

Louis H. Wagner Diary
Saturday 1 January 1887 - Saturday 18 June 1887

Saturday 1 January 1887

This morning finds us up in good time preparing for the Christening of our dear little boy Louis Jacob Gordon. We had quite a time in getting a name for him. The first one selected was Jacob after his two Grandfathers & three Greatgrandfathers. The former Jacob Wagner & Jacob Staebler, & the three latter Jacob J. Hailer, Jacob Staebler & Jacob Merner. The second was Gordon after the English General Charles George Gordon, commonly called "Chinese Gordon", also "The Hero of Khartoum" a pious Christian soldier. The third we selected was Louis, after my Uncle and foster parent from my 13 year, Louis Breithaupt who died July 3rd 188-. Having the full name of my cousin Louis Jacob Breithaupt, he with his wife Emma kindly consented to be his Godparents. Rev. Father Wm. Schmidt who performed the sacred rite was the first to arrive--abt. 10:40 a.m. and very soon the old homestead erected by Grandfather Hailer over 50 yrs. ago & now occupied by my mother, was fill[ed] with the pleasant faces of old & new relatives. There were present besides ourselves & mother's family consisting in herself Alma, Wesley, Samuel & Eusebius, Aunt Breithaupt, Albert, Milvina, Caroline, John, William, Louis & family of 3 children, Louisa Hailer & child Erna. A. B. Augustine (Carrie's betrothed), Julius Knauf, Father & Mother Staebler, Ike K. Devitt with Annie & 2 children. At 12:00 all was ready & we handed our boy to Louis & Emma & Father Schmidt performed the beautiful & solemn ceremony baptising in the name of "The Father, Son & Holy Ghost" in the German language. (Father S. also married my mother & 2 aunts). This was the first baptism in this old home, which was built by Grandpa Hailer abt. 1830.

Our charge is now publicly consecrated to God. May he grow up in the fear of the Lord, an honor to his maker, a blessing to the World & a joy to his parents. May we train him up in the nurture & admonition of the Lord! Amen. Amen.

The table set in the parlor was now surrounded & very soon all were busily engaged in supplying the physical wants of the body. We had got 2 turkeys one 18 lbs the other abt. 8 lbs so there was enough & to spare. Immediately after dinner John took Will to Galt where he took train for Kansas City & Albert B. Augustine also left about 3:00 p.m. Mother was quite pleased that we had the christening at her house & everyone seemed happy. In the evening we went out to Aunty's & next morning I left for my appointments Strasburg & Hespeler leaving Mary & the baby to remain a few days longer in Berlin.

Sunday 2 January 1887

Presby. Meth. & I preached on the subject of "Prayer" this eve.

Monday 3 January 1887

I was at Br. A. Hagmeiers last night.

This is the World's Week of Prayer. The Methodists Presbyterians & we have this year succeeded to join hands & hold Union mtgs. during the week.

This evening we met in the Methodist Church.

Topic: "Praise" by myself.

Overnight at Bro. Hagmeier's.

Tuesday 4 January 1887

I went to Strasburg today. Held prayer mtg. at Bro. Geo. Israel's this eve. Bro. Thos. Hummelt went

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along. Union mtg. held in Presbyterian Ch. Topic: "Humility" by Rev. R. C. Henders Meth.

Wednesday 5 January 1887

Went to Berlin today to fetch Mary & baby. Got her abt. 5:00 p.m. & put up at Br. Keffer's until our house is warm.

Prayer mtg. in our church. Topic: "Church & Missions" by Rev. J. White. Meth.

Baby caught a cold at Berlin.

Thursday 6 January 1887

Pryr. mtg. in Methodist Ch. Topic Families & Schools by Rev. G. Haigh Pres. who gave us an excellent address on education of mind & soul. Baby rather worse. Got medicine & laid on mustard plaster.

Friday 7 January 1887

Pryr. mtg. in Presb. Church. Topic: "Nations" by myself. Our mtgs. closed this eve. They were well attended & did some good no doubt. May God's spirit back home the truths uttered.

Baby slowly mending again.

Saturday 8 January 1887

Attended a meeting of the officers of the Band of Hope at Mrs. Geo. Chapman's this eve.

Tuesday 11 January 1887

Mary is troubled with severe pains in head arising [sic] from teeth. Face swollen. She washed yesterday.

Wednesday 12 January 1887

Received word from Berlin that Grandmother Breithaupt died peacefully this 2:30 a.m. aged 85 yrs. 2 mos. & dys.

Peace to her ashes. She has been very little trouble comparatively. Only two days since Sunday night kept to her bed. The thread of life run out as far as this life is concerned, but with death the new life in its fulness [sic] is being enjoyed.

Friday 14 January 1887

We arrose [sic] in good time & at 9:00 a.m. I started with horse & cutter on my way, via Preston, for Berlin to attend Grandmother Breithaupt's funeral today at 2:00 p.m. Had much difficulty to get along as soon as I was out of town & when I got to Isaac Groh's it was impossible to get any further, the snowstorm of last night which still continues unabated filled the roads & made them impassible [sic]. Went in to Mr. Groh's a few minutes & then turned back home, put up my horse & made for the depot intending to go to Preston & stage it to Berlin. The train however was very late so I gave up going & telephoned to Breithaupt's accordingly.

Saturday 15 January 1887

I started again for Berlin & got there all o.k. Roads are open again. Stayed at Aunty's overnight.

Sunday 16 January 1887

Went to Strasburg this a.m. and home in p.m.

Friday 21 January 1887

I went over to Strasburg & fetched Augusta Doebel, who is going to stay with [blank] for two weeks. Weather cold & clear.

Sunday 23 January 1887

Rev. John Groh U.B. addressed the Gospel Temperance mtg. in Glicks Hall this evening. He spoke laudably to the workers in H. for keeping up these mtgs. for about 3 yrs. now. 1st wkly. & now for some time by monthly. He has retired from the itineracy on a/c of ill health & is moving to Michigan in the Spring.

Tuesday 25 January 1887

The S. School Association of the Co. of Waterloo opened its annual sessions in the Presbyterian Church here at 2:30 p.m. A very good attendance, more so than usual at the 1st session, gave an inspiring tone to the Opening.

The Pres. Rev. D. Tait Pres. of Berlin took the chair & opened the mtg, Mr. Jas. Woods Sect. reported on the last years work. The nominating committee of whom I was convener brot. in the following report: Mr. James Woods Pres. Ch. England Rev. D. Tait Prs. 1st Vice Pres. Rev. S. L. Umbach Ev. Ass. Sect. Mr. E. P. Clement Meth. Trea. adopted [sic].

Rev. Dickson Galt Prs. gave a Bible Reading on children. The Evening Session in same church. Address of welcome by Rev. Geo. Haigh "Christian Benevolence" by Thos. Hilliard. How make conv. profitable by Rev. S. L. Umbach. Rev. S. L. U. is with us for dinner & tea. Ike Devitt with Rev. D. Kreb also arrived & stayed with us overnight.

Evening coll. \$13.00.

Wednesday 26 January 1887

Went down & telephoned to Berlin & induced the friends, who had already intended not to come, to come. They arrived at noon. Mother, Aunt Breithaupt, Racquet, Caroline, Milvina & Emma Goetze with Saml. Rudy as driver. Several topics on S. S. Teacher were ably discussed this morning. Today's sessions are being held in Methodist Church.

In the afternoon, "Importance of S. S. Work" by Rev. Bowers "Memorizing Scripture" by Jas. Woods "Infant Class" by Mrs. Crysler Galt.

At 4:00 the school children marched in & were addressed by Revs. Ridley & Hincks & Peter Marshall. Evening session Rev. Chr. Staebler spoke on "Qualifications of Teacher". Rev. Henderson Meth. Galt also spoke & then Temp. in S. S. & Band of Hope work was discussed. Collection \$17.-- over \$30.00 about twice as much as usual. Convention next year at Hamburg. Township Conventions to be held durin [sic] the year. All organized but Wellesley & Waterloo.

Our Berlin friends left for home right after tea.

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Mess. Umbach & Staebler stayed with us overnight & leave in the morning.

This ended the most successful & best S. S. Convention the County has this far held. All the sessions were well attended & the evening mtgs. were literally packed.

Sunday 30 January 1887

Was. to Berlin again last night. Had to see mother on D. Bean Estate matters. Came home the usual way.

Monday 31 January 1887

Left this morning for Mildmay, on business for D. Bean Estate to sell farm. One G. Pfohl offered \$3150 for it. Rev. S. Krupp met me at depot. Stayed with him overnight. Called at John Bean's.

Tuesday 1 February 1887

Cold 9° below O°.

Br. Krupp kindly hitched up his bay horse & drove me out near Formosa to one Thos. Schwitzler to offer farm. Thence to near Carlsruh to Geo. Pfohl. Neither would buy at once. Thence to the place in the 6th Concession Carrick Mr. J. Kaufman not being home we went to F. Filsinger's for tea & home.

Wednesday 2 February 1887

John Bean got horse & rig & we went out early to our farm met Sol. Finn G. Pfohl's son-in-law. Had just looked at place & was on his way to see the other place on 2nd Cons. with his wife & her mother. Took dinner at Kaufman's then to Rev. Schwartz & around to Mildmay. S. Finn called abt. 4:30 p.m. & said he had decided to take the other place. Some of our own members had run down the [place?]

Thursday 3 February 1887

Went home on noon train. Attended lecture by Rev. Henderson in Methodist Church. Subject "Courtship & Marriage". Good.

Friday 4 February 1887

Mary & I went to Galt today to do some shopping. Cold.

Saturday 5 February 1887

Took Augusta Doebel home & thence to Berlin & home.

Sunday 6 February 1887

Rev. John Groh U. B. preached for us this eve.

Thursday 10 February 1887

Baby is 9 mos. old today. Went to Richler's for dinner. Called at Ach's & had tea at John Henry's. Fine day. Commenced to rain however abt. 6:00 p.m. & got wet going home.

Friday 11 February 1887

Turned cold & snowed all day.

Saturday 12 February 1887

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I started for Strasburg via Blair & Doon this p.m. arriving at the flats between Preston & Blair I found I could not get through a/c of high water & ice so I turned back & went via Freeport & the township Hall. Put up at Br. Phil. Kesselring's.

Sunday 13 February 1887

Left my horse at Br. K's & went with them to church & back to dinner. Returned home via Freeport & Fisher's Mills.

Preached on Eph. 2.19-22 & after the sermon we had quite a cheering & encouraging fellowship mtg.

Monday 14 February 1887

This is washing & Mary is at the tub leaving me & the baby to spend the time as best we know how in the Sitting room. She has a fine day. At noon she said she aught to have a holiday today & only then did I think that this is her birthday. 28 yrs. old. I got her a pair of shoes.

In the evening I attended protracted mtg. at Methodist Church & Rev. Henders asked me to preach. I selected [?] 13.24. Good mtg.

Wednesday 16 February 1887

Aunt Breithaupt with Mother & Alma paid us a pleasant visit from Berlin today.

Weather is fine & roads are good.

Thursday 17 February 1887

It being very fine out, we got ready & went to Galt where we visited Br. & Sister Jos. Sterzig who moved there from Blair before Christmas. I also induced Mary to have her photo taken while down. Went to Methodist mtg. again.

Sunday 20 February 1887

Preached here morning and evening to fair congregations.

Monday 21 February 1887

Attended Methodist Revival Services this evening.

Tuesday 22 February 1887

We visited at Br. Adolph Schmidt's this p.m. & for tea.

Wednesday 23 February 1887

We visited at Susan Bergy's this p.m. Attended prayer mtg. at Br. Abr. Burn Jr. Good mtg.

Thursday 24 February 1887

Held our annual Trustee Mtg. in the church here. Finances of the year about the same as usual.

a/c unpaid about \$82.00

Cash on hand	18.26
unpaid old list	8.50
unpaid Last assessment	7.50

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Thursday 3 March 1887

Went to Station to meet Caroline whom we have been expecting for some time, but she not arriving I made arrangement with [Tmy?] Hummelt to take him to Doon & Jos. Clemens. So after dinner we started & got to J. Clemens abt. 6:00 p.m. Next morning I visited at B. Kruger, dinner at Jos. Wanner & called at Johannes's there finding Tommy who was trying to sell organs. We started for home arriving abt. 5:00 p.m. Found Carrie B. here. John in company with Emma Goetze and brot. her yesterday afternoon. They went home again the same evening.

Sunday 6 March 1887

Rainy & wet today. Had services here at Hespler [sic] today. Gospel Temp. Mtg. was for men only this eve. Attendance very good. I spoke on habits--ill. by gamblers &c. Mr. Henders on Social Purity.

Mtg. a success.

Monday 7 March 1887

Since Saturday p.m. Mary has been complaining chills. Took foot bath Saturday eve. Today we laid a mustard plaster across her kidneys & took pain in back away. Went to her head & had very severe neuralgia. Put mustard plaster on back of her neck & slept then.

Had Mr. John Cunningham in for tea this eve.

Tuesday 8 March 1887

Took Carrie M. B. B. home this a.m. & brot. Mary's mother along. Fine day. Sleighing going. Met. Mr. F. Filsinger in Berlin who paid \$700.00 on note of D. Bean's Estate.

Wednesday 9 March 1887

Went to Br. Wm. Sauder's for dinner.

Rained in the afternoon.

German prayer mtg. at Br. Hagmeiers.

Thursday 10 March 1887

At Br. C. Beavers for dinner. Weather very fine. Sleighing going rapidly.

Had Bible Class this evening.

Baby is 10 mos. old today.

Friday 11 March 1887

Saml. Bergy went with me to Galt this eve to hear Rev. Sam. Jones lecture in the Methodist Church on "The Battle of Life & how to win it". He kept me free. Lecture good. Man rather extravagant in his statements. "Don't believe in pastoral visiting". "Visit the sick not healthy". "6 live prohibitionists preachers, would stop the bars of Galt in Ayr." Emphatic & funny. Roads bad, sleighing going.

Saturday 12 March 1887

Met Rev. J. J. Kliphardt at depot this a.m. Meeting at 2:30 a.m. Good. 1/4ly Conf.

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I preached in the eve on "Confessing Christ".

Sunday 13 March 1887

This was a feast day for us. I conducted a German service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. then Br. K. preached in English. Text II Tim 2.19 Christ the foundation. His offices. 1 Prophet, 2 Prest. 3 King. Teacher, advocate, ruler & protector. Quite a few more took sacrament than usual. Coll. better than ever \$14.87 bringing the year to \$47.38.

Evening sermon by him on Jno. 15.14 "Friend".

Monday 14 March 1887

Visited with Br. K. at Br. Hummelts & wife.

In eve I went to Methodist Revival mtg. Spoke abt. 30 min. on "Procrastination".

Tuesday 15 March 1887

Visited at Br. H. A. Kribbs for dinner & eve at Bro. W. B. Schmidt with Br. J. J. K.

Wednesday 16 March 1887

Left this morning for Mildmay to effect the sale of the D. Bean Estate farm. Met Eusebius Bean at Guelph. On arrival at M. we met Br. F. Filsinger who had helped us to the buyer Mr. St. Waechter, whom we also met arranged matters to be finally settled on Saturday. Before leaving home this morning we had a call from Mr. Eli Moyer brother of Rev. S. W. Moyer who is introducing Yaggy's Anatomical Chart into the schools.

Thursday 17 March 1887

Rising in good time Susannah (Bean) where we stayed overnight got us breakfast & I left for Berlin at 7:15 a.m. Met Lou. Kribbs in the train with whom I had quite a chat abt. current topics. Took dinner with Mother signed deeds with her & sent them to Mildmay.

Heard Br. S. L. Umbach give his lecture on "**Written in German here**" in aid of "**Written in German here**" of Berlin. Very good.

Friday 18 March 1887

Went home this morning. Found them all well. Sarah Graeb is helping Mary doing her sewing.

Saturday 19 March 1887

I left this morning for Strasburg. Put up at N. Webers for dinner. Walked to Sherringtons & Rieds then to Doebel's for tea & then to church to preside at the Trustee mtg. Overnight at Ried's.

Sunday 20 March 1887

Good congregation this morning. Preached on "**Written in German here**". On arriving home, I found Eusebius had arrived all o.k. having completed business at M. Good audience. "The Lord trieth the righteous. P.S. 11.6.

Monday 21 March 1887

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"Sebie" & I looked over the affairs of the Estate of Stepfather D. Bean who died on March 1885. They owned 200 ac. land with good new barn & house &c. for which they paid 8 or 10 yrs. ago \$9000.00 & put said buildings up costing abt. \$1800. & we sold the farm to F. Filsinger abt. a year ago took 65 ac. mtged. for \$1500.00 in exchange for this we got \$3200 from St. Waechter being \$100.00 less than we had allowed F. This nets us after all expenses are deducted about \$87 for the 200 ac. The auction sale held during the fall of 1885 Oct. 23 I think brot. about \$2000. There were maney [sic] debts however. The place brot. us only \$2834.00 cash balance of \$9000 being mtge. & interest. Then there were some notes, viz:

Saml. Bean	1200.00
Amos Bean	200.--
John Bean over	700.00
J. Hailer Estate abt.	300.00
C. (Goetze) Brehler	200.--
Cath. (Wagner) Bates	200.--
L. H. Wagner	122.15

and a number of other a/c so that now the balance to be divided amongst the heirs will only be about \$500. They had \$5000.00 in cash & stock when they went up. Mother gets 1/3 & 4 lots in Mildmay. Eusebius 1/4 of balance & the rest equally divided amongst of children. Wesley is attending High School at Berlin & is 13 yrs. old. Alma is abt. 10 yrs. I pity mother. God will help. We trust in him. "Cast all your cares upon him for he careth for you".

We went out to see Sammy at the mill. He seems contented & happy. We also called in to see his boss, Mr. Aaron Clemens, who has been sick for some time.

Eusebius went home with the evening train.

Tuesday 22 March 1887

Got a telephone message asking Mother Staebler to come to Hamburg, Christian's wife being very sick. Took sick abt. a week ago, "[?] peritonitis", so she went with the evening train.

Wednesday 23 March 1887

Christian's wife some better. Saw a brutal fight down town before Mathews Comercial [sic] Hotel this p.m.

Thursday 24 March 1887

Attended Methodist Revival mtg. this eve & spoke abt. 20 min. on "Having proper control of our faculties, physical & mental". Only a few abt. 30 present. Very wet night. Snowed & froze.

Friday 25 March 1887

This afternoon as I was going out to make a few calls the town policeman handed me a Summons as Witness to appear at once before Squires G. Martin & David Rife Jr. who sat on the case of the fight. I attach the Summons to this page as it is the first time I was ever called upon to appear at Court & I am now within 17 days of being 30 yrs old.

The following is written on the reverse of the summons:

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On the day in question I was coming out of the P. O. & saw two men making signs of fight. Johnston was in Mathews Hotel shed & threw off his coat & went up to Collins who was in front of Hotel on road & struck him. Collins was on the defensive. They closed & then fell Collins being on top. Watson came up & kicked Collins twice on head. They both arose & Johnston again went for Collins kicking &c. & both bled--Collins profusely from face. Watson went up & separated them.

L. H. Wagner,
Witness.

Collins was fined nearly	\$6.00
Watson " " "	7.00
Johnston " " "	8.00
	\$18.00

Sunday 27 March 1887

Weather fair in the morning but turned very stormy in the evening.

Congregations good.

After S. School I went to Mrs. Sarah Witmer's & baptised her baby (18 mos.) Sarah Elizabeth & took tea with them.

Tuesday 29 March 1887

Were to Mr. Snider's for tea last evening. Last sleigh ride. There is so much snow on the ground again that we went out to H. A. Kribb's with the cutter. Came home in a fearful storm. Mary got severe neuralgia, cured it though with "Pond's Extract". Baby has a slight cough.

Friday 1 April 1887

Have been very busy making Sunday calls--the last for this conf. year as well as for my term of 3 years service here. This p.m. I called at the Public School to see Mr. Knowles the principle [sic] & his department. Was very favorably impressed. On being asked to say a few words to the pupils, I made a few remarks on "A place for everything & everything in its proper place" & a time for everything & everything in its proper time". I also asked the Senior Grammar Class a few test questions.

Snow is now going fast.

Sunday 3 April 1887

Went to Strasburg yesterday took tea at Wm. Thoms. Doon. Very good attendance.

Had the worst shaking up driving home. Roads were very rough especially the short piece at I. Groh's. Evening service well attended.

Monday 4 April 1887

After washing Mary & I & baby went to Br. Burn's & took tea with them.

Tuesday 5 April 1887

We were very agreeably surprised by having D. M. [Staebler?] dropping in abt. 2:00 p.m. from Brooklyn N. Y.

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Fierce snow storm all day.

Thursday 7 April 1887

Mary, David S. & I took a look through the mill this p.m. Harvey [?] Bot. some cloths.

Friday 8 April 1887

Preached here this morning at 11:00 in German. My last sermon in this language here.

In the afternoon my brother Sammy & I drove to Berlin. Mary & baby went by G. T. R. with Dave Staebler.

Weather fine but roads heavy.

Saturday 9 April 1887

Today I as executor of Grandfather Hailer's Estate paid mother \$210.00 being part of the shares falling to my sister Katie my half brother Eusebius Bean & my half sister Euphenia (Bean) Schmidt each share \$70.00. This money mother applied against Aunt Breithaupt's mortgage of \$700.00 bringing down the same to \$490.00. In the afternoon I went to Strasburg putting up at Mike Isreal's.

Sunday 10 April 1887

Our church at Strasburg was comfortably filled this a.m.

Easter Sunday sermons.

Took supper at W. B. Schmidt's.

Rev. John Groh kindly consented to preach a Resurrection Sermon.

Upon arriving in the church we found it filled--many strangers. During prayer H. A. Kribbs, organist, got up & left the church. I afterwards heard he went over to the Methodist church. He was provoked at my action in letting Mr. Groh preach. How rash! His text . Good sermon. After the sermons I had the pleasure to baptise 3 adults Sarah Whitmer, Mildred Henry and Isabelle Henry by sprinkling as they knelt before the Altar. Before the ceremony I made a few remarks in defence of sprinkling. The ceremony to me, and as far as I could judge was solemn & impressive. I went out to Br. A. Hagmeier's overnight.

Monday 11 April 1887

Although I am today 30 years old, I could have no birthday party. Was very busy straightening up my a/c for Conference. Besides they began some few repairs at the church this morning, tearing down the chimney in the wall & rebuilding & the ceiling &c., calling me now & again.

Met Rev. Saml. Krupp at depot & took tea together at Susan Bergy's & overnight at same place.

Tuesday 12 April 1887

Br. K. & I left Hespeler with 7:00 a.m. train for Hamilton where we arrived at 9:00 a.m.

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Found some of the brethern [sic] at the church 98 Market St. Dinner at Mr. Herman Katzmark 36 Robinson St. Br. M. L. Wing who is my chum arrived at noon. Br. H. Werner preached.

Wednesday 13 April 1887

Examining board continued their work this a.m. At 2:00 p.m. the Missionary Society met & amongst other business elect the following officers:

Pres. H. Dierlam re-elected

Vice P. L. N. Moyer "

Sect. Chr. Staebler "

Asst. S. S. C. Graeb "

Trea. L. H. Wagner in place of the retiring officer Rev. S. Krupp. Br. F. Meyer preached this evening. I went with Br. Chr. Staebler & D. Rieder to hear Mr. Schiverea the noted revivalist from New York this evening to the Gore St. Methodist Church. Preached on "Almost thou persuaded me to be a Christian." "Almost saved but lost."

Examples: 1. Rich Young Man.

2. Rich man (& Lazarus) in hell probably same as "Rich Young Man".

3. Herod--His wife--His dancing daughter.

Rum-dancing--murder.

4. Pilate.

5. Judas.

6. W. H. Vanderbilt who was worth enough gold to make a belt around the earth 1 inch wide 1/8 inch thick. Had time only for stocks R. R's &c, &c. Ready to go for a drive put his hands to his head & said "Oh! Oh! Oh!" fell over & died. "& went--where Judas is".

Some 20 or more arose & declared by that that they would & are persuaded to be Christians.

Inquiry mtg. in front of church after Br. Ch. Staebler upon request had closed by prayer.

Thursday 15 April 1887

Conference (proper) opened this 9:00 a.m. by Bishop Th. Bowman, Allentown, Pa. by reading 1 Thes. 2 or 3, & making some fitting remarks. During the examination of preachers Mess. Lauer & Yost our publishers through Bro. Lauer laid formal complaint against Br. G. F. Graff for non fulfilment [sic] of promises & non payment of his debts as their agent--amt. \$482.00.

The matter was referred to comitte [sic] of 5 with Rev. H. Dierlam as chairman. The result of it all was that Br. Graff was found "**written in German here**" & it was therefore resolved that he be "**written in German here**". Poor man! He took it very hard. Seemed thoroughly broken up.

Conference goes to Sebringville next year on Apr. 12/88. Rev. Philip Miller, Buffalo preached this eve on text Jno. 3.16. The last time he preached on this text was abt. 30 yrs. ago in Hamilton when he as the 1st Missionary visited H. in the basement of Knox Church.

God powerfully present.

Friday 15 April 1887

Conf. business moves along & for particulars see Journal. Ottawa Dt. amalgamated with South Dt. & only 3 P. Elders. J. & S. L. Umbach & S. N. Moyer on West, South & North Dt. Rev. Pfitzinger

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Buffalo preached this eve.

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Genl. Conf. Delegates J. & S. L. Umbach S. N. Moyer & M. L. Wing.

Miss. Society--S. L. Umbach.

Rev. Dr. Hunter fraternal delegate of the Methodist Church of Canada & Dr. Carmen Supt. of same visited the Conf. this 3:00 p.m. & delivered addresses tending towards Union. The bishop replied in quite a proper manner, except that he cut them by the remark that "in our church the preachers are not sold to the highest bidder, but are all treated as near alike as possible". A resolution of thanks was moved by Rev. C. F. Braun for the able & fraternal greetings, omitting every word or idea of union however. The session was very long from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Stationing Comitte [sic] reported. We go to Blenheim, which Br. Graff leaves ("**written in German here**" Wing) & J. C. Morloch succeeds us.

Wing to Waterloo Krupp to Hamilton.

See journal.

Rev. C. A. Thomas preached this eve on "Conversion of children".

Sunday 17 April 1887

Having promised after urgent solicitation by Br. W. H. Nash & the pastor of Simcoe St. Methodist Church Rev. Mr. Emory, I betook myself rather reluctantly to the place where I preached at 11:00 a.m. on "What is truth?" to an attentive audience. They have a good choir & sang well, 24 voices Pipe Organ, Bass Violin, 2 Violins & flute. Took dinner with Mr. Nash at Mr. Emory's. After dinner went to our church 98 Marshall St. called in at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral. Such form & nonsense. Miss. mtg. realized \$750.00 of which \$41. + was plate coll.

Rev. Lance preached in the evening.

Monday 18 April 1887

This morning 7:00 a.m. found me at the church at Hamilton where I was engaged paying the brethern [sic] certain sums on their appropriations out of the Missionary Treasury. On our way to the depot [Wetherby?], I. K. Devitt & I bo't each for his wife a Daisy Carpet Sweeper at the factory at \$2.75 per piece. I arrived at Hespeler at 11:15 a.m. & went up to Bro. John Henry's when I met Mary & the baby & Emma who had also just arrived with the down train. After dinner we went up home & considered ways & means of moving &c. to Blenheim or Plattsville. Br. Nash who came to town with me from H. stays with us tonight.

Tuesday 19 April 1887

I commenced packing up.

Wednesday 20 April 1887

Br. W. H. Nash dropped in this afternoon & helped me pack the glass jars &c & also a tub of dishes. He is a good hand & knows how to take hold of moving having himself moved no less than 13 times. He was through with his business & waiting to see some few in the evening.

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Thursday 21 April 1887

Yesterday evening I went out to Br. H. A. Kribb's & got my horse. He was well fed & c but had got sick so this morning I sent for old Jimmy Johnston who said he is sick with distemper & should not be used for some time. I left him in Johnston's care & as I must necessarily go to Plattsville to see about teams for moving, Br. Thomas Hammelt Jr. kindly procured a livery for me intending to go along, but went only as far as Isaac Groh's & then went back. I got to Br. David Clemens for dinner & got a team from him thence to Plattsville called on Mrs. Graff, he being away to see if he could get employment as nursery agent (being suspended by Conference for non-payment of debts, until satisfactorily arraigned) & got a team from Br. Gatzke & thence to Br. Cornelius Gabel, who also promised to send a team. Took tea at Louis Johannes' at Strasburg & then home, having made about 45 miles.

Saturday 23 April 1887

Did some packing yesterday & tried to catch the evening train for Berlin, but "started too late".

This morning I got up in good time, caught the train for Galt & from there to Berlin where I arrived at 9:00 a.m. Took dinner with Ma. Did my various business & went out to Aunt Breithaupts overnight. William happens to be at home.

Sunday 24 April 1887

Mr. S. L. Umbach being at home & having no appointments for today kindly took me to Strasburg this morning where I preached my farewell sermon on [blank].

By invitation we took dinner at Father Weitz's but just before we administered the Lord's Supper to Mother Weitz who is lame & deaf & weak and desires much rather to be with the Lord. Before leaving she requested Br. S. L. U. to preach her funeral sermon & me to be present. We then went to Br. Philip Kesselring's whose wife is sick, but on the mend; coming back to Strasburg Louis Johannes stood ready with his [?] mare & took me to Hespeler in short order. Mary & the rest were at Mrs. Graeb's so I went to Br. Sol. Keffers & there met Br. Wellington Keffer & family his wife being very sick with congestion of the lungs.

The evening congregation was very large the church being filled to the door & seats in the aisles all occupied. Text same as at S. After Service I went to Glick's Hall to Gospel Temp. Mtg. where I heard Mr. W. Henderson give a short talk after which I was called upon by the President Mr. R. Knowles & made a speech of about 25 minutes giving my experience & progress in temperance work since I am in the Village. At the close of my address & some remarks by the Chairman, Mr. G. Chapman proposed a vote of thanks for the very active part I had taken, since I had been in town, in all causes benefiting [sic] society. This was seconded by Mr. O'Keefe & supported by Rev. Mr. Henders., Methodist. Since arrangements were also made to celebrate [sic] 24th of May. After the mtg. we all went to Graeb's overnight. Mary had been both to the church & the Temp. Mtg.

Monday 25 April 1887

Still tearing & packing up.

Wednesday 27 April 1887

We finished packing last night about 10:15 p.m. Took tea at Abraham Burn's Jr. & overnight at Graeb's. This morning before 7:00 I was at the house & very soon Br. D. Clemens came along then Saml. Rudy with Simpsons furniture waggon [sic] from Berlin then Gatzke's spring waggon [sic] & Gabel's lumber

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waggon [sic]. About 9:30 a.m. everything was loaded & ready to start abt. 10:00 a.m. Took a lunch yet at Burn's leaving Emma behind we started for Plattsville arriving at D. Clemens at 2:00 for dinner & at our new home abt. 4:30 p.m. Unloaded & went to Sister Renk's for tea & night, but came over again & laid bedroom carpet. The reason that we left Emma behind was just this morning she got very poorly &c. & remarked: "I believe I'll go home" &c. Mary told this to me & upon asking Emma she reluctantly consented to go along. We did not want her along unwillingly so I gave her \$3.00 & told her we would rather not have her.

Thursday 28 April 1887

Took dinner at the neighbors Mr. Kaufman's. Saml. Rudy left for home this morning. Have set up our bed & will sleep here tonight. Mary seems very tired this evening. Baby was so restless, & worried her considerable. The front room was papered & calsomined [sic] this afternoon & is now quite habitable when clean.

Friday 29 April 1887

Mary had a big job on her hands today viz cleaning the front room. I helped her but we did not get through till evening. She is thoroughly fagged. Katie Lepp took care of the baby. Laid carpet in my study yesterday & I. K. Devitt who was here overnight helped to set up the bookcase & carry up the books. He left again this morning.

Saturday 30 April 1887

Mary felt unable to do the work today. Katie helped her considerable. We laid the dining room carpet today so that we could live there over Sunday.

Sunday 1 May 1887

Upon trying to rise this morning Mary was quite dizzy & lay down again. So I got me breakfast & took care of baby a while. Just before I left however Mary got up & I went to Union House to preach. Dinner at Clemens' & home found Mary no better, but in bed. So I sent for the Dr. (Brown) who gave her medicine &c. I went over to church & preached at 3:00 p.m. & after tea I went to Blenheim Br. Henry Renk going along. Mary rested farely [sic] well.

Congregations small at all 3 charges & German.

Monday 2 May 1887

Mary seems rather worse this a.m. I gave her 3 drops each of Laudinum [sic] & Digitalis in a teaspoonful of glycerene [sic] & went & reported to the Dr. He was very indignant at me interfering with his patient, called it a "terrible blunder"; but I believe, what I gave her, did her good for it relieved her. He pronounced her "a very sick woman". Coming up about 11:30 a.m. he found her abt. 130 & temperature abt. 103°. Inquired whether there were any fevers in Hespeler. We know of none. She took (inhaled) a strong dose of poison somewhere. Katie Lepp is doing the housework today. She is very good to the baby. The Dr. also drew her urine.

Baby got the last from his mama today. Had a wash woman today.

Tuesday 3 May 1887

Having got Mrs. Renk to remain with Mary, I hastened to New Hamburg to meet Mother who is coming on the 11:20 a.m. train & intends to help us rig up a little for a few weeks. She was quite surprised to

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hear of Mary's sickness. We took dinner at Br. Christian's, Mary's brother whose wife is still weak. Getting home, we found everything in order. Mary, as Mrs. Renk said, "krittlied" [**German**]. About 8:30 p.m. Dave walked in being bro't by Christian, who had telephoned to him for me. Her pulse & temperature has not changed much. They stayed a little while & went home again. Dr. Brown called at 11:30 p.m. Drew her urine.

Baby is doing well with cow's milk.

Wednesday 4 May 1887

Dave drove over from N. Hamburg. Had consultation with Dr. Brown but got little satisfaction. No change in Mary's condition. Still obliged to take her water. Pulse from 120-140. Temp. 101-103.

Thursday 5 May 1887

Mary slightly improved. Temp. at 9:00 a.m. 99°. Dr. Brown pronounced both morning & evening the disease [sic] & "decidedly not specific Typhoid". Temp. rose in the evening to 101°. Ma took the baby along upstairs tonight.

Mary's stools were quite bloody today.

Dr. had to draw her urine.

I lay down beside Mary again tonight.

Stools very bloody.

She told me today "I am so glad that I attended to my soul long ago. If I would have to do it now it would make me crazy".

Friday 6 May 1887

Mary's temperature is 98 1/2° this morning at 10:00 a.m. & this evening abt. 102°.

Christian bro't Dave this evening. Rev. G. F. Braun was with them. Dave stays up with Mary tonight. I have been sleeping beside Mary so long. I went upstairs tonight, & slept pretty well. Dr. Brown stated that the colon was ulcerated [sic]. Urine passed again this p.m. Got a bedpan this eve. Used to have her up on pot. Dr. Brown never said a word re. pot or pan. Dave thinks this aggravated hemorrhage [sic] in bowels.

Saturday 7 May 1887

Mary rested pretty well last night. Temp. 100 1/2° this morning & 103° in the evening. The Drs. seem puzzled as to what may be the matter. While consulting with Dave, Dr. B. refused to give an opinion. He wanted to make out it is a severe case of "dissentary" [sic]. Dave refutes that & still believes it to be Typhoid fever. Went away however saying "I can give no opinion on the case".

Sunday 8 May 1887

I remained up with Mary last night. She was very restless especially towards morning. Her weakness seems increasing. Several times her stools passed into bed but happily only a little. Temp. this morning is abt. 101° pulse 130-140. Having telephoned to Dnl. Riedes, Hamburg to fill my appointments today,

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he came & preached here in the morning & Blenheim in the afternoon. I lay down in the afternoon & slept about 2 hours. Dr. Brown called at 4:30 p.m. Mary has been prespiring [sic] ever since yesterday. Her hands are cold & clammy. There were quite a number of callers in today. We allowed no one in to see her but her cousin Mrs. John Fry. Mary did not see her. We sent the baby with Katie to her house. It is too noisy for Mary.

About 8:15 p.m. Dr. Whiteman of Shakespeare for whom we wired last evening arrived. Sent for Dr. Brown, but was away, so Dr. W. made a thorough examination of Mary & expressed his opinion that she had Typhoid fever without a doubt, thus [knocking?] Dr. Brown's theory on the head. My opinion of Dr. B. is that he is neither a gentleman nor a physician & not near what some people think him to be. Dr. W. further told me of Mary's very dangerous condition & that I should let her know it & inform her friends. I told him that from the first she did not think she would get better again, having told me so twice either on Monday or Tuesday & that even today she stated so to me thinking she is too weak to recover.

I asked him, "How long may she live". He replied, "If she does not speedily improve she cannot live over 3 days. She cannot live till Thursday".

After the Dr. was gone I sat down & wrote a number of letters & post cards.

At about 2:30 a.m. I went in to her to bid her good night when she asked me to pray with her, so I knelt down besides the bed, as I had often done during previous sicknesses of my dear wife at Hespeler & prayed for her and our dear little Louis Jacob Gordon. She also prayed very earnestly & tenderly first for me, that I might so walk as to be an example to others & never do anything but the Lord's will & live for him &c. then for her little darling son that I might train him up in the fear of the Lord & that he might grow up an honor & glory to His cause. This made her very tired so I left her when she said Amen & she slept a little. I retired about 3:00 a.m. & slept well till mother called me at 7:00 a.m. [this?].

Monday 9 May 1887

I hastened to take the letters to the P. O. & to telephone to Berlin. Could not get connection till 8:15 a.m. when I spoke with Aunt Breithaupt & then with I. K. Devitt--telling them of Mary's condition. Ever since yesterday noon Dave has been giving her brandy & water (with some milk every hour) every 15 minutes, but could do no more than stop the excessive perspiration [sic]. Her stools still contain considerable blood. Her hands commenced to get cold on Saturday afternoon & we have not been able to warm them either by rubbing, bathing or applying mustard plasters.

About 1:00 p.m. her father, mother, Ike, Annie, Alda & the baby arrived from Berlin. Ever since Friday Mary has been getting more & more delirious [sic], when her friends came however she rallied wonderfully & remained conscious with little intermission for quite a while & enjoyed herself very much. She had asked for her mother & now she seemed very much pleased that they all came. Katie Lepp bro't our dear little boy along about 2:00 p.m. & when I took him in to his Mama he smiled & patted her on the forehead & cheek & both were pleased. Mary was quite happy & **[written in German]**. She did not kiss him though thinking it might perhaps hurt him. Dave advised her not to kiss him on the mouth. Dr. Brown called abt. 1:30 p.m. & quite frightened Mary by suddenly appearing at the door. She afterwards said "He almost made me go crazy". He called again at 5:00 p.m. or so. Went away on each occasion [sic] quiet, without scarcely a word. I'm not particular whether he will come again or not. About 5:45 Ike & his family left for home & Father Staebler took my rigg & went to Geo. Staebler's. When I came in from stable Mary had passed her stool into bed & we had to change the linnen [sic].

Scarcely had we gotten her fixed & the bedpan properly under her when she moved her bowels again. She passes mostly blood. About 6:00 p.m. she got quite delirious [sic] speaking every now & again of **[written in German]**, continuing seemingly to grow more & more delirious [sic]. She also refused to take medicine. Mrs. Thaler bro't us her Adaline today to stay for a week.

Tuesday 10 May 1887

Last night between 12:00 & 1:00 Mary got such such [sic] a weak spell that we thought she would pass away. Dave had just gone to bed, so we called him. Mary revived again, but began to rave & talk worse than ever. We had quit giving her medicine but we thought we should not let her quite alone. There might be a chance yet, so we began to give her tonic (Brandy & water) & medicine through the night, with no seeming effect however. During her delirium since Sunday morning she mentioned a number of names. Viz "Ike" (Devitt), "Sammy" (Bean), "Albert" (Breithaupt), [?], (Mrs. Dave or Sam Whitmer), "Christian" (Staebler), "Martin Anthes", "Carrie" (Breithaupt), "Allice" (probably meaning Princess Allice), "Beatrice" (same). She has been reading in the Queen's book lately.

Her breathing has been quite irregular--heart-beat strong & good. Hands quite cold & feet getting cold at 4:00 a.m. Expect death at any time. May the Lord relieve her some way.

Dave is quite out of sorts & has given up attending her since 12:00 o'clock. Mother lay down at 3:00 a.m. & Mother Staebler stayed with me at Mary's bedside all night, Dave taking walks to freshen up.

6:00 a.m. breathing more labored. Raving not so wild & loud.

8:00 a.m. still weakening preceptably [sic]. Have quit giving medicine. I am so weak & worried that I can move about only with the greatest difficulty.

10:00 a.m. Weakening still. May live till afternoon. I am very tired, so I'll go & lay down a while.

11:45 a.m. I came down again. Mary much weaker. Eyes starry & getting glassy & she only moans with every breath.

Aunt Breithaupt & John just arrived.

12:25 p.m. Mary just threw up all the medicine &c that we gave her the last 12 hours. It is greenish.

12:50 p.m. My dear Mary just breathed her last. Thank God the struggle is over. I said as I came out of the room **[written in German]**. The suspense is finally over. What a struggle! Her heart beat hard & sound to the last. By inches she died. Hands got cold on Saturday afternoon & with the best effort we could not get them warm. Her forehead is still quite warm.

The baby seemed to be the burden on her mind as long as we could understand a word. She would imagine [sic] she was nursing or holding or lying on it. "Poor child" **[written in German]** she would say. Oh Lord, be thou a mother to my dear little boy!

Mary seemed to be quite prepared for this change. Besides what has been noted above I might say that on Sunday night when Dave & I were getting lunch she asked what we we [sic] were doing. I told her & she said "and then die?" I said "No, I guess not just yet. But if you die, where will you go?" "To

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heaven" she replied so unconcernedly as if that were made out long ago. At another time in answer to the same question she told me she would go to Jesus. During her sickness I did not once hear her pray for herself. She seemed fully resigned & willing to abide by the will of the Lord. How glad I am that it was so. Once she said to me "I am sorry to leave you & the baby. I'd like to be with you yet but there'll be a way".

She has gone to her rest in peace. I do not begrudge her the pleasures of heaven this early; but oh it is so hard to be parted so soon. And our dear little boy? ? God help us.

During last night she called me by name & told me: "Hundreds are lost. Young people should not trifle [sic]" but should be in earnest. On one occasion she asked me several times: "Are you saved? Are you sure?" &c. At times she appeared to have spiritual struggles with the Evil one, but she [too?] according to promise came out "more than conqueror through Him that loved her". Praise the Lord. We are not as such who have no hope. No. She went sweeping through the gates & is now with Him whom she loved most.

Dave & I immediately took dinner, after which we undertook to wash the poor lifeless body of our beloved Mary. We laid her out dressed in a chemise & nightgown. Tore down the bed & disinfected things generally. During her sickness we put water and a little diluted "corrosive sublimate" into the pot which thoroughly killed all bad odors, much better than "chloride of lime" or [blank].

During this time John had taken several telegrams to the office viz: to W. H. Kansas City and E. C. Breithaupt, Naperville, Katie Bates Buffalo, F. Nusbickel Lyons, John Staebler Belle Plain Iowa, Saml. Staebler London, Rev. S. L. Umbach Campden & Chippawa.

We thereupon went to the "Echo" printers & had some notices printed (in all 265) thence to Sauer & Bean Bros. Furniture & Undertakers. Got a nice casket trimmed with 6 silver handles &c. A dove flying with a leafy twig in her mouth adorned the foot end top & a dove just flying away the head or cover board. Rosettes of a [sicle?] & small sheaf were placed along the bottom edge, thus making a beautiful & [tastey?] casket to cost \$55.00 including embalming & hearse to Berlin.

Before John & Aunty left taking the baby along, thereby almost breaking Katie Lepp's the nurse's heart, I asked him to see the following as bearers. John Bristol, & Armbrust, Simon Yost & Steinacker, W. H. Anthes & Schneider. They left about 5:00 p.m. Mother & father Staebler also soon left for New Hamburg with my horse & rig. About 6:30 p.m. George Staebler & wife arrived from E. Zora--left again about 8:00. Quite a number of callers dropped in. Amongst others Jerry Kilbourn Esq., Rev. Mrs. Moore & Rev. David Clemens. Dave & I directed the funeral notices yet & then retired, leaving Br. Hallam & Henry Renk to sit up. Our baby was just one year old this 9:36 a.m. Poor motherless child!

Wednesday 11 May 1887

Having slept till 8:30 this morning Dave & I got up quite refreshed. Christian & Br. G. F. Braun arrived with my horse & his before we had breakfast. Br. Braun led us in family prayer after which Dave, Christian & Braun soon left for New Hamburg & Berlin taking some fruit &c along to Berlin. Mother & Adaline washed up the bedding &c & I attended to various things: sending some more funeral notices, telegraphing to M. Lauer, Cleveland.

A number of sympathising callers in today. God bless them! I feel very much worn & sad & although I

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feel am am [sic] resigned to my sad lot, the events of the last few days have worked upon me in a way never before experienced. How different it is when such sorrows come so very near, as when one simply sees it in others! If only my dear little boy were cared for! But He who has given him will surely help me & him through & make it all "work together for good"; for I love Him & my child is His by birthright & his dying mama's prayers will certainly be heard. What comfort. No one watches tonight.

Thursday 12 May 1887

About 11:00 a.m. yesterday the undertaker arrived with the casket and after we had dressed Mary in her black dress, which Sarah Graeb & she just made before conference & which she had worn only once that in Berlin on Conference Sunday (I had therefore never seen her in it) white collar, lace tie & gold twig & leaf broach (she wore her her [sic] little gold earrings too) we laid into the narrow confines of her last resting place. She looks as if she were sleeping, which is in fact the case as it was the case with the daughter of Jaerus & Lazarus. Behold she sleepeth to awake at the sound of the trumpet of the Arch-angel of God & then be forever united & develope [sic] in spiritual vigor in the presence of her maker & her God.

I rested today as much as possible. Mrs. Lamberton, formerly Mary Ann Bean, called today & others. At 5:00 p.m. we set the casket with its precious charge out into the room, it having been kept in the bedroom where 2 tubs of ice stood to keep it cool, thus long. Just before 7:00 p.m. Br. Jos. Umbach & Br. G. F. Braun arrived from New Hamburg. We soon after went over to church where a large congregation assembled. Bro. U. opened [sic] the exercises by reading 1 Thess. 4.13-end, song & prayer, then address us basing his remarks on Phil 4.21 I [**written in German**]. After which Rev. Mr. Moore Methodist minister of this place preached on the Resurrection of the body text being 1 Cor. 15.19. He explained very clearly the doctrines of the Methodist & Evangelical Churches on this point. How the spirit of the just gos [sic] to God & there developes [sic] in the presence of the Master unencumbered, and at the last trump it joins [sic] its now spiritual body & enters into a fuller enjoyment of Eternal bliss. "And there works do follow them." Rev. 14.13. He said at our death the influence of our works still go on & by & bye at the resurrection we shall reap the reward of the good we influenced through all ages. Grand thought. But oh, woe unto the wicked! After the service some friends came with us to the house again. Rev. I. A. Schmidt & wife, Rev. Wildfong & others. Abt. 10:30 we all retired.

No one watching.

Friday 13 May 1887

Arose at 3:30 a.m. & were ready to start at 5:00 a.m. being accompanied by Br. H. Reuk & mother, then Bro. Cornelius Goebel & wif [sic] & then Bro. David Clemens & wife passing through Strasburg at 7:30 a.m. German Mills soon after & arriving at Father Jacob Staebler's residence on Wever St. Berlin about 8:30 a.m. The hearse going first then Mother & I & then the order named above. After a few preliminary arrangements [sic] I went out to the tannery for dinner, coming in again at abt. 12:30 p.m. taking the baby along in.

Aunt Mary had sent a bunch of calla lillies [sic] which we placed inside the casket 2 & a leaf with white satin ribbon in her hand, one at each side near the shoulder & face & one into a button hole on her bosom. The effect is very beautiful. A pillow of white flowers got by her brother Dave & relatives with "Our Mary" in colored flowers lay on a table at the head. A "crown" of flowers adorned the centre of the casket & a "cross" the foot end. These latter two emblems I had ordered for the occasion for it had always been her motto, "No cross, no crown". The casket stood in the hallway. When all was ready

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Rev. D. Kreb of Berlin read a chapter spoke a few words & sang, Rev. D. Dippel of Elmira leading in prayer, after which the following Rev. Brethern [sic] took up the bier acting as bearers, this change being affected, only 20 min. previously, according to the wish of Christian & Dave & some of the other relatives. Viz: Revs. J. C. Morloch Hespeler & G. F. Brown Hamburg then M. L. Wing Waterloo & D. Fail Presb. Berlin then S. N. Moyer P. E. Mildmay & Henden Meth. Hespeler.

2:15 p.m. The procession moved down Foundry & up King Sts. to Mount Hope cemetery [sic] in the following order. Revs. D. Kreb & S. L. Umbach, buggy, Hearse Pall Bearers walking to King then riding, myself & mother & her children in carriage, Staebler's & carriages. Relatives from distance, Breithaupt's then as they could a long procession of sympathising friends & relatives. At the grave Br. Kreb again preceded [sic] & sang during sing Mr. Frank & assistant covered the remains. A last look upon the dear face & then closed perhaps forever "Earth to Earth ashes to ashes dust to dust". How solemn! How sad! God help us. I showed Aunt & Cousin Fred Nusbickel my father's grave & we hastened to our church where services were held in German & English. Rev. S. N. Moyer opened by reading Ps. 90 & prayer song. Rev. Father Wm. Schmidt preached us a very practical sermon of 25 min. on Rev. 14.13. **[written in German]**. Then Rev. S. L. Umbach spoke abt. 30 min. on Rev. 21.4 "No tears" "No death" but Eternal bliss & life. Father S. proved the possibility of a union of God & man by analogy **[written in German]**. Br. S. L. U. feelingly alluded to Mary's motto "No cross no crown" & said the death of a devoted Christian is like friends parting with a friend taking steamship passage for a far country. Friends on the other shore greet him in the haven of rest.

At about 4:30 p.m. the services were over, having begun at the house about 1:45 p.m. I feel thoroughly tired. We with many of the friends retired to Father Staebler's house where we partook of some refreshments & by 8:30 p.m. the house was again left to its usual occupants, I having taken the baby down to mother's where Aunt Breithaupt fetched it abt. 9:00 o'clock. It also was cross. It was almost too much for him & hadn't Mother Staebler & the rest desired him there, I don't think I would have taken him in. The feelings are strained enough as it is. I felt this painfully during this day.

I went up with Louis J. B. for the night & soon retired.

There were a great many sympathizing friends here today from all parts where we were acquainted. Subjoined is a partial list: Aunt Libby Nusbickel & Fred Lyons N. Y., the former not having been here since father was buried [sic] in April 1858 & the latter never before.

Sister Katie & her son Albert, Buffalo N. Y.

W. H. Nash, Toronto

Mrs. Chr. Sundy & Mrs. (J. V.) Lizzie Eitel Wellandport

Mr. & Mrs. Theobald Litt of Sebringville

Mrs. John Kastner [ditto]

John Bean Mildmay, Henry Schmidt, Gadshill. Many of the Merners from New Hamburg &c.

Saml. Staebler, London

George Staebler, E. Zora, John did not come--wife not well.

Of Ministers there were present besides those officiating & bearing the casket Rev. Haist, Greuzenbach. Fellman "Baptist" Berlin.

The choir sang nicely led by Louis J. B.

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From Hespeler there were present:

Rev. Mr. Henders, Methodist, Dr. R. McEntyre. Mrs. Geo. Chapman & R. Knowles & John Cunningham. James Eagle & wife. John Hammett & Sol. Keffer, H. A. Kribbs & wife. Mrs. Linder & son Christian & Mrs. Burn. Mrs. Gräb with Sarah & Katie & also many friends from Strasburg. God bless them all! Their sympathy is very agreeable to me & us all.

Saturday 14 May 1887

I slept at L. J. B.'s pretty well, but feel very, very tired. Saw Aunt & Fred Nusbickel off with 9:50 a.m. train. The baby has a cold & is rather cross. We stay at Aunt Breithaupt's. Dave & I drove up to the cemetery [sic] to see after the grave. The flowers are beginning to wilt. We watered them. Dave & I were at the cemetery [sic] & watered the flowers on Mary's grave.

Sunday 15 May 1887

Went to church this morning with Aunt B. & heard a good sermon on [blank] by Br. D. Kreb. It gave me much comfort. I also went to the evening service, when Bro. K. preached on the fig tree accursed by Christ. I took the baby in to Father Staebler's a while this p.m.

Monday 16 May 1887

Am taking things cool just now. Trying to pick up lost rest & sleep. Still feel very tired.

Tuesday 17 May 1887

Had to get some medicine for the baby. Bowels very loose & green passage. The medicine not being ready before tea I went down to J. M. Staebler's for the same. Was heartily welcomed & treated with all due courtesy, although their [sic] is a very hard feeling between them & his parents & Dave, George & Sam. Staebler.

Wednesday 18 May 1887

Louis, John & I went out to Grand River near Weber's fishing. Caught only a small mess.

Baby does not seem to improve much under the treatment. He is getting weaker every day.

Thursday 19 May 1887

Ascension [sic] day.

Baby is still no better.

Brought out Dr. Dave Stäbler to see him. Prescribed mustard plaster on body, & no milk but only Ridge's food, because milk curdled in his stomach.

Friday 20 May 1887

Dave was out again this morning. Baby's faecis [sic] a little more favorable, but not healthy by any means. I had intended to leave for Plattsville today via Hamburg but owing to the very critical condition of the baby, I did not get away. Must stay up with him. Met Dr. Whiteman of Shakespeare & Dr. Minchen at father-in-law's this eve. He expressed his regrets [sic] &c.

I was up with baby last night. Today Mary & I would have been married 3 yrs.

Saturday 21 May 1887

Bro't out Ma this a.m.

Dave & Dr. Minchen were out to see my dear little sick baby this 9:30 a.m. There are some spots on his person very like those in Typhoid fever. This is the only symptom of this disease he shows & it being very rare that children of his age take it they concluded not to call it Typhoid just yet but await developments. His temp. is 103 1/2° this 10:00 a.m. Moves his bowels often & very green. Getting very weak. Since noon he is taking the remedy used very successfully by the most noted infants Dr. of New York. The prescription was made up by Neville. I feel very anxious about the baby.

Sister is 36 today.

Contrary to the advise [sic] of the Dr. & the wishes of my friends (except my mother) I taking Wesley along started for Blenheim about 4:00 p.m. I felt that all would be done for the child, that I could possibly do & more even. Besides Breithaupt's, mother was with it, I needed rest & the appointments should be filled by me. I might possibly have got a substitute & yet felt it my duty to go, so I went, leaving my precious child & all in the hands of Him who gave him.

Arrived at Br. David Clemen's about 7:00 p.m. where after tea we retired at about 10:00 p.m.

Weather very warm for some wks.

Sunday 22 May 1887

Wesley consenting to remain at Clemen's, Br. C. kindly hitched up his black & we proceeded to Plattsville where I preached to a small but attentive audience from Ps. 37.4 ["**written in German**"].

Took dinner at Br. Hoffman's & 2:30 p.m. found us at Blenheim. Spoke a few words to the S. S. Preached on Ps. 90.14. [**written in German**].

Though preaching with pleasure yet when thinking of my present circumstances, or referring to them by way of illustration, I was almost overcome. The grace of God wonderfully helped me.

After the services we immediately returned to Br. Clemen's, stopping long enough at P. to change my clothes. Supper over 7:00 p.m. Wesley & I set out for Berlin, where we arrived abt. 9:20 & hearing that baby was some better I thanked God & took courage. Saturday night was his worst so far. Caroline was up with him.

Monday 23 May 1887

Being told last evening on my return by mother, Milvina being present, that if I bring Dr. Dave Stähler out again I will raise a row &c. I spoke to Aunt B. & John about it, telling her she should have been so decided at first & D. M. S. would never have come out; also ["**written in German**"] if it is [?] for him to treat my child (his nephew) in their house; also if they so insist I will be obliged to go & tell him at once which will only make the hard feeling existing between them & Staebler's worse (["**written in German**"]), but Aunt B. told me decidedly that she does not want Dr. D. M. Staebler in the house anymore except to give the child over into the hands of another Dr. So in I went with a heavy heart &

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told Dave, who decidedly said he will treat the baby as long as here, if I am willing. I told him I am & we, Ma & I took the baby in at 5:00 p.m. returning at 7:00. He is some better. I am very sorry for above circumstance. Another 24 hrs. of patience & forbearance on the part of Aunt & John B. & all would have remained quiet. Now the [?] is worse than ever. 'Tis too bad! Aunt B. & John claim that, because D. M. S. did not recognize them in my house when Mary lay dead in same they have a just right to forbid him their door even under these very peculiar circumstances. I am afraid they have hurt themselves this time & will make no further comments, except that I am very sorry to have to be in a measure, though innocent & with a conscience void of offence, the cause of this new rupture. May God here also overrule for good! & save all parties concerned from all sins! Dave & I were at Mount Hope & again saw the grave of our dear departed. Flowers are whilting [sic].

Tuesday 24 May 1887

Queen's Birthday.

Dave came out with Dr. Bowlby as far as the gate giving him a history of the case, but would not come in, telling me he would "not lay foot on that soil again".

Dr. B. is decidedly of the opinion that the baby has Typhoid fever in 3rd week & therefore the last course of the decease [sic]. May he soon recover! His diahrehia [sic] is checked but still green. Emma was out instead of Ma last night.

Rained heavily this a.m. & evening.

Foot-ball Americans v. Canadians, resulted Am. 1 Can. 4.

Dr. B. examined Carrie & is afraid she may be in for fever--temp. 101°. Ordered quiet &c.

Wednesday 25 May 1887

Baby improving, feverish still.

Weather not settled.

Dave M. Staebler left today for Brooklin [sic], N. Y. Asking for his bill he stated it is \$1.40. I handed him \$10.00 bill & said "You better keep the whole & I am satisfied", but he refused all except \$1.40 which he took.

Thursday 26 May 1887

Baby's "stools" normal color & twice today. Pretty cheerful & plays a little. Stayed up with him last night. Very restless. Temp 100 3/4°. Takes food regularly. Carrie has no fever & is much better.

Friday 27 May 1887

Berlin.

Baby slept well, but is very cross & peevish all day taking very little food. Temp. 100°. Carry [sic] better.

Saturday 28 May 1887

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Br. S. L. Umbach & I left here in good time for Plattsville arriving at Br. Clemens at at [sic] 10:45 a.m. & after dinner to church at P. where he preached & held 1/4ly Conf. Took tea at Br. Holme's & then to church again where I preached from Ps. 90.4 & over night to Br. Cornelius Goebel.

Baby slept pretty well last night & I think will get over this sickness again.

Sunday 29 May 1887

Plattsville.

Proceeding to church we found at 9:15 a.m. quite a few people present; so we held prayer & fellowship mtg. to 10:00 a.m. God's spirit manifestly present.

P. E. preached in his usual interesting style to a full church.

Quite a number of communicants. I felt sorry for poor Br. G. F. Graff, who was suspended till he has his financial difficulties by the last conference session. There he sat & wept, while his former members partook of the Lord's Supper. 'Tis really said. His good wife did not partake either. May God bless them, Amen.

At 2:30 p.m. the S. School met. Br. S. L. U. took up the study of the lesson with the whole school & gave the Blackboard lesson.

Took dinner at Br. Lepp's & went with Br. U. to Br. Graff's for tea & after the evening service we went together to Br. Hoffman's for the night. The church was not full at any of the services.

Monday 30 May 1887

We started in good time for New Hamburg & after an early dinner at Father N. Schweitzer's we proceeded to Berlin.

Baby has been improving. Fever has left him & his bowels seem all o.k.

Mother is 56 yrs. old today. I gave her a pr. of leather slippers.

Carrie is all o.k. again. Did not get the fever.

Tuesday 31 May 1887

Berlin.

Took Ma to the depot. She went up to Euphemia who is in a family way.

Sister Katie is quite ill. Cold causing Rheumatics &c.

Wednesday 1 June 1887

Dr. Bowlby is quite delighted with the improvements my dear little pet is making. Brought Katie out this a.m. Gave her Mary's silver pansy broach & ear rings & silver bracelet. Mr. S. L. U. & I went to St. Jacob's this p.m. Got a few books.

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Thursday 2 June 1887

Took Katie & her Albert to the depot this 9:55 a.m. Going home to Buffalo . Raining. Baby is doing finely. Getting to be quite playful again & more like himself. Praise the Lord. I am glad.

Gave sister Katie the low shoes I bo't for Mary at her last birthday on Feb. 14/87. They fit her nicely being a small no. 3.

Friday 3 June 1887Berlin.

Mr. Umbach & I left home abt. 7:30 a.m. for Galt where we attended 2 sessions of Guelph Conf. of Methodist Church. Heard several good speeches viz. from Dr. Nelles, Chancelor [sic] of Victoria University Cobourg; Prof. Warner of Alma College St. Thomas, Dr. Dewart Editor "Chr. Guardian", Rev. Bridgeman of Fort McLeod Alberta Territory. In the afternoon there was some discussion on Dr. Dewart's position politically in the Guardian & also some temperance talk. Br. S. L. Umbach & I were honored by an introduction to the conference by Rev. Mr. Nugent. Took tea at Br. Jos. Sterzig's & then drove to Hespeler where we put up at Br. H. A. Kribbs for night.

Saturday 4 June 1887Hespeler.

After calling upon Mrs. David Whitmer who is very sick & apparently nearing her end with "Brights decease [sic] of kidneys" (& on Mrs. Wellington Keffer, last eve sick with consumption) & getting a few thing[s] left behind at the parsonage Br. Morloch assisting I left for Roseville & for dinner at Father Riebels. Called at 2 other places in the Village & then went to Plattsville. Took tea in company with Br. Graff & Father Schmidt at Hoffman's & then went to Br. Hauch's for night. Very sultry weather.

Sister Whitmer is failing fast, eyes fairly standing out of her head. Hands & limbs swollen. We had prayer together & Miss Bretz & her brother being present & upon request of Miss W. Miss Bretz asked me should her aunt die whether I would come & preach the funeral sermon. I told her: certainly if they desire it.

Mary made her last call in H[amburg?], at this place little expecting to be priviledged [sic] to go before to that better World. She can now meet & welcome her friends as they come. Oh how good the Lord is to his loving children. I almost envy Mary's lot. Not that I wish her back; but oh! to be there! Praise God.

Upon leaving Mrs. Keffer at her gate the Tuesday evening before we left Wm. K. said "If we do not meet here again we can meet in a better place". "Yes" said Mary "let us so live that we may meet there". "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, Yea saith the spirit, from henceforth & their works do follow them."

Sunday 5 June 1887Blenheim.

Dreamt of Mary: she was very sick in bed with Erysipelas all over her body with much pain. When I awoke this morning I thanked God that she is at rest & that neither sickness nor pain can approach her

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anymore.

Thank God.

Weather rainy.

Fair congregation. Preached on 1 Cor. 3.11 "Christ the Foundation". Arriving at Plattsville & at church at 2:30 p.m. I requested Father W. Schmidt who was sitting in the back of the church to preach. He consented & gave us a good practical sermon on Isa 48.18 "**Written in German here**". Tea at Br. Baerff's & night at Renks.

Called at Sister Freys, but she is away to Preston for a few wks.

Monday 6 June 1887

Plattsville.

Paid Dr. Brown today \$12.00 for 10 visits &c. & the Undertakers \$55.00.

Took dinner at Br. Graff's & waiting till the rain had ceased a little Father Schmidt & I started for Berlin arriving about 7:00 p.m.

Baby has been doing quite well since. Has a good appetite & is cheerfull [sic].

Father Schmidt was quite talkative on the way today, telling me how it went with him when his wife died leaving him with a number of children & the Lord helped him. Also how Rev. John Sindlinger as P. E. treated him during his 1st & 2nd year as preacher telling him on two occasions to "go home" & for no good reason at all.

Thursday 9 June 1887

Berlin.

I have been staying with the baby mostly the last few days at Aunt Breithaupt's. He is doing very nicely. Improving every day. Milvina has been keeping him at night. He sleeps pretty well. About 10:00 a.m. we moved him [**written in German**] to Cousin Louis J. B.'s. Aunt with Milvina & Albert intends to go to Naperville & see Ezra C. B. graduate next week. They have been very kind to my dear little boy for which I am very thankful & pray God to richly reward them. Last eve. J. M. Staebler & wife "May" were out to Aunt's for tea. Louis Jacob G. was quite friendly to them.

I went & stayed with baby today.

Went to "Prof." Dr. D. H. Campbell, phrenologist & had my head examined & a chart given me. I append a copy [sic] of his opinion: "Your head is above the average in size and the quality of the brain is favorable to mental activity; the superior & frontal portions are quite prominent, a sure sign of intellectual activity & moral control, while the organs in the base are sufficiently strong to impart energy & force to character.

The organs of preceptive [sic] intellect & practical are very large. You are a great observer and excel in

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judging of the qualities and conditions of things. You would make rapid progress in the study of the physical sciences, Botany, Physiology, Chemistry, for example. You would be almost equally successful in the study of the Classics.

"You are exact precise & analytical in your view of things.

The size of your brain together with its high wrought quality, should enable you to impress the minds of others and to exert an important influence over those with whom you come in contact. You are organized by nature to be a leader. As a physician, editor, lawyer [sic] and politician, or phrenologist you should be very successful. As a man of science in almost any of its departments, you should have few equals.

You [sic] social feelings are very strong. You enjoy yourself very much in the home circle, under favorable circumstances.

Your brain being so large & active you should have much bodily exercise and exert yourself to expand the chest to preserve the system in proper tone & vigor".

I must say as far as I am by past experience able to judge Dr. Campbell read my adaptations & inclinations about right. I don't know that I could improve much in so few words.

When he was through with the examination, I told him who I was & what was my profession. Re. preacher he said: "You will do very well as a pastor--social qualities good--language &c good; but as orator you will never excell [sic]--never make a Daniel Webster". You are free in your religious views, not bigoted; but determined to stick to your church".

Went to Temperance Hall & heard a discussion on "should there be compensation to liquor men in case of Prohibition". My brother Eusebius Bean & another gentleman negative & Lawyer [sic] E. P. Clement, M. B. Clemens positive. "Sebie" did quite well.

Friday 10 June 1887

Just one month since my dear Mary went to her rest reward & four weeks since we laid her body away on Mt. Hope Cemetry [sic]. How much longer it seems. Oh how long & how sad for me; but oh! how short & happy for her Praise God. Baby was quite good last night. Slept from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. then again till 6:30 a.m. Seems to like his new surroundings.

Dinner at I. Devitts.

Gave Anne Mary's gold bracelets.

[Gave] Emma B. Mary's silver bracelet.

Saturday 11 June 1887

Berlin. Baby having again slept well & being lively & cheerful, I decided to go onto my "field" Blenheim for 10 dys. or so & do some visiting, so I got ready & left abt. 10:00 a.m. taking dinner at H. Becker's near Williamsburg (collected Botschafter money \$2.00) then called on Mrs. James Trussler [né] Millie Doebel then at Father Suraras, but not finding them at home I proceeded to Br. Riebel's where I

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remained overnight.

My health is good & I feel a little more like myself again.

Weather very fine.

Sister Euphenia (Bean) Schmidt of Gadshill gave birth to a little girl today.

Sunday June 12 1887

Roseville. On account of an attack of his old malady [**written in German**] Father Riebel could not go along to church this morning--Union House--where I preached English to about 30 very attentive persons on Matt 7. ...

Dinner at Br. Clemens & preached again at Plattsville at 2:30 p.m. on 1. Cor. 3.11 Christ the Foundation.

Tea at Sister Milgan's & preaching at Blenheim 7:30 p.m. on Ps 37.4. Overnight at Br. John Frey's whose wife né. "Lydia Merner" was a cousin to my now ever blessed & happy Mary.

In my three services today I felt most powerful this evening. My Lord was very near all day & strengthened me bodily & spiritually. Praise Him.

Monday 13 June 1887

Blenheim. Leaving the good home of G. Fry's abt. 10:00 a.m. I went to their neighbor's Chas. Burghardt for dinner, thence on to C. Fry's, thence P. Zinkans & on to Jacob Kalbfleish, not finding him at home however, I went on East on the 7th Con. to Br. Ritenhauers for tea. Then back again & overnight at Br. Orth's.

Tuesday 14 June 1887

Leaving my rig at J. Orths I walked through the fields to Jacob Kalbfleish's for dinner. Returning abt. 3:00 p.m. I went to Father & Christ Frey's a little & then for tea to Br. Shelby's & overnight to Br. Geo. Fry's.

'Twas very warm today. More so than yesterday.

Wednesday 15 June 1887

Called at Father Frey's again this a.m. He is some better again today. His health is very poor & feeble.

Went to Br. Thaler's for dinner, & after which we went up to the Church where the members cleaned up the graveyard &c during the afternoon. Took tea at Br. Jonas Schneider's & then proceeded to Plattsville putting up at Br. Holm's. Attending prayer mtg. at Sister Whites. Was very favorably impressed with our Plattsville class. All present, say 12-14 seemed to take part.

Weather has been very warm again today.

Thursday 16 June 1887

Went up to the house, (parsonage) this a.m. & worked about a little & then back to dinner to Br. Holm's after which about 2:30 p.m. I hitched up & took Br. G. M. Graff to Bright where he took train for

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Milverton &c intending to sell nursery stock & be away some weeks. Called at Henry Recker's & proceeded to Sister Bogson's for tea & night. Had quite a pleasant chat with old Father Recker now 90 yrs. in Nov. but still able to read & hear fairly [sic] well. The young folks too are quite social--2 boys & 2 girls. Weather today exceedingly warm & windy from West. Roads dry & dusty.

Bo't basket strawberries at Bright & ate them on the way--first this spring.

Friday 17 June 1887

Plattsville. Drove to town today & put up at Sister A. Gatzke, Br. G. who left for Germany on May 2nd not having returned, for dinner. Attended a Scott act case against one Stewart of Bright. The case was dismissed with cost for Constable all witnesses (4) for prosecution swore not to have drank any intoxicating liquors on 3rd June nor seen any sold. One Steen evidently swore false, contradicting himself repeatedly.

Called on other Mother & then went out to Br. Goebel's for tea & night.

Had strawberries & cream for tea 1st this season at table. Wind changed & some rain.

Saturday 18 June 1887

Had some rain last night. Spent the day nicely here at Goebel's. Wrote to friend Meno F. Shupe, giving him some of the particulars of Mary's sickness & death but had to stop a number of times before I finished overcome by my feelings. I dare not dwell on that sad & painful event. I [seen?] an [sic] since I saw her dear face last. Oh how much I passed through.

Truly

I know not what awaits me

God kindly veils my eyes

Ald [?] each step of my onward way

He makes new scenes to rise

[?] and I'll add

"Where he may lead I'll follow

He knows He knows He knows".

L. Wagner.

How much has happened since Jany. 1st 1887.

Things previously expected & things unexpected are recorded in these daily jottings too dear to be forgotten, and now at the end of almost 6 mos. of the year 1887, how very changed are my circumstances from what they were on the first day of the year. Then feasting & merry, revelling in each other's caresses & smiles; now the family circle broken with the main comfort of the child of our bosom relieved of these earthly comforts & discomforts & transported to a nobler & better state; then full of hopes & wishes for the future for ourselves & our dear baby boy Louis Jacob Gordon & now he left suddenly motherless, thrown at the mercy of kind & true friends for the present & I without a home as I had it, though well cared for. Oh! how strange! & yet I believe "He doeth all things well".

"And though I walk through the valley of the shadow [sic] of death I fear no evil. Thy rod & thy staff they comfort me".

"All things work together for good to him that love the Lord" & so I close trusting in Jesus. He "is my

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Shepherd I shall not want."