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23 July Brought out from Albany "a box of leggings from D. Parker to be finished by us for \$3/doz."

Benjamin Johnson, wife and son, had dinner. He is President of State Agricultural Society.

- FSW went to get some children named Hallenbeck--oldest girl is 6, other girl and boy younger.
- John Decked started at 3 a.m. to walk to Albany. Rode back on the new grain cutter or reaper they had ordered from Emerys. Two of the Emerys & most of the brethren watched the testing of the machine. Very hard for the team, extremely hot.
- Heat intolerable. Bought used broom corn sizer in Schenectady for \$70, used about 2 years. Trying to get in wheat & oats but men feel as if they would melt. Thermometer has been up to 103.
- Calvin Green comes to see Brother Benjamin about revising the book "Christ's Second Coming."
- 16 Brother Calvin is quite unwell.
- 25 George Peavy absconded. No one knew how or where he has gone.
- Brother Calvin spoke "quite lengthy" to the spectators at the public meeting.

 Louisa Fairchild fell downstairs & hurt herself quite badly. CM went to get Dr. Wade.
- Were employing 14 hired men and boys.
- 5 Sept Elder Brother Freegift, Jesse Harwood, Aurelia W., Caroline Vernoy & Sophronia left for NYC and Long Island "for health & comfort."
- 8 "CM went to Philadelphia for the first time."
- 12 Francis Loomis concluded to return from whence he came & left this morning.
- 16 CM went to Albany to get Elder Brother & company but they were not there but he brought two letters from them.
- 17 Sat Tabitha Shapely died. "She was taken ill with fever ague about 10 days since and it ran into bilious fever." \sim 76-5->> CM went to Albany tagain for Elder Brother & company, waited suitable length of time and returned without them.
- John Decker went to Albany for Elder Brother & company, but they did not come. Home 8 p.m.
- John & CM left about 3 p.m. in the rain for Elder Brother & company and "to our great satisfaction they arrived in good health & spirits about 7:30...

 The cause of their delay was their being on the sloop so long."
- 4 Oct Henry Watson's stepmother & 4 children came from Schenectady to visit. The oldest girl intends to stay.
- Bring home a load of popcorn every day from the Island, cut up by the roots. The men husk in the evening & Patrick spreads it to dry.