CF Office - 1855

11 Nov "We rise at 4, meeting at 5, breakfast at 6. This day is set apart for a general opening."

- Ministry brethren & trustees to 2d Order to look at their buildings, barns, eetc. and to decide what must be done for them this season.
- 21 CC & CM settle & discharge James Cass who has worked for them more than 3 years. He is going back to Ireland.
- 25 Sun "While the family were in meeting, Mary Ann Newman's brother came & took her away. It appears she had written to him on Wed. The Elders of & informed our Elders of it in the evening."
- 26 CM took James Cass to Albany & "engaged his passage, had it all fixed right for him. He expressed greatfulness for all the kindness shown him, etc."
- 27 Killed 12 head of cattle, 7 bought recently for hired men. Many worked on it until 10 p.m.
- Three cut up meat, sisters cudt tallow, cleaned & boiled the feet, cleaned tripe & prepared for boiling.

  Eldress Paulina very sick at SF. Janett Angus went up, gave her a Dover drought, stayed all night.
- 29-30 Thanksgiving. Finsi@hyd with meat making 428 lb. sausage, trying leaf tallow, boiling tripe, salting some meat. Boiled & shaped mince pie meat, made head cheese, pakced down sausage meat. Washed & cleaned up big cellar in Office.
- 1 Dec Raised a new barn. Four joiners there most of the week before, framing it.
- 3 Go to Schenectady to see a GErman carpet weaver about making some for us.
- 8 Have taken apples to Albany 129 barrels at \$9-10 per bbl.
- 12 ElderBrother Giles Avery comes (first time his name appears in Ministry)
- Five brethren go to Albany to attend court in the Pierce case but it did not come up.

  Lydia is making a coat for Daniel.
- 17 CC goes to NF with Cyrus to see where they are going to cut the timber for a barn.
- 19 Take rags to Schenectady for the carpets to be woven.
- 20 NF get their cattle off the Island by putting dirt on top of the ice. Get scow out.
- Christmas. "We keep as usual. We had reading in the meeting part of the time, then went to our rooms & carried chairs & returned to the meeting room and exorcised."

  The hired men all go away. "There was no fire in the cook room all day—a remarkable instance in these times."
- 27 Went to Yearsleys Corners to get a "sleigh box ironed off."
- George Peavy came down this morning to finish settling with our brethren; he intends to leave tomorrow & take history with him.