30 Dec

"Ann Buckingham went to the Ministry Shop relative to leaving the Office as she requested 10 Nov it on account of poor health when the Ministry was here last." Steam kettle has been repaired and is set up again. 12 Nov Sisters cut apples again - 25 bbls. Ann is "going into the family" and Elizabeth Seely will come to the Office to take her place. 19 Nov Asa Seaton moved to ChF to live. 71, years old but bright and active. "This is kept for Thanksgiving. Ministry all went to the families and administered the 26 Nov gift of general opening. We keep the day same as the Sabbath till after dinner. "We have 14-15 hired men. Hope they are true to the Union (quite a regiment)." 28 Nov "Ministry had meeting and speak more fully of the gift of general opening, etc." We arise at 4:00 and assemble at 4:30 in our meeting room with the Ministry. We had a 29 Nov Sun. short meeting and retired to begin the duties of the day. 2 Dec Almira Watkins went from Office to live with Eldress Elanor and Orpha DeGroat and Jerusha Truair have gone to live at SF "and be a help there." 7 Dec Trying to get all their canned vegetables to Albany to be shipped before the river closes. 10 Dec River now frozen and shipments have to be made by railroad. 11 Dec Go to Waterford to get feed for horses and cattle. 14 Dec "Last night most of the fowls took up their abode in the hen house, the one or two are so willful that they rest in the tree." 15 Dec Lydia went to the Stone Shop to work on baskets with Ann (Buckingham). Sylvester took p.m. train to Mt. Lebanon "to ask counsel of the Ministry about selling 21 Dec some wood." Eliza Tracy came to see her children. 24 Dec Sylvester went around the neighborhood to try to sell the wood off the 60 acre lot. 25 Dec "This day being Christmas we keep it very much as the Sabbath day." Garret Witbeck came to survey the 60 acre lot. Sylvester, William & Henry Bussell, and

several hired men assist. They lay it out in 1/2 acre lots to be sold at auction.