking my first mowing of 6 1/2 acres of hay.
 3. Hunt up men to make more hay for me. Do various small jobs about home. Write to Br. S. Peck relative to his paying the amt. due on my Life Insurance Policy in Boston.
 4. Attend pr. meeting at Missos's. Take a copy of my letter of yesterday, and also of the Ex. Committee's letter the the Mission of July 7, '51. and a part of the Circular of June 19, '51, to all their Missions. Have had a diarrhea for near 3 days past.
 5. Dig Potatoes, trim Hay stacks, put up fence, &c. Finish copying the Board's Circular. Mrs. M. has had fever for three or four evenings past. Many of the Inds. have Intermittents.
 6. Am engaged most of the day in stacking my Hay. Mrs. M's. Ague increases on her.
 7. Lord's Day. Preach from "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Pamahchewunk follows. Col. A. M. Coffey, Miami Agent, spends the afternoon and night with us.
 8. Finish stacking my hay. Col. Coffey leaves this forenoon. Give Mrs. M. quinine--hope the ague is broken. She has been very sick every day for more than a week past.
 9. Sometimes hope my wife is better, and again fear she is not. Help work about home. Give out Med. all day.
 10. Visit several families. Make preparations to go to Shawanee on to-morrow to attend the annual meeting--but, as Mrs. M. gets no better, but weaker, I conclude to wait a day or two longer. Write to Bro. Barker and to Maria.



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11. Ride to Jones's and to Wolf's. Four wagon loads of Ottawas besides 3 or 4 on horseback start to attend the Shawanoe an. meeting. Write a Draft on the Ex. Com. for \$294.50 in favor of H. & S. dated Westport, Sep. 15-- And another on the same for \$20. in favor of J. M. Bradstreet, dated the same. Write letters to F. Barker,--Th. Johnson,--H. & S.,--A. T. Ward & Co.,--J. M. Bradstreet, and my daughter Maria.
12. Send to the Meth. Sh. School my boys Robt. and Ephraim, together with those who have been there to school the last year, and seven new ones--in all 20. Send Maria's and Emeline's trunks to Westport. Write and copy my Annual Report to the U. S. Ind. Agent, J. R. Chenault.
13. Rel. visits to Pota, Peshoo, Asebun and Sally. Prepare different kinds of medicines. Work some about home.-- Mrs. Meeker continues very unwell. Very warm.
14. Lord's Day. Preach from "God is angry with the wicked every day." Give out Medicine to many.
15. Rel. visits to Kebemsa & wife, Pahtee and Kanewubbee. Labor hard with and for Pahtee--fear he is lost. May the good Lord deal with him, and bless his soul.
16. Long and painful talk with Meshukwutoqua.-- Counsel with Br. & Sr. Jones relative to the cases now under suspension by the Church. The most of the brethren and sisters who attended the Shawanoe Meeting return. Write to Maj. Chenault.
17. Had a return of my Ague last evening--took Pills. Feel very unwell all day--take quinine--but the fever returns in the evening. Receive 2480 lbs. of Flour from Kansas for the Ottawas. Get letters from Maj. Chenault, A. T. Ward & Co., Simpson & Hunter, and T. Wells. Cannot attend the pr. meeting to-day. A great many around are sick.
18. Stay close at home all day, trying to fight off the ague. Write letters to A. T. Ward & Co.--Hunter & Simpson, John Harris, Jun.--Doct. J. Lykins,--



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T. Wells, and my daughter Maria.

19. Ride around to several places to attend to the sick, &c. My ague did not return last evening. Feel better to-day. Owing to the fact that there is sickness in almost every family in the tribe, I sent and bought about 2,500 lbs. of flour, and am issuing it out to them. They are to pay for the same at the approaching Payment.
20. Visit some of the sick. At about 2 o'clock, P. M. I with 8 of the most influential members of the Church met in the meeting house to deliberate on the unfinished business of the Church. We took up the cases of Pahtee and Meshukwutoqua, and after carefully examining the Committees and other evidence, we unanimously decided in favor of excluding the former and restoring the latter. Night coming on we adjourn till morning. Pamahchewunk, Pamahchewunk, Oshosh & Petonukwut stay over night.
21. Lord's Day. At 10, A. M. we meet again to examine--and decide relative to the growing evil of Tattling, evil-speaking, &c. in the Church, and unanimously decide that, as it seems so extremely difficult for the Ottawa Church members to take up the duty, alone, of laboring according to the Saviour's command in the 18th Chap. of Matthew, from this time forward it shall be the duty of any member, knowing of any brother or sister having engaged in evil-speaking or of carrying tales, to report the matter to the pastor, who shall accompany the reporter to the accused person or persons, and jointly carry on the labor, according to the above law of Christ's. At 12, M. the Church meets--the above three cases of yesterday and to-day are taken and all decided unanimously as above, D. Moreland, for drunkenness at Kansas & Westport, last week, is excluded. The usual time of meeting being all taken up, we have no preaching.
22. Administer a rebuke to a brother. Give out flour, medicine, &c. to a good many Inds. Make up a large lot of Cook Pills. Emiline has had the ague on yesterday and to-day. The Ind. Agent starts to St. Louis for the Indians.



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23. It has been exceedingly dry for more than a month now past. Our creek has got to several inches below running stage. To-day it has been rainy most of the day. Eliza take[s] the Ague--so both of our children who are at home have it. Nearly every body in the country is more or less sick. Make out my Report to insert in our Joint Report of next week, and work some on the Ind. Accounts.
24. Ride around the country with my buggy nearly all day to carry flour to them to bake for the Meeting. Visit the sick. The Ind. sisters wash the meeting house. Emeline's fever appears to be broken, but Eliza's continues.
25. Carry flour to two more families for baking. Attend pr. meeting at Mautnuk-num's. Make various preparations for the meeting.
26. The brethren come in the morning, chop & haul fire wood, prepare a table and other conveniences for cooking, kill a beef, and encamp. Br. & Sr. Barker, Br. Pratt, Sr. Morse, with children & Inds. arrive. The Meeting commences in the evening. I give a short address, and three prayers are offered.
27. Before breakfast a pr. meeting. At 10 Br. Barker preaches the Angels rejoicing over one sinner that repents. I interpret. In the afternoon and evening the Ind. brethren speak. Brn. Barker, Pratt and I, confer relative to our Annual Report, Tabular View, Estimate, &c. Write one Draft for Br. B. and one for Br. P. for their expenditures, &c. until Dec. 31, 1851. Retire at almost 12 o'clock.
28. Lord's Day. I address the meeting before breakfast. Bro. Pratt at 10, Br. Jones at 12, Br. Barker at 3, I at 4, Brn Kanewubee, Kewutuwabr and Thomas in the evening. It being extremely sickly, less than one half of the usual attendants were present, perhaps about 100.
29. I offer a farewell address and prayer before breakfast. The Meeting closes, and all return to their homes, apparently satisfied that we have had a good



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meeting. Weigh and sell the Beef, Bread, Coffee & Sugar which remained;-- attend in various ways to many of the sick--and become so completely fatigued that about 1, P. M. I take a relapse of my ague, which continues till in the night, when I take an emetic. Think I never knew so many of the Ottawas to be sick at one time as there are now.

30. Take a regular course of quinine--have no ague. Our daughter Eliza continues sick--has the fever every day--fear Emeline is getting it again--give her pills. Give out medicine to a great many. Arrange my Accounts up to the present day. Write to Maria. We had light frosts on the mornings of the 27th and 28th, but not enough to kill leaves. The trees look almost as green as in July.

Oct. 1 [1851] Copy and arrange the Ottawas' National Accounts, both with each individual among them who has taken provisions, and with those of whom the provisions were purchased. Give out medicine to many. In the afternoon Eliza has the fever and in the evening I have it.

2. Make out my Quarterly Govt. Accounts for three quarters ending Dec. 31, 1851, and my Accounts as Treas. of Shawanoe Mission for nine months ending Sept. 30, 1851. Our babe is gradually getting worse--has had a severe fever most of the day. I have not had it to-day.

3. Copy my Treas. Accounts. Write to the Treas. A. B. M. U. Eliza gets worse--give her Calomel in broken doses. Jacob Millers daughter Julia Vallette dies at 12, M. Our brother Kotee dies at 10, P. M. I have been too unwell and too busy to visit him.--

4. Emeline Eliza seems a little better to-day--we have set up with her the last two nights. Sickness is so general that while two or three half sick men work at the Coffin of our departed brother three women commence digging the grave, one of whom is his widow, and another his sister-in-law. Although I feel feeble and almost worn out, I assist them at digging the grave until the men arrive with the corpse. We sing and pray at the grave. Learn that



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our brother was perfectly resigned to the will of God. Sickness seems to increase all around. Give out medicine to a great many.

5. Lord's Day. Address about a dozen Ottawas on the subject of Sickness. Give out 30 parcels of Medicine. Eliza's fever does not return, and she has some appetite, but she is very weak and fretful. The weather continues very warm for this season of the year. House flies and mosquitoes are about as numerous as ever. The Mercury ranges from 80 to 85 in the day time.
6. Make a batch of Cook Pills, and prepare other kinds of Medicines. Do several small jobs about home. Eliza is better.
7. Visit several sick families, and administer medicine to the sick. Employ old man Kewashesh and his wife to commence the digging of my Potatoes. Work some with them.
8. Visit some of the sick. Gave Missos Calomel on yesterday and blistered him this morning. Did fear that we should lose him--but on this evening find that his fever has left him,--his liver was much inflamed--but now hope he will recover. His wife, too, is taken down very sick. Hunt for, and find an old woman to cook for and take care of them. The mer. ranges, all day, between 80 & 85. Fire the prairie around my field. The grass is scarcely dry enough to burn, and that only when the wind blows strongly.
9. Visit some. Am caught out in a severe shower of rain, the first rain we have had of any consequence for perhaps two months. Pamahchewunk has a son born near us.
10. Missos is much worse again--work a long time with him. fear he will not live till to-morrow. Hear from Maria for the first time in about 3 weeks, that she is well. Write to Br. S. Peck relative to the appropriation for Br. Jones.
11. Our brother Missos died last night at about midnight, peaceful, resigned and happy.-- Assist in digging the grave, and bring the corpse in my wagon.



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We sing and pray at the grave. M. has been, for the last ten years, a steady, useful, pious Christian, one of the strongest pillars in the Church. We will miss him here, but doubtless our loss is his gain. O Lord, be pleased in thy goodness to sanctify to us these repeated afflictions. Haul a load of Potatoes and a load of Pumpkins from the bottom field.

12. Lord's Day. Preach to about 25 Ottawas from "For I am ready to be offered," &c. 2 Tim. 4. Our Eliza had a very slight fever on Thursday last, which has been increasing every day since. Commence on to-day again to give her medicine. During yesterday & to-day the wind has been north, and it is quite cool,--hope some that sickness will consequently decline.
13. I with a boy haul 3 loads of Pumpkins, and 4 loads of fire wood. Shawboneda & brother are digging my Potatoes in the stable lot.--- Learn that the Agent passed by Mr. Jones's on last evening with the Annuities. Write a letter to Bro. Barker.
14. Carry my Pumpkins in from the stable ot, and pack away in the smoke house and printing office six or seven wagon loads of them. Two boys, John & Alpheus, are digging Potatoes. Mr. Chenault, from Miami, stops with us.
15. Send Daniel to Shawanoe for my horse. Sesebee and I finish digging my Potatoes. On yesterday and this mornings we have had light frosts, the first we have had this month, and the first to nip any thing this season. The trees and bushes continue almost as green as in August. Bright, fresh flowers, white, yellow, deep blue and pale blue, are still to be found on the prairies--house flies and mosquitoes continue troublesome. Receive a letter from Maria. Eliza's fever leaves her again.
16. Sesebe and I assort all of my Potatoes, 55 bushels, bury 40 bush. of seed P. for winter--reserve out 10 bu. of large for eating, and bury 5 bu. of large. Ride to brn. Wolf's & Jones's.-- Buy 1 1/2 bu. Apples. Daniel returns with my horse. Receive two letters from Br. Barker, and one from Mr. Chenault, the Miami Miller. Eliza is much better.



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17. On last evening I took my third relapse of the Intermittent fever. Fever & restlessness continued all night--take Quinine to-day--have some fever this evening--head & back ache all night and day. Write to N. L. Simpson to buy apples for us, and to my daughter Maria.
18. My head, back and hip ached all of last night and to-day, but the pains are gradually becoming lighter--Emeline is attacked again with the fever. Put glass in the broken windows of the Meeting, and our Dwelling houses. Ride to Bro. Jones. Sister Jones has a relapse of her fever.
19. Lord's Day. Preach to 20 Inds. from the Parable of the Wheat & Tares. Matt. 13. Ride to Kebemsa's to see his sick child. Give medicine to a good many. The Sauk and Fox payment was completed on yesterday, and on to-day there is a general rush for homes, and for the Potawatomie Payment.
20. Do some writing for the Indians. Hunt men to commence husking my corn on to-morrow. Give Emeline quinine all of the forenoon, and break her fever again. Many of the Ottawas start for Potawatomie. Write to Doct. Lykins.
21. Five Ottawa men and I husk and haul six loads of my corn.-- Write a letter for Kebemsa. Purchase for the Ottawas a sett of Blacksmith Tools. The coldest day we have had this fall.
22. We finish husking and cribbing my Corn, about 175 bushels. Ice froze this morning about 1/4 of an inch thick, which did not thaw in the shade until to-wards evening. The morning glories have opened regularly around the windows, and a variety of flowers have been fresh until to-day. Kubba's child died on yesterday.
23. Visit some. Scarify & Cup Akito. Gather a lot of Grapes for Wine. Cover my Corn Crib, and repair my garden fence.
24. Rig up my wagon and buggy to take into the state next week. Do some writing and other jobs.
25. Purchase 38 bushels of Corn from D. Moreland. Prepare to leave home on



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Monday Morning. Our daughter Emeline has now been at home 18 months, during which time she has made no progress in her literary education. We wish now to place her in the Westport Female School, to remain for an indefinite time, where Maria has been since March last, except during the vacation.

26. Lord's Day. Preach to some 12 or 15 Ottawas from John 6,--67,68. Sickness continues to such an extent, that nearly all of the well are required to stay at home to take care of the sick.
27. Start with Emeline for Westport before sunrise, and arrive at the Meth. Mission at 4, P. M. Visit all of the Ottawa children at the Mission, 21 in number.
28. Make various purchases at Westport and Kansas. Load up my wagon, and send it homeward by D. Moreland.-- Have a long talk with my daughter Maria. Receive a letter from my Mother. She with my brothers and relatives were well. Stop for the night at Mr. D. W. Simpson's.
29. Bid farewell to my children and friends, and leave town at 6, A. M. and arrive at 7, P. M. Find my family in usual health. Learn that our sister Wanedahbunoqua, Kashshowa's child and Sockutchewa's child have died since I left home.
30. My bowels have been in a very disordered state during last night and to-day. Regulate accounts. Write to Maria.
31. Ride to Thomas's and to Shawboneda's to attend to business of the tribe, and write considerably preparatory to attending the General Council on to-morrow.
- Nov. 1 [1851] Attend the Council at Komchaw's. Am engaged until late at night in adjusting the Ottawas' Accounts.
2. Lord's Day. Preach to about 30 Ottawas from Gal. 5.--The works of the flesh and the fruit of the spirit. Shawboneda follows.
3. Visit Kenotiko who is sick. Attend to his Accounts, &c. Some 15 or 20



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men call on me to do business for them preparatory to the approaching annuity payment. Regulate the Nations Accounts.

4. Attend the Payment of the Ottawas at Jones's.-- Collect for them all of their Provision Accounts, Taxes, &c. Am deep in business until midnight. The number enrolled this year is 231.
5. Nearly all of the Ottawa men meet at our house to pay their debts, dispose of their extra funds, &c. I take between 9 & 1000. and agree to go in the settlements next week to pay their debts.
6. Write to Maria and to the Agent. Still am attending to various account matters for the Indians. Visit and administer to several sick persons. Shawboneda had a son born on yesterday.
7. Dig and bury my Beets, and do various jobs about home. Am making calculations and preparations to go on Monday next to Westport to pay off the Ottawas' Accounts, and perhaps bring Maria home.
8. Am this day 47 years of age. I feel to repent and mourn that I have done so little in the service of my divine Master during the past year. I have tried to preach the gospel almost or quite every Sabbath, but have not baptized one. This is, I believe, the first year I have baptized no one since I was ordained in 1838. May the dear Lord forgive what has been amiss in me during the past year, and grant in infinite goodness that I may be instrumental, in my 48th year, of doing much good in His kingdom. Rain and hail this evening.
9. Lord's Day. Preach to some 20 or 25 Ottawas from "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth," &c.
10. Travel in my buggy with \$1000. to the Friends' Mission, where I stop for the night. Meet a very cold N. E. wind all day. Suffer considerably from cold. Nearly all of the above amt. is to be paid to various individuals for the Ottawa Nation's Provision debts.



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11. The rain falls all of to-day without any intermission. Ride only two miles to the Baptist Mission.
12. The rain continues all day. Ride to Westport. Pay out all of my money--make a few purchases--spend some time with my daughters--receive two letters from the Sec. & Treas. of the Ex. Com. and stay for the night at the house of Mr. C. R. Barns. Learn from my daughter Maria and Nathan L. Simpson that they have agreed to be married on the 10th of Dec. proximo.
13. There being a vacation in the Westport Female School I start for home with my daughter Emeline. We travel in a strong head wind, through rain and hail--suffer from cold--proceed slowly on account of muddy roads, and lodge at Mr. M'Lean's.
14. We arrive at home at 1, P. M.--find that our main Chimney has fallen down, and my family are suffering from colds, and are out of fire wood. Work at getting fuel, an[d] write on Accounts, &c. until between 10 & 11 o'clock.
15. Visit Shawboneda, Sally & Notin, who are sick. Hunt for hogs, and prepare to work at my broken fire place on Monday.
16. Lord's Day. Preach from "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Visit the sick at Jones's and Wolf's. My cold increases, feel this evening almost sick.
17. Am confined to room and bed sick all day. Severe aching in my head, eyes and bones throughout. Take Pills and Epicac.
18. Feel some better to-day. On yesterday I ate nothing--to-day very little. Mrs. M. has a violent attack of hoarseness and sore throat.
19. Wrote on yesterday to N. L. Simpson, and on this morning to our daughter Maria, proposing to them to be married on perhaps Monday or Tuesday, the 8th or 9th of Dec. Prox. (instead of the 10th) at sunrise, and to come to Ottawa with their attendants on the same day, to spend two nights here, and return on the third day to Westport to attend the infare. We send Daniel Drake as the bearer of said letters. Hire Neckutchewa to fill the fire



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place with a stone wall, and place near it a stove, which must answer until next Spring or summer. The rain commences about 12, M. and increases until night.

20. Neckutchewa finishes the stone work, and I agree with him that he take a contract to bear all expenses of every kind, and to furnish me with a good Chimney, to found it on the rock which is some three feet lower than the former one, to make a new hearth, and to make it as good in every respect as the Chimney was which fell, and to have all completed some time in the Spring--for which, when finished as above, I am to pay him thirty dollars. Board up the Chamber Fire-place--carry my winter Potatoes & Onions from the Smoke house into the Cellar. The wind blows strongly from the north all day, and every thing without is freezing.
21. Took a relapse on last evening of my fever, head ache, &c. and have spent a very distressed night and day. Am no better this evening.
22. Am still confined to my bed--am perhaps a little better. Daniel returns with letters from Nathan and Maria. They have entered into such extensive arrangements that they cannot comply with our propositions of the 18th or 19th.
23. Lord's Day. Am much better to-day--but am unable to attend the meeting. This is the day we had set apart for the observance of the Lord's Supper--the brethren put it off for two weeks. Br. Jones conducts the meeting to-day.
24. Take Quinine all day, and have no return of head ache--my appetite is pretty good. Have Pumpkins all removed to the cellar. It is much colder to-day than any previous time this fall.
25. The snow falls most of to-day. My cattle come up from the bottoms. A good many of the neighbors continue sick, and some are suffering for want of fuel. Write to C. Douglas.
26. Our fuel has given out, and I am compelled to ride out to hunt some person to chop for us--have the promise of a man on to-morrow or next day. Hands are now extremely scarce, owing to the continued sickness among the Inds.



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and consequently the backwardness of their own work. Nearly all the Corn is still unhusked--some of their potatoes not dug, and houses open.

27. Feeling quite unwell to-day, and the wind blowing strong and cold from the North, I do nothing out but to attend to my chores. Kenewubbee comes this evening to commence chopping my winter's supply of wood.
28. Ride out some. Visit Br. Jones and family. Hunt a man and team to haul wood for us on to-morrow. Have a hard head ache most of the day, accompanied with fever. Fear it is a relapse of my ague in the head. My Cattle all come home from the Osage bottoms.
29. Our stove smoking badly I put up a pipe to reach above the top of the house. Help Wosso at hauling wood. Shut up three hogs to fatten for my supply of Pork. Feel much better to-day.
30. Lord's Day. Preach to some 25 or 30 on Prayer & Fasting. A raw cold day. A good deal of sickness continues around us. Have a long pointed talk with D. Moreland, who sheds tears freely.
- Dec. 1 [1851] Give out medicine to some of the sick--make a batch of Cook Pills, Linaments, &c. Write to Maria.
2. Have a slight paroxism of my Intermittent head ache--hope it is about to leave me. The weather which as been wet and cold for some time past is clear to-day, but cold.
3. Ride to Jones's-- Visit the sick at Thomas's. Kill a Beef.-- Receive a letter from Br. Bright relative to Br. Jones's case.
4. Cut up and salt my beef. Ride to Pooler's-- Try to find some way to get Emeline back to school at Westport.
5. Stay about home all day-- Feel considerably unwell. Eliza is quite unwell this evening. A good deal of sickness around us yet.
6. Wosso and I haul six and a half cords of fire wood. Kanewubbee, Wm. Herr & David Wind have cut and corded about 30 cords of fire wood for me this week. Strong south wind all day.



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7. Lord's Day. Address about 60 Ottawas for an hour from 1 Cor. 11, on the subject of the Lord's Supper--and then administered the bread and wine to near 50. The pr. meeting, which has been discontinued for some two or three past on account of sickness is to be resumed; and for the present, to be held only once a week. Rainy all the afternoon. The mer. ranges all day from 57 to 60, deg. above 0.
8. Pahtee and half a dozen other men spend considerable of the day with me. Deliver over to the nation all of the Accounts, Notes, Receipts, &c. for Provisions, Groceries, Medicines, Smith Tools, &c. which were in my hands. Write letters to Ward, Hunter & Simpson, N. L. Simpson, and my daughter Maria. Mrs. M. makes some wedding cakes for Maria, and we prepare to send Emeline to Westport on to-morrow to attend the Female School under the charge of Rev. O. Guthrie, where she will probably remain until the August vacation.
9. At 4 o'clock, A. M. D. Moreland & wife, and Susan Miller call, on their way to Westport, for Emeline. Although a severe shower of rain is falling, yet we ship her off in the wagon at 4 1/2, A. M. The rain continues nearly all the day-- Still hope they will get this evening to the Meth. Mission, and by 9 o'clock on to-morrow morning to Westport. Overhaul my Beef, and re-salt it. Hunt a young Calf in the woods. Have been afflicted with piles and feasting sores on my hands, face, and other places for some days past. Feel some relieved to-day.
10. Our daughter Maria, aged 17 years 3 months and 6 days, is, we suppose, on this evening at 7 o'clock, united in marriage to Nathan L. Simpson, aged about 20 years and 4 months in the meeting house at Westport, Mo. Nothing prevents the marriage being at our house but the illegality of the record in Mo. and nothing prevents my attending the wedding at Westport but the bodily ailments of my wife & self. May our and their Lord sanction the



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the union with his divine blessing. Spend three or 4 hours among some of the sisters in the Church, reproving, admonishing and instructing them on various subjects.

11. We resume our pr. meetings to-day after a suspension of two or three months, owing to sickness--the meeting is held at Notenikwum's--7 present. Rel. visit to Mesukumee. The roads and prairie is every where extremely wet & soft.
12. Dig and bury my Turnips, 4 or 5 bushels. Cover my Potatoes to the depth of about 3 feet. Pahtee visits me--he and I counsel for an hour or two relative to their getting a Trader, or in case of failure whether they cannot probably make a national arrangement with some Westport Merchant for Goods.
13. Visit and have rel. talks with Akito, Quakubequa, Petosmoqua and Osahwahnukwut. D. Moreland returns from Westport with the news that they got through with Emeline, although the rain was most severe, and the mud worse than ever known before. He brings letters from our daughter Maria and Nathan L. Simpson, informing us that they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Wednesday evening last, at the house of Mr. Barnes at Westport, Mo. Emma arrived only about 3 hours before the wedding. We wish her now to remain at school in Westport until the August vacation. The weather has turned severely cold last night, which continues all of to-day.
14. Lord's Day. Preach to about 25 Ottawas on Faith & Works, from 2nd Chap. of James. The weather was again warm this morning, but is this afternoon and evening much colder than it has been this season, there being a strong north wind, and the mer. being down to 2 or 3 above Zero.
15. Very cold all day--the mer. to 9 below 0. Write a long letter to my mother, and another long one to Br. & Sr. Miller.
16. The weather continues severely cold. Do some jobs about home. Write to my brother J. M. B. and to Br. Pratt. Write a Draft on the Ex. Com. for



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- \$350. in favor of J. G. Pratt, which is the Quarterly Appropriation for Delaware ending March 31, '52. dated Fort Leavenworth, Jan. 1, 1852.
17. Strong N. W. wind--mer. from 8 below 0 to 10 above. The cellar is badly freezing. Spend several hours in trying to tighten & warm it. Write to Br. Barker. My head aches all day.
18. Attend pr. meeting at Kesiswahba's. Spend the evening at br. Jones's. The wind turns to the S. W. and it is some warmer.
19. Visit at Meshukwutoqua's-- Tighten some of the crack about the house. Weigh out som[e] Powder, Lead, Nails & Coffee for Mr. Jones. Kanewubbee finishes chopping 25 cords of wood for me.
20. Shawboneda and I haul ten cords of stove wood, and put a load of hay in the stable loft. Assist Pahtee in contracting with a Mr. Paine, of Cass Co. for the delivery, in about five weeks from now, for the Ottawa nation, of 10,000 lbs. of Pork at 5 cts.
21. Lord's Day. The snow fell last night, the first we have had this season, to the depth of two or three inches. My head has ached hard all day; on account of which I requested the brethren to do the speaking topday. Brn. Jones and Shawboneda occupied the usual time in addressing the meeting.
22. Visit at Thomas's and at Shawboneda's-- Feel to-day some better.
23. Assist Mrs. M. at cleaning and regulating the house. My Beef, appearing to be damaged, I overhaul it, and put it in another barrel. Repair Stove.
24. Clean the meeting-house-- From 11 o'clock till night Wosso & I haul wood. For about two weeks past, the weather has been very cold--but a strong S. wind on yesterday & last night makes topday so warm that bees are out, and the ground is becoming very soft and muddy.
25. Attend pr. meeting at Keotowahba's-- Visit Komechaw. In the evening Pahtee visits me, and stays over night. We counsel and decide relative to the best mode of the Ottawas getting credits of some Merchant in Westport between



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- this time and the next Fall's Annuity Payment, and other national matters. Have a long religious talk with him.
26. This being the day agreed on that our Son-in-law and daughters should visit Mrs. M. & I spend the day mostly in making preparations to receive them, but they do not come. Strong wind all day--some snow flying in the morning, and rain in the evening, freezing to a sleet. Wah-pe-kin-nee died three days ago, and Pukikun's child died two days ago. Give out medicine to several.
27. Ride to Br. Jones's. Write letters for the Ottawa Nation to Merchants at Westport, relative to their opening a Trading House there. Again look this evening for our children from Westport, but they do not come. The bad roads & weather, probably, prevent.
28. Lord's Day. Preach to about 35 Ottawas from Luke 4, 18. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." &c. Learn from Br. Jones that our children, on last Thursday, expected to come through on the next day. We suppose that the state of the roads and the weather, prevented their coming.
29. Write four copies of the Ottawa Nation's letters to the Merchants at Westport, viz. to D. W. Simpson, J. M. Hunter, E. Price & C. Chouteau & Co. Write to daughter Maria. Give out medicine to several.
30. Send the above letters to Westport. Do some jobs about home. Cold. Write to D. W. Simpson. We hear nothing from our children.
31. Visit at Br. Jones's-- Have for about a month been troubled a good deal with sores on my hands, and other parts of my body, with piles, head ache, pain in my hip, &c.
- Jan. 1 [1852] Attend pr. meeting at Shawboneda's. Make arrangements to get some bread baked for our approaching Quarterly Meeting. Bring flour for that purpose from Thomas's.
2. Clean the Chicken house for Mrs. M.-- Do some business for the Law Men of the Nation, and for D. Moreland.



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3. Rel. talks with Quawish, Sesebe and Wossayaw. Receive letters from my daughter Maria, D. W. Simpson, C. Chouteau & Co. T. L. Owen, & F. Barker.-- Write a Draft on the Treas. of A. B. M. U. for Br. Barker for \$338.76.
4. Preach to 60 or 70 Ottawas from "Art thou he that should come? or do we look for another?" Matt. 11, 4. Thomas follows. During half an hour's recess Br. Jones and I give out about 40 pounds of bread. After which Shawboneda addresses us from the Parable of the lost Sheep.
5. Write duplicate copies of a letter to Rev. S. Peck, Cor. Sec. A. B. M. U. relating to Br. Barker's "Estimate," the disposing of the printing Office, and the state of religion among the Ottawas.
6. Attend a general Council of the Ottawas in the Meeting House. They conclude to trade with D. W. Simpson & Co. this year. Write in the evening to C. Chouteau & Co. D. W. Simpson & Co. and C. Barnes. Do also a good deal of writing for the Ottawas. Mr. Paine arrives at Morelands with about 8000 lbs. Pork for the Nation.
7. Write to D. W. Simpson, Doct. Boggs, J. T. Jones, We also write to our daughters Maria and Emeline. Purchase two bushels of Apples of Mr. Paine.
8. About 40 of Mr. Payne's hogs are slaughtered to-day. Go to assist in weighing and distributing to the Ottawas, but they conclude not to commence it till to-morrow. In the evening an Express arrives from the Wea Mission, with a letter from Bro. D. Lykins, informing me of the death, on last night, of Miss Sarah Ann Osgood, missionary to the Weas, and for several years past the school teacher there. I am strongly urged to be there on to-morrow as early as possible, and to conduct the funeral exercises. But on account of there being no other person in the Ottawa country able to attend, on to-morrow, to the weighing and dividing the Pork among the Ottawas I am compelled to write to Bro. Lykins that I cannot go.
9. Assist Mr. Payne at weighing, and marking the weights on the hogs, and



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then issue out to the Ottawas 8732 lbs. of Pork. The weather turns warm.

Frequent light showers of rain through the day.

10. The ground had thawed an inch or more on last evening, but during to-day it is extremely cold. Clean the Meeting house. My mail arrives, by which I hear of President Napoleon's dissolving the Assembly in France, and also of the burning of the U. S. Capitol & Library. Wars and rumors of wars are increasing.
11. Lord's Day. Preach from Eccl. 11, 1--"Cast thy Bread upon the waters," &c. Shawboneda follows. Extremely cold. Strong N. W. Wind.
12. It is severely cold all day--mer. down to 0, and the N. W. wind blowing most furiously. Snow flying and drifting. Do but little else than take care of our selves and stock by feeding, and keeping the fire burning. In the evening, Mr. John Randolph Benton, the only son of Col. T. H. Benton, stops with us, Some religious and much other conversation with him.
13. Still very cold. Mer. to 5 below 0. Mr. Benton leaves at 10, A. M. Visit at Br. Jones's. Some warmer in the evening.
14. Receive a letter from D. W. Simpson, my Accounts for board and other expenses of my children, &c. Visit Br. Jones, who is sick.
15. Attend pr. meeting at Thomas's-- Receive a letter from Br. Simerwell, informing me that Sister A. W. Lykins of the Wea Mission died on to-day, and strongly urging that I go down there immediately. Prepare to go on to-morrow.
16. Ride with Marcus Linsey to the Wea Mission. Find a truly broken up state of things. Less than twenty days ago the Mission family and a school of over 30 children were in a flourishing condition. Since then the Teacher and the Missionary's wife, and one of the scholars have been numbered with the dead--the school has been dismissed, and the children sent home. Br. Lykins' oldest son too seems near his end.



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17. Charles Lykins dies at 1, A. M.--he was about 8 years of age, said he was ready to die, loved the Saviour, believed he would go to heaven, &c. We place his remains in the same coffin with his mother, and consign them to the silent tomb. Bro. Farmer and I conduct the funeral exercises. Poor Bro. Lykins seems to be overwhelmed with grief. Another of the scholars, an Indian boy, dies in a camp near by. Write to Bro. Barker, Br. Pratt, and daughter Maria. Excessively cold.
18. Lords. Preach in English from "If ye love me keep my Commandments." Br. Farmer follows. After which Br. Lykins makes a most affectionate address, and then embraces each one of us, over 20 in number. There is perhaps not a tearless eye in the house. In the evening we have a pr. meeting. We then spend an hour or two in singing, and I have a pointed rel. talk with the Ind. Agent, and also with others.--
19. Although the mer. is this morning down to 14 deg. below 0, yet I conclude to start home against a head wind. Start at 11, & arrive at 5, having suffered considerably from the cold. Learn that many of the Ottawas are very sick, and have sent word for me to visit them as soon as possible.
20. Visit 9 families containing 15 persons more or less sick, which keeps me busy all day, or nearly so. The most of the sick have taken violent colds. The weather is a little warmer to-day.
21. My hip complaint is extremely painful all day. Am sent for twice to visit the sick, but am unable to go. Very cold again.
22. Visit the sick in the families of Jas. & David Wind. Write to D. W. Simpson. Mrs. M. and Eliza are almost down sick.
23. D. Moreland & I haul 8 cords of wood. Our daughters arrive from Westport at sun-set, with Barry Simpson. Nathan to come for them next week.
24. Write to son Nathan. Barry leaves at sun-rise. One of his horses having died last night I lend him mine. Write for several Indians.



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25. Lord's Day. Preach from the story of Balak and Balaam as recorded in the 22d Chap. of Numbers. Not more perhaps than 20 present on account of the prevailing colds. Warm--ground thawing.
 26. Have a long visit from Br. Thomas Wolf. Visit Shawboneda and Pahtee to attend to some of their national matters.
 27. Visit Meshukwutoqua who is sick. Have a severe cold. In addition to my sciatic pains, rheumatism troubles me in my right knee.
 28. Write a Draft on the Board for \$300. Write to Simpson & Co. M. Wallace, C. R. Barnes, and Capt. Jos. Parks. Tinker some at our gates. Very warm suddenly. Mer. within 4 deg. of summer Heat.
 29. Attend the pr. meeting at Jacob Miller's. Visit T. Wolf's and J. T. Jones's families. Receive and read the Report of the Com. of Ind. Affairs.
 30. Make up Cook Pills, Cough Medicine and Linament. Write to Brother Barker. Send to him to forward to Boston my Medicine Memorandum. It commences raining about noon, and continues all the afternoon.
 31. It has been raining and snowing most of last night & to-day. Examine my children's improvements in education--have pointed religious conversation with them.
- Feb. 1 [1852] Lord's Day. Preach to about 35 Ottawas from the 2nd Chap. of 1st Tim. Give out medicine to a good many Indians.
2. Make preparations to kill my Pork on to-morrow. Write for Inds.
 3. King, Pooler and I kill and clean my Pork, about 800 pounds. In the evening our son-in-law Nathan L. Simpson arrives from Westport, expecting to take his wife and Emeline back, who have been here on a visit since the 23rd ult.
 4. Cut up and salt away my pork. Spend most of the day with my children. The ground is thawing, and is extremely soft.
 5. Our children intended to return to Westport on to-day, but it being rainy they do not go. Attend pr. meeting at Meshukwutoqua's.-- Have a long friendly and rel. talk with Nathan, Maria and Emma.



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6. Nathan and the girls leave in his buggy at sunrise for Westport. Assist Mrs. M. at cleaning and regulating things about the house.
7. Cut all of our sausage meat--make pork brine--assist at the lard, hogs feet and heads, &c. Weather warm.
8. Lord's Day. Preach to some 30 Ottawas on Prayer from Matt. 6. Weather clear and warm.
9. Write to my children & send to Westport for my horse. Rel. talks with Thomas, Ishahwun, Kesiswahba, Wawasumoqua, Pashikokah and Quawish,--the latter confesses that she is guilty of adultery.
10. Attend a Council of the Ottawas at the Coal Pit. Have further talk with Quawish. Receive a letter from my Mother.
11. Write for the Nation to Morris Baker. Have rel. talks with Pooler, & wife and his daughter, and Mautnuknum. David Wind spends three hours in the evening with me--he gives his son to Maria--offers to be restored to the fellowship of the Church--and we counsel relative to his wife, and to his marrying again, &c.
12. Attend pr. meeting at Sockutchewa's-- Write several notes for Ottawas. Receive a letter from Morris Baker--he accepts of the Ottawas' call as Smith.
13. The Ottawas have kept me busy nearly all day at writing at home and at Jones's Store. Receive a letter from my Son-in-law.
14. Write to Simpson & Co. for Iron, &c. for the Ottawa Smithery. Spend nearly all of the time from 1 o'clock till 9 at examining Sakemakwa, relative to reports of her having committed adultery. Call two witnesses. Two others we cannot get.
15. Lord's Day. Preach from Heb. 6, 6. "For it is impossible" &c At 3, P. M. visit again our sister Sahkemahkwa. Have much painful labor there. Also try to remove hard feelings at Sister Mautnuknum's, and also at brother Pooler's.



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16. Spend all of the forenoon examining another witness in Sahkemahkwa's Case, and in talking with her and Wossayaw. Rel. visits to Asebun, Pota, Woschewun, Sally, Shawboneda, Kebemsa and Kenewubequa. Send letters to our children, and clothing, &c. by Moreland.
17. Ride some 20 miles and make religious visits in several families. W. Turner and Mr. Feely stay with us for the night.
18. Have something like the Shingles running around my body. Visit Br. & Sr. Jones. Have a long talk with W. Turner.
19. Attend pr. meeting at Matnuknum's. Work about home.
20. Rel. visits to Quakahbuno, Osawabunoqua and Wasukeshikoqua.--- Receive letters from Sister Miller, N. L. Simpson and Maria.
21. Rel. talks with Akito and Nongosnoqua. Write letters to Ewing & Ewing, N. L. Simpson, Maria & Emeline. Rainy most of the day.
22. Lord's Day. At 11 I preach from Mat. 18, 4-6, on Offences to believers in Christ. At 12 1/2 we attend to Church business---at 2-3 we partake of the emblems of the sufferings of our Saviour. Jane M'Nabb & Sahkemahqua are excluded for Adultery. Some 60 or 70 of the Ottawas are present, although it is rainy most of the day.
23. Attend the funeral services at the grave, of Kebemsa's little son, who died last evening. Visit Mokitchewun, who is dangerously sick.
24. Am busily engaged all day, with Sahkahnukwut, at hauling 8 cords of fire-wood & a load of hay. Have rel. conversation with S. and learn that another Sister in the Church has been guilty of adultery. It is really heart sickening to have so much to do in the Church with this accursed sin. May the good Lord deal with us as with those whom he loveth.
25. Have two men, Shawboneda and Wosichewun, threshing my Oats.--- I winnow and put away whenever the wind is favorable. Spend two or three hours in the evening with S. in religious and other conversation. Give medicine to Mrs. Jones, who has the Erysipilas.



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26. Am all day at work at my Oats. Much talk again with Shawboneda in the evening relative to Jewish rites, Esther, Daniel and others.
27. Finish cleaning and putting away my Oats. Have 43 bushels.
28. The weather has been very warm and pleasant for some two weeks or more, but suddenly on last night a north-wester arose to a gale, and to-day it is severely cold. Write a letter for Mrs. M. to Mrs. Burdsal. Stay at home all day.
29. Lord's Day. Preach from "Godliness, with contentment, is great gain." In the evening visit at Brn. Jones's and Wolfs. Have rel. talks with Mokihiwun who is sick, and Br. Jones.
- March 1 [1852] A heavy mist falling and freezing most of the day, I stay in. Write letters for the Chiefs to the Agent and M. Baker, also write a letter to Mr. Robt. Merrill and to our children at Westport.
2. Ride to Opinkanink-- Rel. visits to Oshosh, Mesukume, Meeksukwa, Notenikwum, Kwakbequa, Pukikunapunoqua and Pimwawa. Receive a letter from the Ind. Agent, J. R. Chenault.
3. Trim some forty of my Peach trees. Repair a gate and some of the yard fence. Write for Thomas to Th. Johnson. Visit Mokichewun who is very sick.
4. Attend pr. meeting at Osawabunoqua's. Skin, cut up, and carry away, a Cow that died. Rainy last night. Warm to-day.
5. Visit Mokechewun twice. He is very sick, is much alarmed--wants us all to pray to God for his restoration to health, and for the pardon of his sins. His father, hearing that two daughters are very sick at the Shawanoe Mission School, goes to see them. I also visit brother John Walker, who is very low with Consumption. He seems to be resigned to the will of Providence. Have considerable rel. talk with both of the sick men. Receive letters from Br. J. G. Pratt and sister Margaret Burdsal of Cincinnati.
6. This being a damp misty day I stay at home--read the news, &c.



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7. Lord's Day. Preach from "The dying Thief." It being a wet day, but few are out. Warm and heavy mist.
8. Write two Drafts as Treas. of Sh. Mis. on the Tr. of A. B. M. Union, one in favor of J. G. Pratt for \$300. and the other in favor of S., W. & S. for \$512.50. Write letters to Br. Pratt, Br. Barker and N. L. Simpson. Strong wind from the South--Mer. 1 deg. below "Summer heat."
9. Start off my Drafts and Letters. Have a long plain talk with Pahtee, relative to his recent doings, and especially the apparently hostile course he has taken towards me. Have another rel. talk with Mokichewun, who is perhaps some better. Br. Th. Wolf returns from Shawanee with his sick daughters. He brings me a letter from Br. Johnson.
10. Open my Potatoes--take out of the hole five bushels for eating. Also take out my Onions, large & small. Sell about \$3. worth of them.
11. Attend pr. meeting at Petonukwut's. Visit Br. Wolf's sick family. Search for evidence concerning a bad report against a sister. Am attacked with a violent cold with a severe head ache in the evening.
12. Took Pills last evening,--which operate to-day. My head ache is some relieved this evening, but feel unwell all day. Stay in most of the day.
13. Visit some. Kebemsa seems better, & Mary Wolf worse. Write to the Am. Messenger for one copy of the Mes. and 6 of the Child's Paper, all to be addressed to my daughter Maria. Enclose one dollar.
14. Lord's Day. Address the Ottawas on the history of Samuel. Mrs. M. visits Mary Wolf, who is, probably, near her earthly end.
15. Right up my garden fence. Write several letters for Indians. Learn in the evening that our Sister Mary is dying.
16. For several days past it has been very warm--but on to-day the water and ground freezes, with a very strong N. wind. At 12, M. go to Br. Wolf's--find Mary dying. She ceases to breathe at 4, P. M. She has been rational most of the time till she expired. I talked some with her, but she was



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unable to speak. She died with perfect resignation to the will of God. She lived in my family 3 or 4 years, during which time she embraced the Lord Jesus as her Saviour--and from that time, (July 4, 1847,) to the present, has maintained an unwavering adherence to Him. We have no doubt but that she is in heaven. May the Lord in His goodness preserve the remainder of my charge as he has preserved her until he shall call them hence. Have religious talk with Pakee and with Br. J. T. Jones.

17. Conduct the funeral exercises, and assist in consigning the remains of our departed sister to the tomb. Our brother Kebemsa seems to be very near the end of his earthly troubles. He sends for me. I go and a long rel. talk with him.-- He too seems perfectly resigned to the will of God. Receive letters from our children. Write for Br. Jones to Br. L. Colby, and send an order on Br. Eddy for \$6.25.
18. Visit Kebemsa--he is much easier in body. Also Woschewun, who has been very sick for a week past. Attend at Asetun's where we were to have had a prayer meeting. On account of sickness and cold weather, only one besides myself came. Feeling myself unwell we have no rel. exercises. For three days past the mercury has ranged between 6 above 0 and "Freezing."
19. Fill the Hay loft for Summer. Clean off the garden, & finish repairing the garden fence. Receive letters from Th. Johnson and N. L. Simpson. It continues cold.
20. Hunt my hogs and drive them home. Commence smoking a part of my Pork. The winds turns S.--it is warmer.
21. Lord's Day. Preach on the rocky and sandy foundation, Matt. 7. Some forty or more Ottawas present. Apparently good attention given.
22. Plow my garden--make onion beds. Measure out and sell 21 bushels of Potatoes to Messrs. Smart, Goodell, Scott and Jones at 75 cents. Write for bro. John Walker to Rev. Thos. Johnson.



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23. Visit and have rel. talks with Mokechewun and Jones, the former, I trust, is almost a Christian. Plant 216 large, and 430 small Onions. All of the sick around us seem to be better.
24. Take out of the ground my Turnips, Beets and Cabbage and plant a part of the same for seed plants, greens, &c.
25. In the forenoon, uncover my Potatoes, measure and put away 8 bushels for myself, and sell 8 1/2 to 5 of the Ottawas. In the P. M. attend pr. meeting at Br. Pooler's. The fire breaks out in the prairie, and in spite of all we can do it burns all, or near all of Pooler's garden fence, about 2/3 of his ten acre prairie fence, a considerable part of his bottom field, Mautnuknum's five acre field all of it, part of her stock yard & cattle lot, two stacks of hay & one of Oats, one third of J. King's field fence, and I fear more will be burnt to-night.
26. Broke down my buggy while taking a sister home on yesterday from meeting. On to-day I repair and bring it home. Write for Inds. and write a letter to daughter Maria.
27. Visit at Moreland's, Jones's & Thomas's. Have a long argument with Br. J. relative to Church Discipline, &c. Learn that our daughter Emeline expects to break out with the Measles about this time.
28. Lord's Day. Preach on the subject of Corrective Discipline in the Church. Some 40 Indians are out as listeners.
29. Ride through to Br. Barker's in my buggy, in company with Pooler and Moreland with their wives. Find a company of California emigrants encamped at the Mission. Hard rain & wind in the evening.
30. Load my wagon for Jones & myself. Spend most of the afternoon and evening with my children. Prepare to go home on to-morrow with Emeline. But she seems to be taking the measles in the evening.
31. Emma is so sick I conclude not to go home to-day. Ride to Kansas. Have rel. talks with Nathan, Maria, and W. Ellis.