

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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winter. Write a letter to Maria.

14. Carry my letters and Drafts to Jones's to be forwarded to Westport. Receive two letters from my brother Samuel at Coloma, California, which are the first I have received from him for four or five years.
15. Have a long rel. talk with Kewutuwapi, and other subjects. Mr. Payne brings Hogs, and sells to the Ottawas. He spends two or three hours with us. Commence writing a letter to my brother Samuel.
16. Spend most of the day and evening in hunting in my Day Books and old letters materials to write to my brother Samuel, giving him the amounts I have paid our Mother for the last twenty years, the dates, through whom paid, &c. Suddenly very cold.
17. Assist the Ottawas at weighing Pork at Shawboneda's-- Visit and give medicine to Kesiswaba, who is very sick.
18. Finish writing my letters and memorandum of payments to Mother, to my brother Samuel, of California, and keep a copy of the same. Write a Chief Note for Mr. E. S. Payne for Pork. Have felt quite unwell all day, am some better this evening. Warm suddenly again, and thawing.
19. Lord's Day. The day is very cold and windy, and but few attend our meeting. Address the people from Matt. 26, 39-- "Not as I will, but as thou wilt." Feel much better than I did yesterday.
20. Visit sick Kesiswahba and Pakee. Esquire Arnett stops with us. Shawboneda spends the evening with me, examining all of the old Ottawa Treaties. He wishes me to write a synopsis of them all to translate and print, and make up into small books.
21. Go with Mr. Arnett to see and sell D. Moreland's horses. Kewutuwapi and I count D. Moreland's rails, with the view of selling them to pay his debts. Visit Kesiswahbee and Pakee--they are both better. In the evening visit Mrs. Jones, who has an exceedingly sore thumb, open it, cut out the proud flesh, &c. Mercury 2 deg. below 0.



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22. John King, his boys & I kill my Pork for the ensuing year,--have five hogs. Have probably, about 900 weight. Strong South wind.
23. Cut up, weigh, and salt away Pork--have 982 pounds. The weather has been warm. and the ground very muddy all day, but on this evening it again suddenly turns cold, and the mud freezes hard.
24. The weather is severely cold. Feel stiff and sore. Write some on the old Ottawas' Treaties. In the evening visit Mrs. Jones--lance & poultice her thumb which has the whitlow. Receive letters from Br. Barker and daughter Emeline. Read the President's Message.
25. Help Mrs. M. about her lard. Purchase a Horse of the estate of D. Moreland, deceased, for \$40. Br. T. Wolf spends the evening with us. About one inch of snow fell this morning. Very cold.
26. Lord's Day. Presch on the Birth of Christ to about 30 Ottawas from Luke 2, 15.-- Weather moderates. Strong S. wind.
27. Chop all of our sausage meat. Have several visits from Indians. It was very warm and muddy this morning--but about 9 A. M. the wind wheeled suddenly in the N. It is extremely cold again.
28. Make rel. visit to Oshosh, Notenikwum, Quakubequa, Mutwaich, and Mtosaqua. Thos. Wolf with us in the evening.
29. Buy D. Morland's Charley Horse for \$55. and his Field for \$30. making in all \$125. for his field & horses. Enlarge my Cow Pen.
30. Spend nearly all the day and evening at translating the Ottawa Treaties.
31. Finish translating the old "Treaties." We receive a letter from E. Clough. Write to my brother, J. M. Bradstreet.
- Jan. 1 [1853] Unite by marriage Mokechewun & Aketo at Meshukwutoqua's house. About half an hour after the marriage about 30 Ottawas sit down to a most sumptuous feast. All disperse before night. Write to Thos. Johnson & to daughters Maria and Emeline.
2. Lord's Day. We meet at 11, A. M. I & Shawboneda speak--intermission. A



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collection of \$3.60-- After a luncheon Pamahchewunk, Jones & Thomas address the meeting. About 100 present. At the close we agree to resume the weekly prayer meeting, to divide the country into five Districts, to appoint a leader in each, and to hold a meeting once a month in each. S. C. Roby and Wife stop with us. Have religious conversations with them. Very cold.

3. Send letters to Westport by Roby. Visit Meshukwutoqua who is very sick. Write to Thos. Johnson. Mer. 4 below 0.
4. Start Pooler to Westport with my wagon. Visit the sick-- Have a severe head ache. Many of the neighbors are sick with colds.
5. Return my horse I bought a week ago, on account of his being unsound. Employ Keroutuwahba to do my work for a year to come. Offer to sell him all of the Morland farm, which offer he accedes to, and it will fall to him as fast as he can pay for it.
6. Our weekly prayer meeting has been dropped for the last six months--but on to-day we re-commence it at Sahkutchewa's, hoping from this time forward to continue it--13 persons attend. Learn that Wm. Turner's second son died at the Pote. Mission on the 3rd inst.--write to him the news. Mo-ya & Kubba's babe die on to-day--the latter still born. Very warm & pleasant again.
7. Stay about home all day. Do some small jobs. Write to Thos. Johnson. Write some for Inds. For several weeks past we have had an almost constant succession of extreme changes in the weather. About every 4 or 5 days we have it severely cold, and as often it is very warm. On last Sabbath morning it was very warm,--during our meeting it turned most severely cold--on Monday the mer. was 4 below 0--on yesterday and to-day it is from 40 to 55 above.
8. Translate the last of the Ottawa Treaties. My wagon returns from Westport. Receive letters from Mr. Wilson, Pote. Smith--from D. W. Simpson, and from my daughter Maria. Warm & clear.
9. Lord's Day. Preach on the Law & Gospel. A Pote. found on yesterday near



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here, a white man frozen to death, with a wagon & 2 horses--he leaves the horses with me.

10. Hire Oshosh to go for the wagon and dead man spoken of on yesterday. Attend a Council of the Ottawas at Komchaw's. Visit Mrs. Jones on account of her sore thumb.
11. Jacob Miller assists me at revising all the Ottawa Treaties which I have been translating, preparatory to their being printed.
12. Take Mrs. M. & Eliza, on a visit, to Mrs. Jones's. Have rel. talk with Honggosnoqua--she wishes to be restored into the Church. Write letters to T. B. Arnett and my son-in-law. Oshosh has brought the dead man, and wagon (see Jan. 10) Am looking for men in pursuit,--no one yet comes.
13. Attend the pr. meeting at Meshukwutoqua's--12 present. Visit Mokechewun who has the Liver Complaint. Sell the Morland Charley horse to Komchaw.
14. Kill a hog and sell it to Pooler. Cover my Potatoes deeper. Do various chores. Write to my son-in-law. Wife writes to Mrs. Miller, Maria, & Emma.
15. Resalt all of my Pork. Make out a list of Medicines, and request Bro. Barker to forward it to Boston--the Medicines to accompany his to Kansas. Am much troubled with my sciatica, &c.
16. Lord's Day. Preach to some 50 or 60 from the last part of the 25th of Matthew, on the Judgment Day. Visit Mokechewun, who has been very sick with the Liver Complaint for a few days past. Give out medicine to a great many Indians.
17. Visit at Br. Jones's and at Daniel Drakes, and administer to the sick. Make up some Compositions. Write for Oshosh.
18. Visit and administer to the sick. Write to the Missouri Democrat.
19. Wm. Herr's daughter dies this morning. Conduct the funeral exercises at the grave. Visit Mokechewun--he professes a hope in Christ, & a resignation to the will of. I am in doubt about his recovery.



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20. Attend the pr. meeting at Br. Pooler's--15 persons present. Mokechewun, we hope, is some better.
21. Clean the Printing Office, put up the Stove, and commence setting types on the Ottawa Treaties. Shell corn in the evening.
22. Was taken on last night with puking and purging. Before sun-rise took a vomit, and afterwards Moffat Pills. Keep my bed all day--feel some better in the evening--my fever subsides.
23. Lord's Day. Rested pretty well last night--am all day under the operation of Medicine. Feel decidedly better. Do not attend the meeting. Shawboneda and Thomas conduct the services.
24. Work at setting types. Receive letters from Br. D. Lykins, & from our daughter Emeline. Am troubled with Piles--am better in other respects.
25. Set types one hour, but owing to my feeling very unwell, I stop. Severe cold in my head, Piles, pain in my bones, &c. render me unfit for business.
26. Work in the office. In the evening Mr. Geo. Huffaker arrives from the Shawanoe Meth. Mission. He comes for the horses & wagon whose driver was frozen to death on the 4th inst.
27. Attend the prayer meeting at Wosukeshikoqua's. About 15 persons present. Receive a letter from Bro. Eddy.
28. Work in the office. Write to Bro. D. Lykins, & Bro. R. E. Eddy. Have a great many calls from Indians.
29. Complete the setting of the types on the Ottawa Treaties. Bro. Simerwell visits us in the evening.
30. Lord's Day. Br. Simerwell preaches to some forty Inds. I interpret for him. Learn that the Camden Point Female Academy was burnt down on Monday night last, and that all of the students, including our daughter Emeline, barely escaped with their lives.
31. Take proof sheets of the Treaties. Prepare to start on to-morrow to Westport, and perhaps to Camden Point, to get my daughter Emeline.



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- Feb. 1 [1853] Start alone, with my wagon, for Westport. Stop for the night at Geo. M'Dougal's, in a severe rain storm--get very wet and cold.
2. Stop at Br. Barker's for an hour. Arrive at Westport at 3, P. M. Find that my son-in-law has sent for Emeline, and they are all at Westport. We have much talk about what to do with Emeline. She has lost in the fire everything but her night clothes.
3. Conclude to leave Emeline at Maria's for the present, to attend Mr. Guthrie's School. Do various business in Westport, and go with my loaded team to Br. Barker's.
4. The weather has turned intensely cold--travel nearly 30 miles, to Rogers's. Get there at about 7 or 8, P. M.
5. Arrive at home at 4, P. M. Have suffered much on yesterday and to-day. Find all at home well.
6. Lord's Day. Preach on the duty of loving our enemies to 25 or 30.
7. Regulate various matters about home, receive visits, &c.
8. Visit some. Hunt men to thresh my Oats on to-morrow. Write a long letter to my daughter Maria. Cold and windy.
9. Get two men to thresh my Oats. I clean it in the wind. Have a severe head ache this evening.
10. Attend the pr. meeting at our house--ten adults present. Winnow Oats. Write to Maria for Emma to come home.
11. Assist at the Oats. My two men finish threshing, but there being no wind I cannot clean it. Write to Supt. Cath. Mission for Kewutuwapa. Extremely warm. Mer. up to 70.
12. Still trying, most of the day, to clean my Oats. Do not finish them, owing to their not being enough wind.
13. Lord's Day. Preach to some 40 Ottawas from 2 Cor. 13, 5, on Faith, Self examination, and proving self.



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14. Finish cleaning my Oats--have 40 bushels. Br. D. Lykins and Mr. Hackley stop for the night with us. He (Br. L) and I settle up the old difficulty between him & Br. Jones. He leaves \$80. with me to pay to Pakee as soon as he shall complete L's. grave yard Wall.
15. My hip & back pain me very much all the day. Stay close within.
16. Again commence wearing Christie's Galvanic Belt for my Sciatica.-- Write to my brother J. M. Bradstreet. Spend the evening at Br. Jones's. Pack away to send to Shawanoe 12 Bibles, 12 small Testaments, 2 large Testaments, 2 Psalms & Test's. and 8 volumes of Tracts.
17. Attend the pr. meeting at Kesishwahba's. Visit Kewutuwabe, who was taken down sick this morning. On yesterday morning we found about 3 inches of snow, the first we have had this winter more than an inch deep. To-day it all melts off.
18. Rel. visits at Shawboneda's, and Pota's. Visit sick Kewutuwapa. Write for br. Jones to Cin. for Sugar. Reveal a few thoughts to Shawboneda relative to securing for myself and family a future home. He seems to side with me fully.
19. Mend my Wagon, and make preparations to start to Westport for our daughter. Emeline on Monday next. Mrs. Jones visits us.
20. Lord's Day. Preach on the institutions of the Passover and the Lord's Supper. Administer the Supper to some 30 Disciples. Nongosnoqua is restored to the fellowship of the Church. Jane M'Nabb asks to be restored--her case is laid over until our April meeting. Pakee asks to be baptised--his case also is postponed to April. Severe head ache most of the day.
21. The rain prevents my starting for Westport. Visit Kewutuwabe he is very sick. He professes to be perfectly resigned to the will of Providence. His disease is probably the Pneumonia.
22. The strong cold north wind prevents my starting till near noon. Go in my



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wagon as far as Sam. Rogers's. Very cold.

23. Severely cold. Start at 9, A. M. & arrive at Westport, at my daughter's at sunset.
24. Do some business, load my wagon, and start for home with my daughter Emeline at 2, P. M. We lodge at Geo. M'Dougals.
25. We start at sun-rise, travel all day, and arrive at home at 10, P. M. All well.
26. Stay about home--receive company. 3000 lbs. Bacon arrives for the Ottawas.
27. Lord's Day. Preach from Luke 12, 47 & 48 to some 40 or 50 Ottawas. Our brother Sesebe confesses to the Church that he was recently intoxicated.
28. The Ottawas refuse to take the 3000 lbs. Bacon--it is taken back. The Indians stay about us all day. Much talk with them.
- March 1 [1853] Attend a Council of the Ottawas at Komchaw's. Write letters to D. W. Simpson, R. Simerwell, & Rev. L. B. Allen.
2. Hang up my Pork Hams to smoke--mend Buggy--put up fence, &c. Pota is taken down very sick.
3. Take my daughters E. & E. on a visit to Br. Jones's. Send off letters. Our agent sister, the widow of Notino, and mother of David Green, dies this afternoon, with perfect resignation, and an unwavering hope of salvation through Jesus. She has been a member of our Church for nearly twelve years past.
4. Conduct the funeral exercises, and assist in burying the remains of our departed sister. Visit Mokechewun. He wants to be baptised.
5. Visit the families of Meshukwutoqua, Kesiswahba & Kewutuwahba. Attend to some Church matters.
6. Lord's Day. Preach to 30 or 40 Ottawas from the 19th Chap. of Matt. on the young man's visit to the Saviour. Visit & cup Akito.
7. Take down my bacon Hams--shell corn to pack them in. Hang up the Shoulders to smoke. Very warm and clear.



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8. Before day it rained, and froze a thick sleet, during the forenoon a fine hail falls--during the afternoon it snows--severe north wind all day--the snow drifts from 6 in. to 12 deep. The snow stops falling this evening, but the wind continues. Severely cold. What a change since yesterday! Write to the Agent. Severe pains in my back and hip.
9. Visit some. The morning opened clear, with the mer. below Zero. Cold N. wind all day. R-mee dies.
10. Attend the pr. meeting at Br. Thomas's. Have a long talk with sister Jones. Have hail, snow & rain--the snow thaws some.
11. Thawing all day. Bring my two new Plows home from Bro. Jones's. Learn from br. J. that telegrams bring word that a U. S. Territory is organized around us, and that \$100,000 is appropriated to hold Treaties with these border tribes, and that the unappropriated lands around us are opened for settlement by the Whites. Have an evening rel. talk with Wm. Turner.
12. Several of the Ottawas visit me. They seem in excitement about the news of yesterday. They seem to decide not to sell their land.
13. Lord's Day. Preach on God's plans for saving men to about 30.
14. Hang up my Shoulders to smoke. Trim my Peach trees. Visit, at Meshukwutoqua's. Rel. talk with Pakee.
15. Haul firewood. K. cuts corn stalks in my field. Write Drafts on the Ex. Com. for the Quarterly Expenditures at Shawanoe, Delaware & Ottawa ending June 30, '53. Write letters to Simpson & Co. and Br. Pratt.
16. Assist K. at Cutting Corn Stalks. Write to Br. Barker. Visit Wala & br. Jones.
17. Attend the pr. meeting at Kewutuwabe's-- Visit Shawboneda.
18. Trim fruit & shade trees in the door yard. Prepare my Buggy &c. to go on to-morrow to Chippewa, and the Agency. The snow & hail which fell ten days ago continues in some places. Yesterday was very warm--strong N. Wind all night--mer. about 15 below freezing this morning--again warm to-day--mer.



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this eve. at 48 above freezing, having risen 60 degrees. Mr. Brant stops with us.

19. Take my Plow, &c. to the Smith Shop. Visit some among the Chippewas. Our sister Kwrkapuno confesses that she has been drinking. Have much ta[l]k with the Agent at his house. Interpret on business between the Agent and Shawboneda.
20. Lord's Day. Preach at Mr. Smart's to some 30 or 40 White people from Ezekiel 33, 11. On yesterday we left an appointment at Turner's for preaching this afternoon--but, none coming, we have no meeting there. After having a rel. talk with W. Turner, Shawboned[a] and I return to our homes. The weather is warm. Grass begins to shoot. The first prairie flowers begin to open in sunny places.
21. Ride over 20 miles--rel. visits to several families. Bring my Plow home from the Smith shop. Ride through snow banks which fell and drifted 13 days ago. We have a cool late spring.
22. Open my Potatoe hole--take out Onions, and sell all I can spare. Open and remove my Turnips. Visit at br. Jones's.
23. Clean my garden for the Plow. Transplant Sage. Read newspapers.
24. Attend at Shawboneda's for prayer--but owing to the meeting's not having been published, none met. Repair stable door, &c.
25. Engage most of the day at trimming shade and peach trees.
26. Finish trimming my trees--12 apple, 50 peach & 100 shade trees. We pull a cow out of the mire down the river. Try to buy a Cow for the Ind. Agent-- He sends to me \$25. for one.
27. Lord's Day. Preach to some 40 Inds. on the resurrection of Christ and his Saints. Speak of Easter, Christmas, &c. &c.--
28. Set K. at plowing. I sow Oats, carry water for the sisters to wash the floors, seats, windows, &c. of the meeting house.
29. Sow Oats,--repair the garden fence,--visit br. & sr. Jones.-- Have some



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rel. & other talk with them. Fire my Meadow.

30. Work at the Oats and garden fence. Our daughter Maria and her son visit us with the expectation of remaining some ten days. Receive letters from brn. Eddy and Barker.
31. Finish my garden fence, sow oats, &c. We have a late spring. The Cows still are greedy after hay. Grass has started, but not so as to satisfy stock. The goosebury leaves only begin to open. Have not seen, as yet, a flower open, except a very few purple prairie flowers. On the 9th inst. the mer. was below 0, on yesterday it was 6 degrees above summer heat.
- April 1 [1853] Make garden beds--set out 150 large Onions & some 350 small ones, sow oats. Have rel. talks with Kewutuape and daughter Maria.
2. Finish sowing & K. finishes plowing my ten acres of Oats. At 1, P. M. the Church meets. Jane M'Nabb is restored. Kwakahbuno is excluded. Pakee & Mokechewun are received for baptism. David Wind applies for restoration--his case is postponed to next Ch. Meeting. There have been showers of rain all day--consequently but few attend. We have thunder for the first time this spring.
3. Lord's Day. At 10 1/2 A. M. preach from Mat. 18, 6. At 11 1/2 br. Jones speaks-- At 1 we take a collection, intermission & luncheon. At 2 Shawboneda, at 3 Thomas speak--at 4 I baptise Thomas Moore & Jacob Wolf. About 100 persons attend our meetings to-day.
4. Open and take in the smoke house, my Potatoes, about 30 bushels.
5. We plow the stable lot-- Cut Potatoes. Sell potatoes to Indians.
6. Visit three sick persons. Finish planting my Onions. Our son-in-law, Nathan, arrives from Westport. He will stay two nights.
7. Attend pr. meeting at Nakutchewa's--16 adults present. Peach blossoms begin to open on to-day. The face of the prairie, in spots shows a greenish cast.
8. Nathan & Maria return to their home. Commence planting Potatoes. Ride to Potawatomie Creek to administer medicine to Judge Ewing who is sick with



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9. My sick man is much better this morning. Take breakfast with Agent Coffey, Simerwell, Chenault and others at their encampment. Ride home. Elizabeth Simerwell accompanies me. Plant Potatoes.
10. Lord's Day. Preach to some 40 Ottawas on the Holy Spirit from John 17, 7. Receive a letter from Jos. Smart.
11. Cut Potatoes. Have my bottom lot plowed. Agent Coffey and Mr. E. Chenault & wife stop with us. Wind blows extremely strong.
12. Attend a Council of the Ottawas at Komchaw's. They, in general Council, unanimously decide, 1st to employ Nonedowah as their Miller for the next year--2nd that they will not employ sell any of their land to the U. S.--3rd to give to me and to my wife a home, that is, equal rights & privileges with themselves to their land, now & in future. 4th to ask the U. S. government that their perpetual annuity be commuted, and that they receive all at once--they think they will ask for \$280,000. I tell them that about \$52,000 wd. be right.
13. Pooler, K. & I plant 9 bush.of Potatoes in the bottom field, making in all 15 bushels I have planted this season.
14. Attend pr. meeting at Br. Jones's--ten adults present. Fill both of my stable mows with hay.. Sell of the balance of my hay and potatoes.
15. Re-salt my Pork. Plant Peas, Beans, Cucumbers, Pomegranates, Lettice and Reddishes. Measure my Morland field--find about 14 acres. The Oaks are blooming-- Plums & Peaches are in full bloom.
16. Visit Shawboneda on various business. Make preparations to survey some on Monday. Emigrants to California commenced passing on yesterday--more pass to-day, by whom we learn that great numbers are coming behind, and immense droves of stock.
17. Lord's Day. Preach to some 25 or 30 from the parable of the unjust steward Luke 16, 1-9. Thomas speaks in the afternoon.



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18. With two Ind. men I find the Ottawas' boundary line--we survey or endeavor to ascertain where the lines will be around the homes of Mokechewun, Mesham, Wosshaw and myself.
19. Have long and pointed rel. talks with Wm. Herr and Matnuknum. On yesterday about 1400 loose Cattle pass here for the West--on to-day about 900, besides six companies of wagons on yesterday and five to-day, perhaps in all near 100 wagons, and 1000 work Oxen, and 6 or 800 horses & mules. Sell 8 bushels of Oats and 10 of Corn to the Emigrants.
20. Select seed corn. Assort corn, for sale, for horses, and shell the poorest for fowls. Write letters to the Ex. Com. to Publishers of the N. Y. Times, and to Simpson & Co. Have religious talks with Br. Pakee, and Sr's Osawabunqua & Nongosnoqua. Br. & Sr. Jones hand to me \$30. as a contribution to the A. B. M. U.
21. Write duplicates of letters to Brn. Bright and Eddy. Attend the pr. meeting at Br. Pooler's. Plant water & musk melons.-- Write to Br. J. Farmer on Pakee's business.
22. Clean our Hen House, make boxes for nests, &c. Go to Pakee's for a bag of lime. Employ men to resume work on our well. Have some religious talk with Pakee. Over 1000 Cattle pass for the West.
23. Visit some. Have pointed rel. talks with Kanewubbee, Kosinkoqua, Ahshowutchee and Nahwukeshikoqua. Some 25 wagons and 1400 head of Cattle pass us to-day. Take two of my cattle out of a drove when they had got two miles past us. We are compelled to closely watch or lose our cattle. We had a light shower on Wed. night, and a heavy one last night.
24. Lord's Day. Preach to 30 Ottawas from Christ the Foundation. 1 Cor. 3, 11.
25. Plant about one acre of Pumpkin seeds in my bottom lot.
26. Write to H. B. Todd, and Miss P. Fobes. Visit some. Watch Cattle.
27. Start a Plow in my Morland field. 1000 Cattle & 5000 Sheep passed us on yesterday, and 1800 cattle to-day.

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28. Attend pr. meeting at Kanewubbee's. Spend much of the day in hunting and taking care of my Cattle. Have several times tak[en] some of them out of the Cal. Emigrants' Companies.-- About 60 or 70 Wagons and 1000 loose Cattle pass us to-day.
29. Plant Corn in my stable lot. Select seed Corn for my 14 acre field. Companies of wagons & Stock are passing all day.-- Learn that ten times as many Wagons & Stock are passing along the Independence route, 15 ms. distant, as are passing us, and that the Kaw is very full. Think there must be great detention and suffering at the Kaw Crossings.
30. Shell all of my Seed Corn, 2 bushels. Employ a man and team to work at my well next week. Have made no inquiries, but think that greater numbers of wagons and loose cattle have passed to-day than on any previous day.
- May 1 [1853] Lord's Day. Preach from Ps. 137, 6, 7. on Love to Zion. Shawboneda follows. We had a fine shower of rain this morning.
2. Spend most of the day at visiting--have rel. talks with Meshane, William Herr, David Wind, Nawutch, and Susan Wolf. Hire and bring home a yoke of Oxen.
3. Sakanukwut & I dig, break and haul 14 loads of stone to wall up my Well. But two Companies of Teams and Cattle passed us on yesterday, and two on to-day. The main body of the Emigration has probably passed.
4. We haul six loads more of Rock, making 20. Employ men to commence cleaning and walling my Well on next Monday. 3 Comp's. pass.
5. Attend pr. meeting at Oshosh's--13 present. Marry John Earley to Jane M'Nabb. Receive a letter from my brother, J. M. B. Do various business for Indians.
6. Assort a large number of old books, tracts, magazines, reports, newspapers, &c. and burn nearly a bushel of them. Rainy near all day.
7. K. finishes plowing & furrowing my 14 acre field. I with four men plant



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10 acres of the same with corn--we hope to finish on Monday.

8. Lord's Day. Preach to about 40 Ottawas on the seven sayings of Christ while on the Cross. Thomas speaks in the P. M.
9. We finish planting my Corn Field--visit and administer to David Wind, who is very sick. It has been uncommonly healthy in this country for a month or two now past.
10. Plow my Garden--make Beds, and sow various kinds of seeds. Emigrants continue to pass us every day--three Companies encamp this evening about half a mile from us.
11. K. & I plow and hoe all of my Potatoes in the bottom lot. A severe frost on yesterday morning killed perhaps all of the beans up in the country, and cut down potatoes, corn, &c. But the most of the peaches are probably uninjured.
12. Write a letter for Shawboneda. Prepare to leave home on to-morrow for Westport. Rainy much of the day.
13. Start at 12, M. in my wagon for Westport. Encamp near Bull Creek.
14. After meeting about 3500 loose Cattle and 70 wagons, I arrive at Westport in the evening. Stop with D. W. Simpson.
15. Lord's Day. At 9 attend German preaching--at 11 hear an able Sermon from Mr. Scarrett,--at 3, at the Meth. Mission hear a Discourse from Th. Johnson--at 4 I address some 75 or 80 Ind. Children. Lodge at the Mission.
16. Make various purchases at Westport and Kansas for the Ottawas and myself. Find my Mother's effects, sugar, &c. at K. from my brother of Cincinnati. Load them in my wagon.
17. Heavy rain from sun-rise till 3. P. M. Start for home with my load. The roads are extremely bad. Stop at Bro. Barker's.
18. Journey homeward--travel about 30 miles, and encamp.
19. Arrive at home at 11. A. M. Find all well. Unpack the Cincinnati boxes. Receive visits, and do various business for Indians. Emigrants continue



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to pass every day.

20. Open and weigh my Maple Syrup from Cincinnati--find that about 50 lbs. of it has been extracted from the boxes. Write to my brother and to J. H. Alexander & Co. of St. Louis on the subject. Pack away my Flour & Meal--visit some, examine my crops, &c. We had a light frost on yesterday morning, and a pretty heavy one on this morning. We buy 2 gal's. of large ripe Strawberries, the first we have seen.
21. Plow my Potatoes in stable lot, and Pumpkins. Unite in marriage at our house Mr. Hiram Elliot Byington to Mrs. Mary Ann Gardner. This is the first day Emigrants have not passed since the 15th of April ultimo. but we learn that others are still coming.
22. Lord's Day. Preach to some 40 or 50 Ottawas from John 6, 33. Christ the bread of life. In the afternoon D. Wind's case is postponed till the July meeting. Sah-kut-che-wa is restored, and five receive the right hand of fellowship. Administer the Lord's Supper to the Church.
23. Pakee, Weeshkoos & I work at cleaning the water and mud out of my well. Cold north wind all day. K. re-plants my Corn.
24. A white frost this morning. We commence walling the well. Have two men replanting corn. The Crows & Blackbirds have taken up all of the corn in Jones's, Shawboneda's, Pooler's, and others' fields. Receive a letter from my brother.
25. Work at the well. Replant Melons & Cucumbers. K. commences plowing my corn. A large drove of Sheep for Cal. encamp near us.
26. We had a good rain last night after the ground had become very dry. Work at the well. Clean & fix some beehives for swarms.
27. Replant my Potatoes, and assist at the Well. Hive a swarm of Bees.
28. My well waller left me on last evening, and on to-day I build up ten feet of the wall--the stones give out one foot below the top. Feel very tired and sore.



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29. Lord's Day. Preach to about 40 Ottawas on The Sabbath. Pamahchewunk and Thomas follow. We agree that our next Quarterly Meeting shall be on the last Sab. of May inst.
30. Replant my Pumpkins. Plant Melons in my Potatoe patch. We commence drilling a hole in the bottom of my well, but my assistant fails and leaves.
31. With a boy I hoe Potatoes in my bottom field. Visit Thaxter Reed, who is sick. We have a shower of rain. We have had a very even backward spring. This week is perhaps the first one this month that we have not had light frosts. Fire has continued to feel very comfortable every morning. Still fruit of all kinds is extremely abundant, and crops, although much put back by the cold weather, the crows & blackbirds, moles, gophers & worms, still they now promise well. We have had frequent gentle showers, but no rains to stop the plow. Health, in this region, has been uncommonly good.
- June 1 [1853] Attend a Council of the Ottawas at Jones's--they decide to commence immediately a general war against the Crows. Write for them a letter to the Agent. Come home in a heavy shower of rain. We have more rain to-day than we have had on any one day for two or three months past.
2. Attend the pr. meeting at Kubba's. Have rel. visits to Oshosh, Kubba, Meeksukqua and Mesukume. Receive a letter from Judge James, and call on the Chiefs and others on public business.
3. Rainy most of the day. Prepare Medicines--Pills & Linament-- Make some business calculations for the Ottawas, &c.
4. Read & correct the proof sheet of "Ottawa Treaties" & distribute some types. Rainy most of the day--the streams rising.
5. Lord's Day. Rainy most of the day. Preach to about a dozen from "And what is man that thou art mindful of him?"
6. Work half a day in the Office. Ride to Br. Jones's-- Try to give some good advice to Br. Pooler. Take up 4 stray Stears.



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7. Print 50 copies of the "Ottawa Treaties" in Ottawa, 15 pages. Have a long talk with Shawboneda on the business of the Nation.
8. Iron, fold & stitch the "Treaties," and bind 20 of them. Have bread, meat, &c. prepared for the Council of to-morrow.
9. The new Ind. Agent, Judge B. A. James meets the Ottawas in general Council in our meeting house--am busy all the day with the Agent and the Inds. This is the first real warm day we have had this season. The Agent stays with us over night.
10. Ride with Judge J. to Br. Jones's. Decide to go to Independence on business for the Ottawas next week. Attend to my hands at plowing and hoeing my crops. Write a letter for Thomas to the Ottawas of Ohio.
11. Haul wood. Plow Potatoes. Prepare to go in the state on Monday next. Mrs. James stops with us, on her way to the Agency.
12. Lord's Day. Preach to 30 Ottawas from the 1st Psalm. Shawboneda follows. Our daughter Eliza is getting quite unwell to-day.
13. Start in my wagon for Missouri in compa[n]y with Br. Jones with his three wagons. We encamp in the prairie at night.
14. Arrive at bro. Barker's in the evening. Received letters on the road from Br. Pratt, Br. Barker, & Mrs. A. Lyons.
15. Purchase 5000 lbs. of Flour for the Ottawas, and 800 lbs. do, and Meal, &c. for myself at Kansas. Find our Medicines just arrived from Boston. Lodge at Maria's.
16. Do various business at Westport. Sell a Draft on Boston to S. & W. for \$240. Load up my wagon & stop at bro. Barkers. Br. B. and I divide our Medicines.
17. Arose this morning very unwell, but proceed homeward. We again encamp in the prairie.
18. Arrive at home before sunset, find all well, but I have been ever since



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yesterday morning, and still am almost sick. We have had good roads & weather.

19. Lord's Day. Am too unwell to preach. Kewutuwabee and Thomas address over 30.
20. Call together the Ottawa Chiefs and head men, and deliver to them 4000 lbs of Flour I lately bought at Kansas for which they are to pay \$110. at their next an. payment. Open and put away my Medicines.
21. Issue to the Ottawa families the Flour I sold the Chiefs on yesterday. Regulate some of my Accounts.
22. A rainy day. Streams are rising rapidly. Write letters to Br. Barker, Br. Pratt, John A. Williams, Prin. of Christian College, Columbia, Mo. and H. B. Todd, Prin. of Camden Point Female Academy, hoping to find a School for daughter Emeline.
23. Attend the pr. meeting at J. Miller's. Rel. visits to Pooler & to Mautnuksnum. Write to Br. Slater.
24. Mow weeds in the door yard--work some in the garden. Long plain rel. talk with Kesiswahba.
25. The Church meets at 1, P. M. Mautnuksnum applies to be restored--her case is put off. Woschewun renews his application, but his case is again postponed. Quite a number of the Ottawas encamp in the Church yard.
26. Lord's Day. At 10 I preach from "where art thou." Gen. 3, 9.--at 11 1/2 Kewutuwapa speaks--at 2 Shawboneda--and at 3 Pamahchewunk. The house was near full all day--good attention given to preaching. Have pointed religious talks with several. May the Lord add his blessing to the Meeting.
27. Finish walling my well. Write to Th. Johnson. Rel. talk with Kesiswaba. Very warm and windy.
28. Rainy most of the day. Make up and arrange Medicines. Write to a Mr. Patton of Independence relative to the Printing Press.
29. Make a Curb for my well. The Chiefs meet at our house expecting to see the



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Agent on business, but owing probably, to the high waters, he does not come.
Send my name, as Security, in the Chiefs' Note for \$240. to enable Thomas
to go to Ohio for some 15 or 20 Ottawas.

30. The rain fell all of last night and part of to-day. Make and fit in the
curb a Winlass for my Well. Make & fit on water barrels some iron Hoops.
About 1500 Sheep encamp in front of our house en route for California.

July 1 [1853] Clean out the well, and complete the apparatus for hauling up
water. Spend three or four hours at assisting the Ottawa Treasurer with
his Tables, Accounts, &c. My Ind. boy, Robert Merrill, returns from the
Shawano Mission School, to spend with us the annual two months' vacation.
Visited Mrs. Pooler on last night at midnight and again to day. She was
very sick, but seems better now.

2. Search among some of the neighbors whether there exists any lawful hindrance
to my marrying W. & N. on to-morrow. Decide that I cannot do it. Write a
letter for John King. We have a heavy shower of rain again. The repeated
rains keep most of the prairie fields too wet to plow--so that most of the
Ottawas' fields are extremely foul with weeds and grass. Very warm.

3. Lord's Day. Preach on the sin of Lying from John 8, 44. Thomas follows
in the afternoon. Considerable talk with Nonggoh.

4. Set types on some School Cards, &c. for Miss Morse's School.

5. My man Kewutuabe is taken down sick. I plow all of the stable lot. This
is the warmest day we have had this season--the mercury is within two deg.
of Blood Heat. No wind at all.

6. Work all the day with two boys at hoeing my Potatoes & Pumpkins. The day
is as warm as was yesterday. T. Wolf leaves for Ohio.

7. Attend the pr. meeting at Notenikwum's. Weather very warm.

8. Visit some. Work some in the office. Write letters for Inds. Mrs. M.
has been quite unwell for three or four days past.

9. Print off two large Alphabets and a large Card for Miss Morse's school.



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We level the pile of stones & earth around our Well. Visit Br. Jones.

10. Lord's Day. Was taken before day this morning with pain in my bowels, purging and nausea--continue almost sick all day, attend meeting part of the time, but do not preach. Oshosh and Kewutuwahbe speak. The Church excludes Osawabunoqua for adultery. We agree for three months ahead to hold two meeting on the Sabbath, i. e. one at the Meeting House as usual at 12, and again at 2--and another at Oshosh's at the same time--the speaking brethren being appointed alternately to conduct the up river meeting.
11. Feel unwell all day, but better than I did on yesterday. Prepare a lot of Ottawa Treaty Books for the Indians. Write a letter to daughter Maria. Have religious talks with Wosechewun and Nongosnoqua.
12. Visit some. Have religious conversations with Mautnuknum and a Potawatomie woman. See about getting men to cut my Oats.
13. Have religious talks with Kesiswahba, Wawasumoqua, Misquahbunoqua, & Meguonequa. Fix my Cradle in working order? Write to N. Y. for the Weekly times--Write to Simpson & Co.
14. No one attends pr. meeting. All are extremely busy at harvesting. Write some, give out Medicine, &c.
15. Kewutuwabe commences cutting my Oats. Hunt men to bind them on to-morrow. Visit two sick persons. Many of the people around are getting diarrhea, chills, biles, &c. owing probably to their eating so many green beans, peas & potatoes. Mrs. James stopped with us last night on her way from the Agency to their farm in Missouri. Br. Brown of the Pot'e. Mission called her last evening. The weather has been extremely warm for two or three weeks.
16. Assist my men at binding and shocking Oats. Feel very tired.
17. Lord's Day. Preach on the peculiar duties of Parents & Children. Receive letters from J. M. Bradstreet of Cincinnati, S. Y. Bradstreet of California,



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J. G. Pratt of Del. Mission and J. A. Williams of Columbia, Mo.

18. Rainy all day. Write to Bro. Pratt, and write for him a Draft on Boston for \$278.60. Rev. G. F. H. Crockett and Rev. Calvin M. Brown, both of the Pot. Bap. Mis. stop with us for the night.
19. Write to Elder E. S. Dulin, Principal of the Female Academy of Liberty, Mo. Brn. Crockett & Brown stay with us on account of the rain till about 3 o'clock, and leave for Potawatomie.
20. The long rains have & Wind have much damaged my Oats. Hire 8 men to open & dry, cut and bind. Receive letters from Sister Gookin and daughter Maria, and a large bundle of Papers, &c.
21. Hire 12 men to work at my Oats--work with them all day. Pay and discharge all but 4. We hope to get all shocked to-morrow.
22. Three men work at my Oats part of the day. The Crows commence on my Corn field. K. commences watching it. My Sciatica hurts me badly all the day.
23. We finish binding & shocking my ten acres of Oats. The Ottawas have all, I thin[k] cut and shocked their Oats this week.
24. Lord's Day. Preach at Oshos[h]'s to about 20 Inds. from "Seek ye first the k. of heaven, &c. Shawboneda leads in the M. h.
25. In the morning open about 200 Oats Shocks to dry, and in the evening put them up again. Purchase some Beef.
26. Pooler and I prepare a wagon Rack, and commence hauling & stacking my Oats. Dozens of women, Ottawas, Potawatomies, Chippewas, Sauks & Foxes are in our bottoms hunting Blackberries.
27. Have four men hauling and stacking Oats. We finish them.-- My five Stacks of between 55 and 60,000 sheaves of Oats costs me for cutting, binding, drying, hauling & stacking about \$33.00.
28. Make a fence around my Stacks. The Ind. Agent & Interpreter spend several hours with us,--he does various business with the Ottawas.
29. Pick about 4 gallons of Blackberries--Emma & Robert about 4 more, strain



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out the juice, and we make between 3 and 4 gallons of Blackberry Syrup for medical uses. Visit at Bro. Jones's-- H. Shearman & our Br. K. have a difficulty.

30. Visit several families,--some religiously, and others on business. Thin off Peaches from some 10 or 15 Trees, to prevent their breaking.
31. Lord's Day. Address my people from "Thy kingdom come." Kewutuabe makes confession publicly of his difficulty with H. S.
- Aug. 1 [1853] Cut down weeds among my Melons & Potatoes. Pull up my Onions. Write to Judge James, and a letter for Shomin to Matilda Beron. Take Emeline on a visit to Br. Jones's.
2. Make religious visits in Pahtee's neighborhood. Receive Mr. Hackley of the Potawatomie Bap. Mission stops for the night.
3. Search for a good Meadow for my Hay. Employ five men to commence mowing on next Monday week. Receive letters from H. B. Todd, L. S. Dulin, Priest Duerinck and Br. Bright.
4. Attend pr. meeting at Kashowa's-- Have rel. talks with Mutwech, Pukikun's wife, Pemipotoqua, Mtosaqua & her Mother.
5. Open some of my Oats which have been stacked. Measure off 14 acres of grass for my Hay. The Ind. Agent stops with us.
6. K. and I haul rails, and repair my corn field Fence. The weather is extremely warm. Flies and Mosquitoes worse than usual.
7. Lord's Day. Address my people from the Transfiguration, Matt. 17, 2 to 9, giving a brief history of Moses and Elijah.
8. Feeling unwell last week I took pills last evening, which render me almost unfit for any thing to-day. Write letters to Mr. Todd and to daughter Maria.
9. Pooler & I haul rails, cut and haul poles for stacks and a meadow shed, and chop wood for cooking in the meadow.
10. Attend at Meshane's house-raising. Haul fuel, poles, &c to my meadow. Work



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on doors and boxes, preparatory to Mrs. M. and leaving on day after to-morrow for the state.

11. Sell my Buggy & Harnass. Have long plain talks with Br. Sahkutchewa and L. King. Work at various jobs about the house. Receive a letter from our Ind. Agent James. We commence cooking and eating our Peaches--they are not quite ripe.
12. Write to Elder E. S. Dulin, Principal of the Female Institute at Liberty, Mo. and send to him a Draft on Boston for \$75. Assist my family to prepare to leave home, who start at sun-set for Missouri, the flies being too numerous to travel by day in my two horse wagon, Pooler driving it for them--Emeline to remain for ten months--Mrs. M. and Eliza to return, Providence permitting, in 3 or 4 weeks. They are all expecting to stay at daughter Maria's near three weeks--Mrs. M. then to accompany Emeline to the Liberty Female School. I and my boy Robert are to remain alone at home till the Del. an. meeting Sept. 1.--immediately after which I am to bring my wife and child home.
13. Clean up the house--put away things--put fastenings on the windows and a door. Visit D. Wind--he wishes to be restored to Church fellowship on to-morrow. Send a brother to labor with a member. Robert and I stay alone, and do our own cooking, &c.
14. Lord's Day. Preach to some 40 from "One Mediator," &c.--1 Tim. 2, 5. After taking a Collection the Church restores D. Wind to fellowship--and excludes Nongosnoqua for living with a man who has a wife. It is rainy most of the day--the first rain for two weeks.
15. Start four men at cutting my Hay. Spend half the day in waiting on them, i. e. grinding scythes, carrying provisions, &c. &c. to them. Spend an hour or two in painful talk with Sister Meshane. Attend to various matters.
16. Attend in various ways to my Hay matters. Receive visits, &c.



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17. We rig up two wagons ready for hauling hay--hire three men to commence hauling some time in the night, owing to the horse flies being insufferably annoying in the day time.
18. At 2, A. M. we commence hauling my hay--haul four loads with our two teams by 7 o'clock, when the flies stop us--we commence again at sunset. Write a letter to daughter Emeline.
19. Assisted my men at hauling & stacking my hay all of last night. Do nothing all day but superintend my haymen and cook.
20. Again work all of last night at stacking hay--sleep most of this forenoon. My men finish cutting and cocking my hay, 14 acres--about half of it is hauled and stacked--hope to finish all next Wednesday. Add a note to Emeline's letter, and forward it.
21. Lord's Day. Preach to my people from "In every thing give thanks." 1 Thes. 5, 18. Felt considerable liberty, although wearied and sleepy.
22. Arose last night at 12 o'clock, and started my teams for Hay. At 3, A. M. the U. S. Ind. Interpreter arrived as an express from the Agent, calling for me to go immediately to see the Agent, with medicines, &c. Went, and found that he has had apparently to Intermittent paroxisms. Left medicine & directions, and returned by 1 o'clock. Assist my men at finishing my hay stacks, putting hay caps on my oats stacks, filling my stable loft, &c. So all of my 14 acres of Hay is in, in good order, without a drop of rain on it. The making, hauling, stacking, teams, provisions & cooking costs me \$50.00.
23. Severe wind & thunder shower last night. Dig ditches around my hay stacks. Straighten things about home.-- Rel. talk with Kosinkoqua.
24. Visit some. Long rel. talk with Mautnuknum. Instruct Meshane's men how to shingle a house. Examine my fields. Receive Instructions from the Com. of Ind. Aff'rs. relative to forwarding my Annual Report. Write to the Agent.



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25. Make out my annual Report to the Com. of Ind. Affairs through the Agent, B. A. James, and copy it. Rel. talk with Meshukwutoqua. Attend at Shawboneda's settlement for a prayer meeting, but the people being absent we have none.
26. Attend an Ottawa Council at Komchaw's. The weather suddenly turns so cold that I am compelled to wear a winter Cloak for an hour or two at the Council, and all the way home. Robert seems almost sick.
27. Write to Bro. Eddy on the subject of my Life Ins. Policy. Repair hay stacks. Make some preparations to start for Westport & Delaware on Monday.
28. Lord's Day. Preach from Mark 16. 16. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. Give Medicine to several.
29. Start for Shawance at 12. M. in my wagon, with 8 Ottawa Children for the Meth. Mission School-- We encamp at Bull Creek.
30. At 1, P. M. we arrive at the Meth. Mission--leave the Children. Arrive at my son-in-law's at 4, where I find all of my family-- All well.
31. Ride to Kansas and back. Learn that the Liberty School is not a good place for Emeline. We conclude to send her to Columbia.
- Sept. 1 [1853] Ride to Bro. Barker's. Attend Miss Doty's School Examination.
2. Ride to Br. Pratt's. His An. Meeting commences. Address the Meeting.
3. At 10, A. M. preach to an attentive congregation from 1 Thes. 5, 18. Brn. Oehler, Barker, Pratt, and Johnnycake also preach.
4. Lord's Day. Preach on the sufferings of Christ. The day and evening is filled up with preaching. Most earnest attention given.
5. Give a parting Address. The Meeting closes at 10, A. M. We have had a good meeting. Return to Nathan's.
6. Stay all day with my family. Write to E. S. Dulin of Liberty, and to J. A. Williams of Columbia.
7. Ride to Westport and back. Receive a letter from my brother J. M. B.



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8. Examine my son-in-law's 600 acres of land, and his 140 acre farm--assist my daughters at picking & pairing Peaches.
9. Ride to Br. Barker's--he commences his an. camp meeting.
10. Preach from "Come unto me," &c. Brn. Barker, Pratt, & Wattakah also preach. Br. T. Wolf & 6 Ottawas arrive from Ohio.
11. Lord's Day. Brn Durfee, Pratt, Barker, Katchem & Wattaka preach. I leave at 5, P. M. and ride to Nathan's.
12. We start for home--leave Emeline at Westport, who is to start on steamer Polar Star on to-morrow for Columbia, where we wish her to remain at School till 4th of July next. My wife, self, and daughter Eliza proceed homeward,--encamp at Cedar Creek.
13. We arrive safely at home at 2 1/2, P. M. We find all safe, as when we left--no severe case of sickness in the neighborhood.
14. Receive visitors. Put away things, clean up, and commence righting matters both in and out of doors. Peach trees are bending and breaking down with great loads of ripe fruit. Mrs. M. commences cutting and drying Peaches. We have some 50 or 60 bearing trees. All of the Ottawas have an abundance.
15. Assist Mrs. M. at her Peaches-- Re-salt my Pork. Have a long and painful talk with Meshukwutoqua.
16. Work near all the day at the Peaches. Make a lot of 250 Compound Rhubarb Pills. Bro. Crockett stops on his retreat from the Pot. Mission.
17. Haul 3 loads of fire wood. Work at various small jobs. Make up about 300 Cook's Pills. The mer. has been up to 92 for three or four days--during which time it has not, I think, been below 80.-- A constant strong south wind.
18. Lord's Day. Preach to about 40 Ottawas from "He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matt. 12, 30. Give out perhaps 20 parcels of Medicine.
19. This morning the mer. sinks to 42. During the last week, and until last



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evening it has ranged between 80 & 92. Assist at the Peaches. At 3. P. M. the Miami Agent, Col. Moore, was badly hurt by the upsetting of his buggy, half mile from our house--one leg being broken, and, we suppose, internally bruised in the abdomen & head. We bring him, in a wagon, to our house--he is in great pain. We send for his wife at Miami, and for Dr. Parker, of Westport.

20. Was up with our sick man, much of last night. He has continued, during all of last night and to-day, in very great pain. Am confined with him most of the time. At 4, P. M. his wife, in company with Br. D. Lykins, arrive.

21. A white frost this morning, the first we have had this season. Am confined all the day with Mr. Moore.

22. The mer. was yesterday two deg. & to-day four below freezing point. Attend prayer meeting at Kewutuwaba's. Our express for a doctor returns sick--no doctor comes--our man remains in great pain. Many of the Ottawas are getting sick.

23. Rel. talk with Meshane. Visit sick Daniel. Gather in Hops. Our Ind. Agent visits us. Prepare splints, &c. for Mr. Moore.

24. Rel. visits to Meshukwutoqua, Mokechewun, Ahyonchoqua and Mahtenukinum. Give out Medicine to several.

25. Lord's Day. A violent tooth ache prevents my preaching. Br. Th. Wolf takes my place. Meshukwutoqua confesses to the Church, some of her wrongs. Richardville and B. Peoria arrive from the Miami Agency. Mr. Moore no better.

26. The Com. of Ind. Aff'rs., Potawatomie Agent, and Dr. Crockett arrive. Richardville and Baptist leave. Mrs. Moore falls into a fit of Epilepsy. Have my tooth extracted.

27. Am confined closely at home all day. The Chief and others call on me to confer relative to their Treaty matters. J. G. Baker and family call--Br. Simerwell arrives in the evening.



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28. Grib a wagon load of Corn. Haul fire wood. Am still counselling with Inds. about their approaching talk with the Com. Ind. Affrs. Contract with Ottawas for my next year's supply of fuel.
29. The Ottawa Nation meet in our house of worship at 12, M. to confer with the Com. of Ind. Aff'rs. but he, being sick, does not come. I stay most of the afternoon with them. Rainy all day.
30. Kill a Beef.-- At 12 Col. Manypenny, Gen. Whitfield, Judge James and Antwoin arrive. The Inds. are soon collected, and the Commissioner and the Ottawas Counsel relative to their Land, Claims, &c. All leave in the evening, the Govt. Officers to stop at Bro. Jones's. Three or four families encamp on our Meeting ground. Our annual meeting to commence on to-morrow. The weather clears off beautifully.
- Oct. 1 [1853] The Commissioner and Agents return in the morning. The Com. & Shawboneda have further counselling-- Interpret for them. They leave about noon. Br. Barker and several Shawanoes arrive. We commence the Meeting at 11--the brethren spend an hour at prayer. At 2 Br. B. preaches, at 4 Shawboneda. No evening meeting. We work for our sick man (Col. Moore) till near midnight.
2. Lord's Day. At 6 a pr. meeting--at 9 Wattakah preaches--at 11 Pamahche-wunk--at 2 Br. Pratt, I interpret--at 4 Br. Jones--at 5 Mah-te-nuk-e-num is restored--at 7 Shawboneda speaks, and Thomas at 8. At 9 we close. Receive a letter from Maria.
3. At 8, A. M. we meet. I give the brethren a parting address--we decide to discontinue, for the present, the Sabbath meeting at Oshosh's--we also discontinue the prayer meeting, and instead thereof--we are to have preaching every Thursday, alternately at the upper and lower settlements. We separate in perfect harmony and good feeling. Write Mission Drafts for the Quarter ending Dec. 31. Brn. Pratt & Barker, and the Delaware & Shawanoes brethren return to their homes. Haul Wood, give out Medicine,



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- and put away things, &c.
4. Visit two sick persons. Hunt for a man to chop wood. Write letters to daughters Maria and Emeline. Col. Moore continues in great pain--he seems to be worse again to-day. Mrs. Moore, too is in a critical condition--has constant symptoms of Epilepsy.
 5. Visit the sick. Hunt men to dig Potatoes next week. Purchase & bring home from br. Jones's, flour and apples.
 6. Ride to Pamahchewunk's, and preach to six Ottawas on Suffering being the fruit of Sin. Br. Farmer, Br. Jackson, Br. D. Lykins, Hon. A. Guthrie and two other men call on us.
 7. Haul Wood and Shingles. Have a good deal of talk with Jones, & Baptist Peoria, and Col. Moore about the electing a Delegate to Congress from Nebraska. Conclude to have nothing to do with it myself.
 8. Haul wood. Receive letters from Br. Eddy, Dr. Emeline & W. H. Finley.
 9. Lord's Day. Preach to my people from "The Sabbath was made for man." Mr. Richardville stops with us. Have some religious disputes with Col. Moore, who I fear, is awfully hardened, and irrecoverably lost. May the good Lord, even yet, convince him of his true condition.
 10. Commence digging Potatoes. Haul 5 loads of Pumpkins. Have various talks with Ottawas relative to their receiving a call by the Agent for them to vote, on to-morrow, for a Delegate to Congress from Nebraska. Visit at Jones's in the evening.
 11. We dig and haul home about 60 bush. Potatoes, and haul 2 loads of Pumpkins. Have a cut thumb which is very painful.
 12. Two of my men sicken and leave. We dig and bring home 50 bushels of Potatoes. Very warm. Mer. 8 deg. (84) above summer heat.
 13. Ride to Br. T. Wolf's--preach to the family-- Proceed to Chippewa, where I marry Edward Mukos to Miss Goky. Ride home after dark.
 14. Finish hauling home my Potatoes and Pumpkins. Sell five loads of Pumpkins,