

The Lutheran Parsonage
a Century Ago

The Daybook of Christian Anton Popp

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The need to make an orderly account of life's events is as old as recorded history. From the hard-baked tablets of Ebla, the thoughts of an ancient generation have life and spirit today. Captured within the cold steeles and monuments of a forgotten empire, ring the voices of the past with the same proud and boastful arrogance of Shelley's Ozimandias. This need to communicate one's life and experiences to future generations provided the impetus for such literary monoliths as the Iliad and the Odyssey. Yet of all the blessings which God gave to man, none is more treasured or far-reaching in its impact than the gift to communicate.

Great minds have a need to search the past. In the past there is the key of understanding. If history does repeat itself, the natural assumption follows that there are answers for today in the annals of the past. This explains the fascination behind the diary. Perhaps one does not read diaries searching for specific answers for specific problems. Yet diaries do instill a sense of commeraderie. The feelings and emotions which we inscribe as unique characteristics of our age are surprisingly captured within the pages of a diary permanently. We come away from such an experience a little less smug ~~but~~ hopefully the richer for it.

Ordinarily we are led to believe that only the powerful and the influential have interesting lives and fascinating diaries. Still upon closer examination the diary as a significant literary form has the ability to elevate the insignificant and at the same time, minimize the complex. For example consider Xenophon. As

a Greek mercenary, his life was of small consequence in his day; yet because of the Anabasis, Xenophon's life takes on an added dimension as a piece of classic Greek literature. But look at the other side of the coin with Marcus Aurelius. Surely by any standard, he was a brilliantly complex individual. Proficient in Greek and Roman culture, he was the namesake to an age, a bright light against the growing darkness of barbarism. However, his book entitled Meditations reveal a different side to the man. While he represented all the traditions and customs of a decaying Empire, his personal philosophy anticipated the uncluttered spirit of faith in the Middle Ages---a simple pureness in spite of complexity. Diaries have a way of reducing the complex and elevating the universal. In its final analysis the diary produces one simple substance: it makes a commoner of us all. There is little difference if we were kings, presidents, generals or insignificant specs in the greater image of humanity; we all speak of life. The variations in life may vary but the theme of life connects us all. We are all pilgrims with a tale to tell, a yarn to unravel for the future.

Of such substance the daybook of Christian Anton Popp is cast. Obviously he left no particular impression to his age that he is remembered in the larger scope of American Lutheranism. He may have only counted a friendship of C.F.W. Walther as any claim to fame. But Christian Popp distinguished himself in no other way, other than having been a simple parish pastor. His diary does not reveal important facets to controversies that swept through American Lutheranism during the last century. There are no major events, no anecdotes of the famous or lengthy treatments on theology.

Rather this diary paints a landscape of parish life in the second half of the nineteenth century. And there is great comfort in that. In spite of the intervention of time, Christian's diary identifies the same images which we in the parish are familiar with today.

So as you begin to read this short introduction to the diary and the diary itself, don't expect to find imposing pieces of information relative to American Lutheranism. But as you listen to this voice of the past, the images which Christian speaks of are images familiar to us all.

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The idea of keeping a diary was not a thought unique to Christian. That thought had been present with Christian's grandfather, Stephan Popp. As a young man, Stephan had come to this country as a Hessian mercenary for Lord Cornwallis during the days of the Revolutionary War. Realizing that an adventure was before him, Stephan wrote events as they happened. When he again returned to Germany, his diary made an impression on his grandson. The diary of Stephan still exists today at the Museum of the Bayreuth Historical Society. Realizing that the diary has historical significance, a translation was made by this writer's uncle, Rev. Reinhart J. Pope and privately printed by Arthur C. Pope, this writer's great uncle.

Christian's diary equally covers a momentous period of his life. While it does not have the stunning background of a revolution, it gives us an overview of a frontier ministry. Born in the year 1824, Christian prepared for the ministry. He grew

in the town of Dettlesbach, Bavaria, a suburb of Bayreuth. Ordained into the public ministry on May 5, 1848 at the age of twenty-four, he married Emmelina nee Fraentraut on June 16, 1849. Christian carefully notes his ordination on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary. He served as pastor to the City Church of Bayreuth. However these were turbulent years in Germany. The Revolution of 1848 was fruitless. The middle-class had failed in its bid to gain a constitution under Frederick William IV. With that failure came the loss of voting privileges for the Bundesrat. Disillusioned with German politics and their meddling hand in religious affairs, Christian set his sight on the New World. The Missourians by this time had made a foothold in Perry County and Christian determined to settle among these Old Lutherans.

Christian had eight charges here in America. He started out in Quincy, Ill., and began his daybook in 1857. His ministry at St. John's/Quincy, Ill. concluded in 1861. From Nov. 24, 1861 to Sept. 6, 1867, he served a Lutheran Church in Warsaw Ill. From Oct. 29, 1867 to Nov. 18, 1869, he served Bethlehem, Effingham County, Ill. Nov. 18, 1869 to May 12, 1872, he served in Oshkosh, Wisc. May 12, 1872 to May 20, 1900 he served at Kenosha, Wisc. From May 20, 1900 to June 24, 1900 he served at Wrightstown, Wisc., where he retired due to poor health. He died in 1905 and was buried at Fort Howard Cemetery, Green Bay, Wisc.

The first two parishes which Christian served must have been lively. Evidently the church at Quincy preferred English services rather than the German. They seemed to have pulled the rug out by bringing in other Lutheran pastors for trial sermons. He

notes in his journal that he had to leave and was forced to sell his horse and buggy for money.

Warsaw was very stormy at first. There was a situation in this congregation where the Reformed and the Lutherans had it out. But when the congregation decided to join the Missouri Synod, the Reformed faction lost out. He happily notes that he was once again permitted to preach the Gospel. The congregation must have held him in high esteem because they presented him with a fine black coat and hat. Unfortunately, it would be of historical interest to learn more about these two congregations but the letters forwarded by this writer were not answered. Perhaps that can be the subject of further investigation at a later date.

But as we look at these early years we read of trips made to St. Louis on riverboats, Lincoln/Douglas debates and near serious accidents with horse and buggy. Perhaps not the most exciting to read but not the most uninteresting either. They serve to give us a picture of what a pastor faced in the nineteenth century. Still as trying and lonely the days may have been, Christian took great joy in his family.

The Lord blessed Christian and Emmelina with a large family. Together they would have been a family of fourteen; but the Lord in his wisdom chose to take six. The six of them who died, all died in infancy. They were: Johann, Emma, Maria, Gottfried, Christian Timothy, Eleonora, and Christian Albert. Of all the sections in the diary, none can compare to the emotion which Christian felt when he wrote of their deaths. He writes in great detail of the nature of the illness, the careful funeral preparations and the sadness of seeing one's own flesh and blood lowered into the grave.

As difficult and trying as these moments must have been, Christian and Emmalina had the comfort of the Lord's word.

While these were rough moments, Christian recalls his joy as a father. He took great pride in his six living children. They were: Anna, Franz, Friedrich, Sophie, Rosa, Gottfried and Karl. He writes with great care concerning their wedding days, noting the text of the sermon, the hymns that were sung and the gifts that were given to the young couple. Only one son followed him into the ministry and that was Friedrich, this writer's great-grandfather. It is particularly interesting to note the total bill at NWC in the year 1880: \$44.10. When Friedrich was finally able to enter the ministry, he wrote his son a thoughtful letter assuring Friedrich that he would receive a call in spite of his disappointment. Baraboo proved to be a happy spot for Friedrich as he found his wife there, Miss Maria Bender, the daughter of Carl Bender the mayor of Baraboo. Another interesting light to Friedrich's ministry at Baraboo was the fact that the congregation had its claim to fame in the Ringling family of the Ringling, Barnum and Bailey circus who were members in the congregation.

Of the rest of Christian's children, Franz became a doctor practicing in Racine; Anna married Pastor Julius Haase and Carl became a druggist in Jefferson, Wisconsin.

Another aspect of the diary to note is the sense of thrift which Christian practiced. Certainly today, things have not changed much. While we have larger sums of money to work with there will always be the need to practice good Christian stewardship with the goods that the Lord entrusts his servants with. Certainly the need was there. Money was scarce in the early days

and had to be carefully measured out. Christian makes no specific reference to a regular salary but carefully notes all the gifts that were given to him.

Before this introduction is concluded, it cannot be closed without taking special note to the diary's most prominent feature and that is of the man himself. How does he write of life? Is this a man who writes of life in the same spirit of peace that Marcus Aurelius felt with the world around him? Whatever similarities lie between the two; Christian's peace in the Gospel far outweighs the calm rationalizations that Marcus Aurelius made with himself. Will the daybook of Christian Anton Popp become standard reading in German like Xenophon is to Greek and history buffs? Hardly. But the beauty of the diary is to be found in the simple expressions of faith. Through-out the lives of God's children there is strength to weather the storms and moments of joy to reflect on God's mercy with Thanksgiving. It is God who permits them both. This is the continuing joy of the Gospel which Christian writes so simply and eloquently.

As you read through the diary, I hope that you will be able to identify with the many images of a minister's life which Christian Popp painted over a century ago.

THE LIFE OF CHRISTIAN AND EMMELINA POPP

gleaned from Christian's Daybook

1857 (The year in which the Daybook begins)

April 5. My antagonist held his first sermon here.

April 12 (Easter). The fullest church attendance yet gathered here.

May 31 (Pentecost): A very full church, the largest collection that has been raised here.

1859

Jan. 1. Congregation meeting. Rather good and peaceful.

Sept. 4. The Illinois Synod met here. Pastor Blesener preached here.

1860

Aug. 1. Trip to St. Louis to Pastor Schaller.

Nov. 11. The congregation voted to have a new preacher come here. (In English) all right, the Lord will provide.

1861

Jan. 1. Congregation meeting rejected.

March. Baptism day of our newborn daughter Eleanora... A little family festival. Present were Pastor Schmieding, Pastor Liese.

May 6. On this day I sold my horse to Pastor Konrad for \$150 with buggy and harness. Of this I received \$50.00 in cash and for the shed \$5.00. The rest in 6-12 months.

May 14. Arrival of Pastor Baumstock with Stahlhut.

May 25. Held my farewell sermon in St. John's Church. (Prayer: Let me shortly again receive a place where I can proclaim your name and serve you.)

June 25. On this day we left our old dwelling in the parsonage which we possessed for six long years and entered a rented room of widow Michel's house. On June 17 my congregation paid me \$140.00, of which I lent the Widow Stork \$20.00 and Lerp \$3.00.

June 26. This day my total money was \$199.75. The Lord bless this sum which is given by Him, so that it reaches, like the widow's cruse of oil, until this dearth is past.

June 6. Pastor Schaller came here from St. Louis, on Sunday, June 9, he ordained Pastor Baumstock and on Tuesday the 11th he traveled back to St. Louis again.

Aug. 29. From Pastor Konrad \$30.00 on account.

Sept. 2. Letters to Pastor Fürbringer, Schwan, Multanowsky.

Nov. 22. On this day I left Quincy by steamer, at the invitation of the Lutheran Church of Warsaw, to preach a trial sermon there.

Nov. 24. On this day, 9:00 P.M. I was chosen pastor unanimously. Thanks be to the Lord, who has directed everything so nicely.

Nov. 29. Departure from Quincy with my family, 2:00 P.M.

Nov. 13. Through Nagel received \$33.00 from the note on my congregation at Quincy. \$39.00 owing.

1862

Dec. 2. A stormy congregation meeting. The crisis is approaching.

1863

Jan. 24. Memorable congregation meeting, where decision was made to join the Missouri Synod with 11 votes.

Oct. 2. Rumpus with the teacher

1864

Jan. 23. Departure for Quincy to the installation of Pastor Seidel in the St. John Church.

March 6. On this day the Reformed sought to possess our church, but after a mighty tumult their plan was frustrated and was able to preach.

Oct. 5. Beginning of our suit ~~with~~ ^{with} the Reformed. Journey to Carthage. We remained there ~~and~~ ^{and} Tuesday the suit was settl

Emmelina's sisters

1857

- April 15. Received an order from Flass & Savage on Past. Garlich, Brooklyn, N.Y. for \$51.00 for the welfare of ^{my} my sisters-in-law.
- June 25. Letter from F(ather-in-law) in which he notifies that L(uise) is coming with 1 c(hild). We did not sleep the whole night und considered everything. O Lord, direct everything for the best ^{for} Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us our sins with Christ's blood and let us not lose your grace. Your grace must be the comfort in my house in my pilgrimage. Amen.
- June 30. A letter to the parents-in-law in Germany.
- July 9. Arrival of the two sisters-in-law, Luise and Hildegard 6:00 A.M. (The April 15 entry also contains these jottings: The Merchant Western Line, Neal Abbott & Co. No. 88 Broadstreet, New York. Packages via Chicago, care of Tanner, Andrews & Co., Chicago. Hotel May in Chicago, No. 76 and 78 S. Wells St. near Randolph St. Parmelee's Bus Line connects there. Neal, Abbot & Co. Express 88 Broadstreet, N.Y.)
Two pair of stockings for them .70. A hat with a ribbon for Luise 2.05.
- July 10. A letter to Germany to the parents-in-law.
- July 17. Arrival of two chests of the sisters-in-law.
- July 24. A little dress for Luise's child .25. Cap .25.
- July 29. Emergency baptism of Gottfried (Christian's son, Ed.) in the presence of my beloved wife and her two sisters, of whom Hildegard is sponsor.
- August 6. To repair earring for Hildegard .15.
- August 7. Mother and Hildegard let the milk pitcher fall into the water.
- August 10. A new milk pitcher with milk strainer .65, since the other one is still in the cistern.
- August 19. To Hildegard for a map .70.
- August 25. Hildegard working for Mrs. Cox. (Who knows whether she will stay.)
- August 28. To Luise for sleeve lining for her dress ~~1.00~~ .50
- Sept. 4. A calico dress for Hildegard 1.00 8 yards.
Another yard of calico for Hildegard .10.
- Sept. 4. Hildegard left Mrs. Cox for Blackford. Fur making.
- Oct. 1. For Hildegard .10
- Dec. 24. At Christmas for Luise 1 pair of sleeves .35, one gold dollar 1.00. For Hildegard 1½ yard of white linen 1.00, for Anna 1 pair of shoes .85 and misc. 1.75, for little Christian a little dress .25, for myself a pair of house slippers .35. From Luise I received a wallet and from Hildegard a pair of suspenders.

1858

- Jan. 13. For Hildegard a white dress 1.50.
- Jan. 19. Silk and cord for Hildegard's dress .10.
- March 8. Luise's arrangement and satisfaction with H.(Hildegard?) for \$200.00
- March 3. A new hat for Luise 3.00
- March 4. Paid out 1/00 for Luise. (T- 9.40)
- March 5. A ticket for Luise to Bloomington 7.40. An umbrella 1.25 One lettercase .35 and money - \$10.00 in gold, \$5.00 in silver, \$15.00 in banknotes, total \$50.00 given. Luise rode to Bloomington with the railroad at 2:30. To Dr. Zimmerman for the expenses for sainted little Gottfried 9.00. Paid on account to Carl Stunde 3.00. Luise still has \$150.00, namely \$110.00 in gold and \$40.00 in currency. From this is deducted sugar .25, eggs .10, one shawl 1.75. Remains as Luise's possession \$148.00, \$110 in gold and \$38.00 in currency.
- March 6. To Hildegard for a ribbon on her hat 4 yards 1.00.
- March 18. For little Christian a small chair .70.
- March 29. For Hildegard for a ribbon that she lost .70.

April 6 Worked vigorously in the garden with mother and Hildegard.
 May 7 A dress for Hildegard for her birthday 1.25
 May 10 A pair of cloth boots for Hildegard 1.00.
 May 11 A pair of cloth boots for Luise 1.00/
 May 15 Two yards of silk cloth for Hildegard a 1.50 - 3.00.
 May 22 A new hat for Hildegard 2.50. Cotton .60. Paid out for Luise 1.00. Toward morning, about 3:00 o'clock Luise came here suddenly from Warsaw and get \$30.00 and her little Christian and went back again by steamer around 12:00 o'clock.
 June 4 A dress for Hildegard 2.50.
 June 14 To Hildegard for lining in the vest .15.
 July 31 To fix Hildegard's ring .20.
 Aug. 5 Received for birthday from Hildegard a watchband, cigar-case, and a glass.
 Nov. 22 Luise arrived suddenly from St. Louis, where she was for a time with Mr. Meyer. A pair of shoes for little Christian .75.
 Nov. 23 In the evening at 8 o'clock Luise was gone again.
 DEc. 23 A pair of black boots for Hildegard 1.10.

1859

Feb. 24. Letter to Luise that I cannot send the money.

Feb. 2 6¼ yards of cotton cloth for Hildegard .50
 Mar. 9 a pair of new gaiters for Hildegard 1.40
 For Luise a pair of glack gaiters 1.40. For Hildegard a dress, 9 yards, 1.50 (for her services at the delivery and care of of my beloved wife.)
 March 16 Departure of Hildegard for New B oston by steamer. I gave her 7.00 along, namely 5.00 from Luise und 2.00 from me. This, together with .70 for shoes, .50 for shirts, .50 for misc. (makes 6.00 which Hildegard still owes.)
 Sept. 6 A letter to Luise H. with a check for \$63.00 on St. Louis . Check 25. Exchange for 25.00 in currency, in gold \$50.00. I still owe her \$10.00

1860

Jan. 13 Sent Luise 3.00 on the \$10.00 account.
 April 4 A new pair of shoes for Hildegard who came on Sunday (the 1st) 1.50. Medécine for her .15. A hat for Luise's little boy .15.
 April 5 Departure of Hildegard back to New Boston. I gave her 8.00 for Luise and gave her what she owed me.
 April 23 In the night Luise came from Burlington to get little Christian. Very good meeting
 April 30 Four lbs. of cotton for Luise 2.00. a chest of drawers for Luise 2.50. One pair of shoes for Luise 1.25. \$1.00 in money.
 June 18 Paid Luise's bill at Schoenemanns 4.50.

1864

Oct. 16 Visit by Luise, suddenly and unexpectedly.
 Oct. 18 Departure of Luise for New Boston. Outlay for little presents 1.50.
 Oct. 21 Letter to Germany to the parents-in-law.

1865

April 22 Letters to brother Fritz and the sisters Hagen.
 August 12 This morning Hildegard came.

1870

April 26

On April 26, 1870 we received the message from Mr. Willets in New Boston that our dear sister and sister-in-law Luise died on Monday, 10:00 A.M. the 16th of April as the result of a premature birth. She was ill since Wednesday, April 13. On Friday there were complications of abdominal inflammation und nervous fever and a great weakness. She showed no fear at the approach of the angel of death. God grant her soul the eternal rest und her body the resurrect of the just for Jesus' sake. Peace to her ashes.

1874

Oct. 7

On Tuesday, the 20th of October at 2:00 P.M. my dear wife traveled in my company through Chicago to visit her sister in Princeton. She took Carl and Fritz along. Franz waited for us at the train station in Chicago. We spent the night with Mr. Khotz. On WEDnesday mother continued her trip to Princeton alone. I went back home in the evening with Rosa and Gottfried. (This was a third sister, who married Anthony Fieber in Princeton, Ill. on Nov. 29, 1870, Ed.) *Rosa*

Christian's Other Charges

1867

Sept. 6

Received a call from the Bethlehem Church in Effingham Co., Ill. Lord Jesus, I thank you that you showed me unworthy and condemned sinner such great faithfulness and grace. I am only a sinful worm. Let me rely upon your grace and goodness. Let me keep you always in quietness. Let me remain in your wounds, in your heart, and you remain in mine through faith and sacraments. Let me cling to your cross and in your blood have forgiveness of my sins and the ransom from the curse of death and hell. Lord Jesus, let me proclaim your love, grace, and faithfulness, as long as I serve Him and you, and thank you in eternity. Amen.

Sept. 22

Received my release from my congregation.

Oct. 25

We began to pack and remained over night until Tuesday with Ketting, who showed us every kind of hospitality.

Oct. 27

I gave my farewell sermon in Warsaw and observed the Reformation Festival Jubilee with a populous congregation.

Oct. 29

At seven in the morning we left Warsaw with the steamer Grey Eagle. Ketting, Maurer and teacher Wilde accompanied us to the steamboat. At 12:00 we came to Quincy, where Pastor Seidel awaited us, who at our departure that same evening accompanied us to the train.

Oct. 30

Arrival at 2:00 in the morning in Decatur. Around 12:00 noon after a long wait departure for Vandalia under storm, snow, rain, and great cold. We arrived in Vandalia around 4:00. Friedrich Wolf and Dieteritz were waiting for us, brought us to Mr. Keitz, with whom we refreshed ourselves properly after such a fasting. At 5:00 we drove to Bethlehem and arrived there around 9:00.

Nov. 6

Arrival of our things in Bethlehem which I brought from Vandalia in 4 wagons. Seven grips lost or broken.

Nov. 7

Entrance into our dwelling. Lord JESUS, bless our going in and our going forth from this forth and even forevermore.

1869

- Nov. 18 Received a call to Oshkosh, Wis.
- Dec. 3 Visitor Firk and Prof. Brauer came here and brought the difficulties between my council and me to the desired order and peace.
- Dec. 4 On Sunday I gave my farewell sermon in Bethlehem and afterwards in the congregation meeting received my peaceful release.
- Dec. 8 In the morning at half past nine, after a short home service, we drove to Macon with 5 wagons. Voelkers, Fried. Wolf, Loeschermann, Juergen and Schroeder drove us. In Macon we took our departure. We left around 10:30 for Chicago, where we by God's grace arrived without mishap early on Thursday around 8:00. There Mr. Stelwig met us and took us to his home. The whole day it rained very heavily. On Friday we climbed onto the cart around 10:00 and the faithful God protected us so that we all arrived in Oshkosh healthy and happy around 9:00 in the evening. The Lord led us with eagles' wings. To Him be praise and glory forever in our Lord Jesus. In Oshkosh at the depot there met us the council and a number of congregation members, and brought us in a bus to Mr. Witte where an excellent meal awaited us.

1872

- May 12 On this day I resigned my office in Oshkosh, since I had received a call to Kenosha.
- May 23 Early in the morning at 7:00 I left Oshkosh with my dear wife and five children Anna, Sophia, Friedrich, Gottfried, Rosa (Franz is staying behind at the pharmacy of Mr. Beatty in Oshkosh), and arrived that same day at 2:30 happily in Kenosha, and my things were already there. The Lord bless our going in through our Lord Jesus.
- June 16 Anniversary of the going-home of sainted Eleonora. Little Children, you are not forgotten. May God bring us together in eternity in his time.

"Copy

of my release certificate from the Missouri Synod

"Since the Reverend Mr. Pastor Christian Popp has received and accepted a vocation into the Honorable Ev. Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, and wishes to be taken up into its membership, this honorable certification is herewith given by the Presidium of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Missouri and the Northern District, that he at all times conducted himself among his brethren as a soundly trained theologian, faithful pastor and curate of souls, and therefore is respected and loved by them. According to his wish, he is hereby released with honor from the membership of said Synod with the wish that the faithful God may set him not only as a blessing for many in our Honorable Sister Synod, but also let him himself experience rich blessing.

In the name of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, etc., Northern District.

Libanon, Wis. July 18, 1872

George Link

Ev. Luth. Pastor and Präses

1898 On May 5, 1898 by God's grace I celebrated my 50th Anniversary of my Ordination. On May 5, 1848 I was ordained in the City Church of Bayreuth by Consistorialrat Kapp, Dean Blumroeder, and Assistant to the dean Vetter. The Fox River Valley Conference of the Wis. Synod was present, namely, Hinnenthal, Rutzen, Sauer, Kansier, Boettcher, Schoewe, Spiering, DeJung, Schumann, Bergholtz, Eppling, Teppler asked for assistance. Thanks to God, all our dear children were present: Franz with Eugenie and child; Fritz with Mary and 1 child; Gottfried with Emma and 2 little daughters; Carl; Rosa with her baby and the dear little Alice; Sophie with her Harry; Anna Haase with her husband, the 3 littlest children, Erdmann, Martin and -. As guest Pastor Conrad ^{Jaeger} from Racine came and presented me with a beautiful gold cross and letter. The conference gave me a cane of ebony wood with a gold handle and inscription. My dear children gave me \$35.00, Franz gave in addition a gold cross and tobacco; the congregation brought a parlor sofa and chair and gifts of butter and eggs. Pastor Rabe in Warsaw sent a picture of his church. P. Luthemant sent a picture. President von Rohr, Prof. A. Hoenecke, Prof. A. Ernst, Pastors Grusicke, Harker, Haese and others sent letters.

The service began at 7:00 o'clock with confession, then the baptism of our youngest grandchild, Franz Carl Christian Dukerschein by Pastor Haase. Then a choir song by 3 girls from Schaebble, Fritz Schumann, Marie & Lydia Helwig. Then Hymn 562, The Lord Hath Helped me Hitherto. Then a fine sermon by Hinnenthal on Ps. 115:1 "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory for thy mercy and thy truth's sake." Then a choir piece, then a new thanksgiving, then an address from the altar by Pastor Jaeger of Racine on Ps. 100:1-4 - Sing unto the Lord a new song etc. Then distribution of the Lord's Supper. All our dear children went with us pastors to the Lord's Supper, then all the congregation members. Afterwards until midnight pious entertainment with music, singing, and finally closing with God's Word and prayer. God, thanks be to you for everything, Amen. At noon all the pastors and our children were gathered with us for a meal. On Friday we and all our children went to Green Bay and had our picture taken. There were 13. Lord, preserve us now for the sake of Lord Jesus. Amen.

1900

May 20, 1900 we entered into our own house here in Wrightstown. It is a very nice dwelling. May the Lord give us health and His blessing as long as it pleases Him for the sake of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Today on June 24, 1900, 2 Sunday after Trinity, I gave my last sermon on the Gospel, Luke 14, 16-24. I became ill shortly before the close, yet I was able to bring the service to an end. Thanks to God for everything. In the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen. I now enter into private life. Help, Lord Jesus. Amen.

My Certificate of Naturalization

State of Illinois, Hancock Co. at the Circuit Court, holden at the Courthouse in Carthage, Hancock Co., Ill. on the sixth day of October 1864 before Judge Libbey of the 15th Judicial Circuit and L. R. Davis, clerk.

1864

Presidential election. I voted for Lincoln.

Nov. 8

ANNA

1867

April 23

On this day our good Anna went to the milliner, Miss Chatterton, to learn the trade. Lord Jesus, bless her going in and coming out. Guard her heart from the vanity of this world and from all temptation, and uphold her in faith, obedience, and in health both of body and soul. Amen.

1874

April 21

Marriage of our dear eldest daughter Anna to Pastor Julius Haase.
Afternoon, 2:30

Hymn: In Allen Meinen Taten (Where'er I Go, Whate'er My Task)

Afterwards, sermon on Ps. 126 - The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad, showed how a wedding day is a day of honor and joy, and summons us to thanksgiving and joy, thanked God for His gracious ways, and committed us all further into His faithful father-hands. Then followed the exchange of vows.

Witnesses were: our Franz, Mr. Kindermann, Miss Carrie Vollmer, and Miss Carry Engel. The presents which the wedding guests gave to our Anna were numerous and valuable. Among others: 3 bedspreads from Mr. Engel, Manten, and Hentzel; 2 tablecloths from Midermann; ½ doz. silver knives from Blauert; 1 creamer and comb stand together with comb and brushes from Kurtung and Dickhund; 1 pair of silver beakers from Jack Gottfredson; 1 silver-plated caster from Franz; 1 silver flower vase from Engel, 1 silver-plated salt shaker, 1 wonderful lamp from Mrs. Kruder; one wonderful lamp also from Mrs. Engelhardt; 2½ doz. napkins from Miss Brown, Miss Vollmer, Mrs. Gersten; 1 silver soup spoon from Kerber; 1 smaller cover (?) and 1 sugar spoon from Mrs. Low; 1 beautiful green colored table cloth from Ernst, 1 porcelain fruit basket from Baiersdorf, 1 coffee urn from Engelbert; 1 milk glass service from Mrs. Schmorow; 1 coffee board from Borkenhagen; 2 pair of gilded coffee cups from Radetz; six fine hand towels from Luciport, 3 from Mrs. Storm; 3 hand towels from Mrs. Borkenhagen, 3 hand towels; 1 pair of socks from Miss Engel; from Dr. Weiskopf \$5.00.

All of the above-named persons took part in the wedding banquet, who together with the children numbered 84 persons. Afterwards, the bride and company left. The first guests left toward 9:00 P.M., the last ones in the morning at 1:30. Everything went in good order, at the end we sang together: Now Thank We All Our God, and Abide, O Dearest Jesus, and the Evening Hymn. Our Franz made several bad jokes, which however received great approval. On Wednesday morning I traveled to conference in Racine and returned at night. On Thursday we were visited by Pastor and Mrs. Waldt, Pastor Engelbert and his daughter, and thus was the wedding concluded.

The Wedding Costs consisted of:

Account at KIndermann pd.		\$19.21
" " Hansen		6.60
" " Engel & Baiersdorf		3.10
" " Kerber		2.10
" " Gottfredson		13.29
For making the bridal gown		7.00
1½ yd. Cord .30	7 yds. cambric .70	1.00
1½ yd. ticking .30	Buttons .75	1.05
Lace 6 yds. 1.20	5/8 yd. satin 1.86	3.10
Spool silk .35	spools .16	Twist .15
	Whalebone .10	<u>.66</u>
For making mother's dress		3.00
5½ yds. cambric .75	silsspool .20	spool .16
		1.11
Twist .05	Braid .10	½ yd. ticking .10
	tick. .10	.35
	Buttons .25	1 spool silk .10
		.45

1878

Sept. 18.

Marriage of our dear son Franz to Miss Eugenie Wolfhuegel. The Wedding was solemnized in Racine by Pastor Waldt. The ceremony took place on Sept. 19 (Tuesday) at 8:00 P.M. in the church. I preached on Ps. 119, 57.58: Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words. I entreated thy favor with all my heart; be merciful to me according to thy word. Then the marriage ceremony by Pastor Waldt. Taking part in the wedding banquet from our side were the attendants, Pastor Haase, Mr. Carl Vintzler, and the apothecary Mr. Kalk. The bridesmaids were Miss Emma Musthaeuser, Miss Mathilda Wolfhuegel, and Miss Dorchen Bading. Then Pastor WAgner, wife and child, Pastor Hofmann, Mrs. Krug, Mrs. Waldt, and we^{er} all our children. It was simple. We remained all night here together until 4:00 in the morning. On the next Wednesday evening we went home. Even Aunt Hildegard was present with her son, Wilhelm. Among presents given to Franz by us were one pair of golden wedding rings, a hand brush, and other things; from Pastor Waldt a white wedding dress; from Pastor Jaeckel $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. dated silver teaspoons; from Pastors Nourke and Adelberg a beautiful lamp; from Sending 1 silver sugar spoon, from Aunt Hildegard 1 silver dated castor; from Pastor Haase a complete coffee service; from Wagner one wedding poem; from Mrs. Millaentor 1 silver dated salver; from Mrs. Krug $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. silver knives and forks.

So then be gracious, God, to this young couple. Give them your blessing in spiritual and physical things. Support them devoutly for yourself, and in faith. Preserve between us and them the state of peace and love, and for all this grace which you have increased for us so graciously and undeservedly receive our humble thanks through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIEDRICH

1866

April 4

On this day moving and the birth of a beautiful and pious little boy. Even though the weather was inordinately stormy and uncertain, still we began to travel, because the day before we had packed all the things together. The first wagon left at 11:30. At 12:00 my dear wife received the first strong pangs, and at 1:00 she walked, in spite of all pain, rain, wind and the slippery road, over to our new house, into which we entered under God's blessing and help in a quarter of an hour. No bed, no bedding, had been set up for her, so she had to sit on a cushion. Finally, about a half-hour later came bedstead and bedding, the latter completely soaked. Now the pains came oftener. I got Mrs. Paar, sent Maurer to Dr. Hofmann, who also came soon and about a quarter after nine a little youngster was upon earth. Humble praise and thanks to the faithful Lord Jesus, the helper and healer in the highest need, for his unbounded love.

April 15

On this day our dear little son was baptized in the church and received the name Friedrich Peter August. The sponsors were: brothers Johann Friedrich Spitze Peter Fritz, and August Katz. Afterward, a little family fest. Present were brothers Spitze, Paar, Wiesemann, Tannebaum, Firtz, Katz and their wives and Mrs. Neidtmann and her children.

1880

Aug. 30

I brought my dear son Friedrich to Watertown in order that, God willing, he might begin his studies as a future preacher of the Gospel. Lord Jesus, bless him, keep him blameless to your honor, Amen. Trip to Watertown 1.50, for me 3.00 Trunk and packages .85 study costs for 1st quarter 20.75, bed, etc. 5.00, pocket money 9 44.10.

- 1887 (Private letter, dated Oct. 5, 1887) Dear Fritz, We received your dear letter. You are preparing yourself diligently in preaching, and are diligently studying dogmatics. This pleases me very much. Continue on, pray and study, God will help you. Pastor Bading has proposed you to the congregation at Woodville, but the farmers wanted an old pastor, and chose the old Pastor Eppling. Now the Lord will provide for you at his time.
- 1889
- June 18 In the evening at 5:00 our dear son, Friedrich Popp, Lutheran pastor in Baraboo, celebrated his wedding with Miss Maria Bender of Baraboo in the Ev. Luth. church there. I and dear Rosa and her fiancée, Albert Duckerschein, and also our dear daughter Anna and her spouse, Pastor Haase, together with numerous relatives, and above all our dear Gottfried were present. After the singing of the song, God Is Faithful, by the choir of Baraboo, which our dear Fritz had started, and the hymn 547, Wie Schoen Ists Doch, Herr Jesu Christ, I preached on Ruth 1:16-18 and showed how only in heartfelt love of the married couple to one another does the happiness of marriage consist, namely in unity of faith, heartfelt love and unchangeable faithfulness. Thereupon Pastor Haase gave an address on: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, a threefold wish of happiness and blessing. Then he married them. After the ceremony we went again to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Carl Bender and his wife, Christina, nee Sybecker, and spent a satisfying evening with songs by the singing club until about 12 o'clock when the wedding guests left. The presents were very worthwhile. Dear Franz sent a present, a water urn and cup, silver-plated, costing \$18.00, since he was not able to come. On the next day we all traveled to the Synod convention in Milwaukee, where Fritz with his young wife and I found hospitable accommodations at Mrs. Dubes. God the Lord bless the young married couple for Jesus' sake. Amen. The witnesses were Albert Dukerschein, Gottfried, and Rosa and Miss Emma Bender, sister of the bride.
- 1903
- March 1 Our dear Fritz resigned in Baraboo and Freedom and went to Ablemans. Lord Jesus, bless him.

SOPHIE

- 1884
- Dec. 30 Wedding of our dear daughter, Sophie, with August Zimmermann. On Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 2:30 in the afternoon we entered the church in Wrightstown, Brown Co., Wis. I gave the wedding sermon on Ps. 25:10. Pastor Haase married the young couple and spoke a few words on Ps. 67:1. Hymns 547 ("Wie Schön Ists Doch, Herr Jesu Christ") and 464 ("Jesus, Lead Thou On") were sung. After the wedding the trustees and their families assembled in the parsonage: Franz Zittlow, Ar. Tetzlaff, Rather, Schauble, Vine, Bahrtz, Stuht, besides also Kahl, John Eiler, Hautz, Rud. Zilke, Weber, Gottfr. Zittlow, Rustow, Christ Zittlow, and the wives of all of them, the Zimmermann family, and remained together until toward 11:00 at night. Our dear sons, Dr. Franz Pope and Gottfried Popp, also came from Racine. Franz had to go back on the night train at 10:00 and the bridal couple accompanied him and made a little wedding trip to Racine and Ft. Atkinson

On WEd., Dec. 31, Pastor Julius Haase also left us at 6:30. So then may the glorious God also bless these our children, hallow their souls for Himself and preserve them unto salvation. May He lead them gently, also grant this, to presen

them in faith and prayer, and bless their labor that they may lead their life in peace and health, so long as is pleasing to you, O God. Hear me through my LOrd Jesus Christ. Amen.

The wedding present were very nice and useful. Thanks to God for everything through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. The witnesses were Lyle Weber, Fritz Popp, Will Zimmermann, Mrs. Eber, Rosa Popp, Joh. Goren. The collection was \$7.55.

ROSA

1889
Nov. 26 On Tuesday, 4:00 P.M., Nov. 26, 1889 our dear daughter, Rosa Popp, celebrated marriage with Mr. Albert Dukerschein of Juneau, Dodge Co., Wis. The witnesses were Gottfried Popp and Louis Dukerschein and Misses Emma and Ida Rather. Our son Fritz gave the wedding address on Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Hymns 547 ("Wie Schön Ists Doch, Herr Jesu Christ") and 464 ("Jesus, Lead Thou On") were sung, and by our son Fritz and his wife the song: Harre, Meine Seele (Wait On The Lord). After the ceremony we went into the school, where about 150 persons ate and spent the evening with song and Christian speeches. Dear Franz and dear Anna were unfortunately not present, but sent beautiful presents. I married the dear couple with a few cordial words. So may God's blessing every accompany them. Amen.

GOTTFRIED

1890
Nov. 10 On Wed., Nov.10, 1890 our dear Gottfried entered the state of holy matrimony with Miss Emma Rather from here. Unfortunately, neither Fritz nor Franz, nor Anna and Julius, were present. They were prevented from showing up by all manner of hindrances. I performed the marriage. After singing of 562 ("The Lord Hath Led Me Hitherto") I had a short wedding address. Then Rosa, Sophie, the Schäuble children and Albert sang the song: The Lord is Faithful, in four parts. Then 464 ("Jesus, Lead Thou On") by all. The wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. Rather. There were numerous guests. The bridal couple received \$31.00 in cash and many worthwhile, useful gifts. May God's blessing follow the young couple, through our dear Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. We gave them a nice large Bible and the Treasury of Prayer. Lord, help. Amen.

KARL

1899
Oct. 10 Our youngest son Carl James Pope celebrated his wedding with Miss Adelheid Schneider, daughter of the sainted Philipp Schneider and his wife, Salina, nee Lavigne, in the home of his parents-in-law, Mr. Chauncey Clark and his wife, Salina. Our dear son Fritz of Baraboo performed the marriage in the English language and had a fine address on Ps. 23:1-3. Present of our children were Sophie Zimmermann and her son Harry; Eugenie Pope of Racine; Gottfried Popp and wife and children from Green Bay; Pastor Fritz Popp and 1 son Reinhart. Anna and Julius sent a letter and \$5.00. Dear Rosa is unfortunately not well with swollen feet. Her husband sent a nice communication from Marathon City, Wis. We took the train at 6:30 in the evening to DePere and were driven by bus to the farm of Mr. Clark two miles south. In the night, or perhaps in the morning, on Oct. 11 at 1:00 in the morning we went back to Wrightstown by train and arrived, praise God, safely at our dwelling around 2:00. The whole evening and night it rained without interruption.

Present also were Gustav Haase, Mr. Rather and wife, Lacht and wife, W. Zimmermann, Heck and wife, Otto Schäuble and daughters. The witnesses were Frank Schneyder, Gustave Haase, Misses Grace Schneyder and Minnie Dickmann. Teacher W. Hein was also present and took me safely home in rain and darkness. The bridal couple received fine presents. A great number of our American friends

and relatives were present. - And so bless, Lord Jesus, our Carl and his dear young wife. Also help them to temporal and spiritual weal. Give them the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of grace, of love, of peace. Uphold them in faith in You and in the holy Gospel. Grant them your blessing and health and contentment. Let prayer, praise, and thanks and invocation be their morning and evening sacrifice, and lead them graciously and kindly through this passing, brief life to your beautiful heaven, and eternal joy, for the sake of your intercession O Lord Jesus Christ, blessed with the Father and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our dear Carl now has a drug store here in Wrightstown, and is living for the first with us in our house which we bought from dear Gottfried for \$500.00. The wedding celebration was worthy and simple, no wine, no beer, no cigars, just one cup of coffee. I was quite in agreement with that and content.

1900

May 8

Our dear Carl left us and went to Jefferson, Wis. where with his brother-in-law Frank Snyder he has purchased the large pharmacy of Mr. Ray for \$3435.00. The Lord's blessing accompany you, dear Carl. His wife followed him several days later with Romeo.

THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF Christian and Emmelina

1899

June 16

We, my dear wife and I, celebrated our Golden Wedding. We wanted to observe the day in quietness as the day on which 36 years before our good, little Ella entered into eternal life in Warsaw, Ill. But some of our dear children, especially dear Carl, made preparations without ^{our} knowledge to celebrate in fitting fashion. From the pulpit and elsewhere I had not announced it to my dear congregation. Almost the day before did I become aware that a celebration was going to take place. It was a glorious summer day, clear and bright, and not too warm. Of our dear children were present dear Gottfried, wife and children; dear Julius and his son, Gustave from Milwaukee; dear August and his daughter Rosa; also our dear Karl and his fiancée, Addy Schneider. Fritz and Franz sent telegrams and wished us God's blessing. Franz was held back from coming by an operation which he had that day. Dear Rosa and Albert sent us letters and a gift of \$5.00. They could not come, because dear little Franklin was sick, as Rosa wrote, with teeth and hay fever. The Lord sustain the dear little child for us. Our dear Sophie could not come either. She has, sad to say, been ill for the last 6 weeks with a nerve fever and with stomach pains, and although, thank God, she shows some improvement, and is not able to do anything or even to take a trip. Lord Jesus, help.

Taking part from our congregation were the trustees: Teztlaff and Stuhl, also Rather, Zimmermann, Schraeder, Wolf, Carl Wolke, Suestow, ~~Carl~~ Carl Schmidt, John Eiler, Joh. SchEuble, Wil Ruyestow, Haech, Jul. Wuerger, Christ Zittlow, Herman Raabke, Mrs. Duescher. Every member gave \$1.00. Gustav Feld gave \$2.00/ Franz Zittlow, Ew. Ebsen, Wm. Krueger, Cruchfeld, Alb. Zimmermann, Rudolph Zittlow, Mr. Becke gave 50¢; Wm. Zimmerman Jr. 75¢, G. Hagtz, Norstucker, Reinhold Schulz each 25¢; in addition, \$25.00 in gold from the congregation. In addition dear mother received \$5.00 from Mr. Rather, \$2.00 from Mrs. RATHER, \$4.00 from Mrs. Kaufmann of Escanaba, \$4.00 from various friends. Dear Julius gave us \$5.00. Adolph Haase, pastor in Bay City, Mich., sent us \$5.00 and wished for blessing. In addition \$55.00 in money gifts (\$5.00 from Rosa). The single girls of the congregation, esp. Amanda Kunde, helped with the baking and cooking also our dear daughter-in-law, Emma Popp, of Green Bay. The celebration was held in the church in the evening at 8:00. There were a great many guests present. We went to church, dear mother adorned with myrtle and roses in her hair, and I with a flower spray of white roses on my breast. Pastor Haase led, our children followed also in festive dress. Then the other friends and guests. The organ

played. First we sang the song # 562, The Lord Hath Led Me Hitherto. Then Pastor Haase read Ps. 23. Then Hymn #3, Praise to The Lord, the Almighty. Then Pastor Haase gave a glorious address from the altar for us on Ps. 129 (107?):1, O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. He showed what great reason we would have for thanks, for benefactions received during our 50 years of married life, and for benefactions still to be shown by the grace of the faithful God and Savior. After that a prayer in which he also made intercession for our dear sick Sophie and for dear Rosa's baby. And then we my dear wife and I, received the divine blessing with the laying on of hands. May He remain with us for our Lord Jesus' sake. Amen. At the close we sang No. 5, Now Thank We All Our God. Then the common benediction. And after the last verse had been swallowed up, we left the church in the same, beautiful order about 9:00 in the evening, after all the guests went out and shook our hand. Most of the women kissed our dear mother. In the parsonage we stayed until 10:30 with friendly speeches. A supper was given by the church, afterward a glass of wine and very good ice cream. Everything went off in the finest, Christian manner. IN addition, we received many fine gifts, butter, eggs, cakes, pies, also from Joslin a clock. Thanks be to God for everything through our Lord Jesus. Amen. Just after I wrote this, we received the glad message that our dear son-in-law, Albert Dukerschein, had passed his pharmacy examination with honors. Thanks to the Lord. Dear August gave us also \$5.00 for a wedding present in his and dear Sophie's name.

July 7 Dear Fritz sent \$5.00 for the golden wedding. God bless them all.

THE CHILDREN WHO DIED IN INFANCY

These included before the start of the diary Johann Georg (Sept. 14 - Sept. 1851) Emma Eleonore (July 22-Dec. 17, 1852), Maria Louise (Nov. 24, 1855 - Oct. 7, 1856).

GOTTFRIED HERRMANN FRIEDRICH MAX

1857

July 16 (Seven days after the arrival of Luise and Hildegard). On this day at 5:00 in the morning my dear wife was successfully delivered of a healthy, strong little boy by Dr. Drude and with God's help and precious faithfulness. Lord, I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which you have showed unto Mother and child and me. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Amen.

July 29 Our dear newborn little son was terribly sick around 5:00 in the morning. His body under the ribs was raised up, his breathing rapid and glowing hot. His head also was very hot. His little body was burning up with fever and he was starting in his sleep, and cramps developed as he began to distort his eyes. Under these circumstances we thought it best to baptize him and this place in the presence of my dear wife and her two sisters, of whom Hildegard was the sponsor, and Mr. Rinneborg, performed by me on the 29th at 11:00 in the morning Cause of the sickness: draft and the succeeding reaction of miliaria (prickly heat).

July 30 About 4:00 in the morning our dear 'Fried with several doses of _____ and with God's gracious help was strikingly better in that the miliaria receded. Lord, help him for Christ's sake in the future and support him continually, if this suits your will. Praised be God. Hallelujah!

1858

Feb. 11

Thursday, the death day of our pious, glorious, prematurely finished little child, Gottfried, in the evening at half past five. The night before he was very restless, fever, distortion of the eyes, difficulty with breathing, and choking cough became every moment more severe. As we observed the little child so weak toward morning, we anticipated our loss. The doctor came at 7:00, prescribed medicine and salve, which we faithfully applied, although without success. When he came again at one o'clock, he shook his head—that the little would no longer live out the evening. Und so it was also. Toward two o'clock his breathing became more rustling, his little nose and his hands were cold, yet we succeeded in making them warm again, and the choking cough, the cramps and the turning up of his eyes became every moment stronger. The suffering tot was shaking terribly in his whole body. At every breath he turned his little eyes up so that only the whites were visible, and thus it got worse from minute to minute. Toward four in the morning the child began to beat with his hands and feet, and at each breath his little body moved with such a convulsive manner that we now begged the Lord for release and an end to his hard and severe suffering.

I held my little darling in my arms almost the whole night, covered him with warm, woolen quilts and did everything to make the fright and the painful suffering more tolerable. Also my dear wife, exhausted from watching and care in the night, had fearful cramps and stitches in the side the night before, which had let up by morning only a very little, pulled herself together and offered to the child of her heart her breast which he took for the last time at 3:30 in the afternoon. Later she dripped a little milk into his little mouth which he still eagerly sucked up. Towards two the child was quieter. His breathing was slower, his little eyes turned slower and looked at me unmovedly. His little hands held my finger firmly circling it. About a half hour later his breathing stopped several times, then returned, always slower and lighter. Suddenly at 5:30 his quite quiet little face lit up with a wonderful smile. I kissed it amid loud weeping, and the little child had ceased to breathe and to live. I held his corpse in my arms. Quietly and still und peacefully, my glorious Gottfried, you breathed your little soul out!

O you precious child, o how often did I say of you, we want to take pleasure in you (with eternal, holy joy), yet a little while is the light with you.! And how true was my foreboding. O how our nightmares were so quickly fulfilled. Our joy, pride and happiness, all is gone with you! Yet, Lord, the only God, you know why you have done it. Your thoughts and ways with us are marvelous, but you bring it to a glorious finish. Ah, you want to remind us of our sins, of our own coming end. Ah, you want to take us out of the secularization in which we have fallen in these latter times and turn our hearts to the one thing needful. Teach us, Lord, to consider our salvation at all times, teach us to look for the heavenly, eternal, true treasure. The world passes away and the lust thereof. Let us in penitence and faith strive for the eternal reward. Preserve us in this one thing, that we hold, fear, and love your name. Give eternal salvation to our blessed little Gottfried for the sake of Christ Jesus, his Lord and Savior. Repay him richly for his love toward us, and for the short but severe suffering of his last days give him the eternal joys of your kingdom. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. So depart then, dear little Gottfried, to the peace of God, and to your little siblings, Johannes, Emma, and Maria. Depart to a better, more blessed Land. You matured quickly and fulfilled many years. Your soul was pleasing to God, therefore he hurried you out of this wicked life. The Lord gave you, the Lord has taken you away, blessed be the name of the Lord in eternity. Depart, dear little child, depart, but I am left lonely.

I let you depart with sadness and pains, but God will return you to me with joy and rapture before his presence ever and eternally. Praise be to God the Lord, the Allwise One and the Merciful One, and praised be his holy name. He places a burden upon us, but he helps us bear it. He will also not forsake us! He will faithfully help us to bear it. With his help we shall overcome all, pain, separation, death, and he will reunite us all. O merciful God, preserve my dear good wife in health, and take our two remaining children, Anna and Franz, into your holy protection, preserve them from everything bad, sickness and harm - only give true wisdom and knowledge, only that we raise them in your fear and the Spirit of the Lord, so that they may be and remain your children - and finally when this temporary life is past, and all of our lives have been fulfilled, help us all to come to you, that we say, Come, Lord, here am I and the children which thou hast given unto me, I have lost none of them. Do according to your grace, for the sake of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Old Mrs. Timmermann, who had been the child's nurse at New Harbor, washed and dressed him. Then she laid him in his crib, and ^{we} placed it on the table in the middle room. Rinneborg and Breitweiser visited us also. Rinneborg, his sponsor, offered him a burial place on his lot in the cemetery, which we accepted. So rest then softly, you angelic child, we still see your form not yet disfigured by death and corruption. Soon the grave will take your earthly remains from us forever, but your soul redeemed by Christ's blood is ~~is~~ with the Lord, who will quicken you before his presence with joy and rapture every and eternally. But your image, never troubled by a dark shadow, you happy, blessed, friendly little Gottfried, will live in our hearts, until we see you again, have you again, and never lose you again in the true homeland of the soul before Christ's throne, on the glassy sea, with the angels and redeemed of the Lord. May the earth be light upon you! Rest in peace. Amen.

Feb. 12

We spent the day in deep sorrow, in tears and sighs. Often we uncovered our darling and kissed the cold cheeks and the broken eyes, and pressed the folded little hands. My dear wife continued to be unwell. Our darling continued to lie in the crib.

Feb. 13
Saturday

Burial of our beautiful, blessed Gottfried in the afternoon at 2:00. In the forenoon we looked at the dead corpse for the last time. We placed a little wreath of white roses and green leaves around his temples and placed roses in his hands, and we laid two twigs of roses over the breast and in his bosom. The little child was only slightly disfigured by death. Only a dark feature around the mouth, as he was used to make ~~up~~, when he began to cry. Then we laid him in his little coffin. At 2:00 it was brought into the church open. There we first sang vv. 1,2,5,6 of "Whatever God ordains is Good" to the child. Then Pastor Schmieding had a sermon, which was however highly strange, disconnected, and unfitting, had no reference to the child, and lasted exasperatingly long. He didn't have any particular text, but spoke once of the the widow of Nain, then of Noah's dove, then of Job, then of Martha and Mary. It was an empty speech. Then Pastor Liese had the prayer which was as empty in thought as it was bombastic in words and phrases. Then singing of the last verse of No. 1. Now the casket was closed and the coach brought up. We entered with Rinneborg and rode to the cemetery. The road was covered with very deep snow. At the grave, which was on Rinneborgs lot, we sang v. 1 of "Sleep Well, You Little Earthly Guest". Then Pastor Walther had a fine, short speech and a fitting prayer. Then the child was lowered and I gave the blessing, as it was given by one of the pastors with our little Marie. After that the last verse of the last-named song.

Happy for you, you are in safety, and sorrowfully we went back to our empty, barren house. So sleep well then, precious Gottfried, rest in God's peace, and depart to the peace of God. O child of my heart, to find you again in the Father's blessed home is a motive truly to strive for eternal life. May t

Lord help us to that, for Jesus' sake. Amen. Farewell, you beautiful, unforgettable, pious and happy Gottfried.

Feb. 14
Sunday

I held a memorial service for my heartily beloved Gottfried in the afternoon on John 11:25.26: I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whosoever believeth in me, shall live, though he die. Never did I get more comfort out of a sermon, never were the resurrection of the Lord and the glorious consequences of it more clear and regenerating in a sermon than today. O Lord, Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction. Your mercy had to be the comfort in my house in my pilgrimage. O Lord, guard me and mine in true repentance and faith until the end to the praise of your holy name. Jesus, to you be praise and thanksgiving for your glorious resurrection and your blessed word of promise. To the Lord alone be glory. Amen.

Many of our congregation members were present and shed tears. My sainted Gottfried was precious to all, particularly to his sponsor, Brother Rinneborg, who ordered and paid for the casket, grave, and coach, for which we again give sincere thanks to you, faithful, honest friend. May God reward you. My dear wife was so miserable all Sunday that she could hardly leave the bed, not to say the room. At the funeral almost all of my congregation members were present, even though a very deep snow had fallen, and you could not see the road. May the Lord only maintain the love of my congregation and help us all in time of need. May he cause his countenance to shine with grace and mercy, and gladden us with his comfort and his grace for Christ's sake. May he help my dear wife to health soon. Amen.

CHRISTIAN JAKOB TIMOTHEUS

1859

Death day of our sainted, unforgettable little Gottfried, 5:30 P.M., 1858. On the same day, 1859, at 7:30 in the evening another little boy was born by my wife with God's grace and help, and mother and child, thanks be to God, healthy and well. Midwife Schneider was with her.

Feb. 11

Feb. 19

The little one sleeps always and grows.

Feb. 27

Baptism of our child, Christian Jakob Timotheus. Sponsors Christian Lerp, Jakob Clos. Afterwards, a little family fest. Present: Pastor Liese, wife and 4 children; Pastor Schmieding, Lerp, wife and child; Rinneborg and wife, Clos, Widow Stork and two daughters; Hentz; Schmalzhof, wife and 2 children; Mrs. Schoemann, Hartung, Urbach, Meyer: total, 16 adults, 10 children. Everything went well. So then, O Lord, give your blessing to your and our child, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen. Preserve him healthy and well. Let him grow up happy, and increase in age, grace and pleasure before You and other people. Guard him from all sin, evil, and sickness, and accident, and accompany him with your grace and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1860

July 18

Our baby again ill with diarrhea and teeth. Lord, help him and keep him for us longer, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

July 19

Our little child again very sick with tooth fever and diarrhea, so I again took him to Dr. Schmidt, and wish that with his power he will become better with God's help.

July 20

Our little Christian still always sick, yet he shows a little improvement, thank God.

- Jul. 23 Our child worse with vomiting and diarrhea.
- Jul. 25 Walked with our Christian for the last time, noting the fever is increasing. The signs cause great pains.
- Jul. 26 Our baby became seriously ill. God, help for Jesus Christ's sake. Morning and evening I carried the child to Schmidt, who gave him a dose of powder, whereupon he improved some.
- Jul. 27 Very restless and sleepless during the night. The child shakes his head continuously and complains in a plaintive voice: ow, ow! Baby!, and always says, Go! Go! Little appetite. His eyelid, which was somewhat swollen, is becoming softer with hot, woolen compresses. But the rush of blood to the head is becoming ever stronger. O God, Lord, help our little child, through Jesus Christ
- Jul. 28 The violent fever symptoms are increasing. The little child is becoming more restless, never has any repose, wants to be in bed, then on the lounge, then wants to crawl into the little carriage, and always cries more and more: Baby, ow, ow! Papa! Mama! and shakes his little head back and forth with the words: No, No!

In the evening we gave him a foot back, placed a mustard plaster on the soles, and made compresses on his head, but all in vain. Toward evening at 6:00 our anguish and loss was plainly and terribly clear. The little child could no longer control the cramps, and we laid him on his back, and he stiffened. And fever and heat and fright increased by the moment. At 11:00 we gave him another warm bath which seemed to relieve him. But at a quarter to one the fever returned with the greatest coughing. The child's powers were exhausted, and his breathing was always lengthy and went in and out broken. At 1:00 his breath would stop for a moment, and a few moments later he sighed three times quite hard and deep, and his little soul had departed this earthly hut and world. O Lord, how hard you smite us and chastize us, because of our sins. Oh, have mercy upon us, and give us your Holy Spirit and your peace that we may understand your way and humble ourselves under your mighty hand. You, Lord, have given; you, Lord, have taken away; blessed be your holy name forever in Jesus Christ. Amen.

We spent the day in quiet loneliness. Already in the first morning hours my dear wife had dressed the child in his baptismal gown, folded his hands over his breast as he had so often done in his short life. Toward afternoon the little casket came, we softly laid our little darling into it, and Masberg brought flowers with which we decked the little casket, and a cross which we laid around his brow and temples. Many dear ones visited us, but none shared more sincerely in our pain than Mr. & Mrs. Lerp.

Monday

Jul. 30

In the morning at nine we brought the little casket into my church. First we sang 3 verses of: Schönstes Seelchen, Gehe Fort (Most Fair Little Soul, Depart)" Then Pastor Schmieding had the funeral sermon on Wisdom of Solomon 4:6 (14?): For his soul pleased the Lord, therefore, he hurried from the midst of wickedness. Then prayer and the singing of the 5th verse of the hymn: Whatever God Ordains Is Good. Thereupon we went to the cemetery. There next to the grave of sainted little Gottfried was his grave, and after we had sung 2 verses of: "Wenn kleine Himmelserben in ihrer Unschuld sterben (When little heirs of heaven die in innocence)", then Pastor Schmidt had a graveside address too empty and too superficial, and Pastor Liese had a prayer. When I wanted to consecrate the little child and pray the Lord's Prayer, my dear wife fainted and had to be carried from the grave, and so the end of the burial was interrupted and incomplete. Now rest quietly, blessed, prematurely transfigured, pious, sweet, little child. You were not meant for this world, right and heavenly gladdened you smiled and laughed in this short life. Often you prayed and folded your little hands to the praise and thanks of God, and pointed up with your little fingers to show that we must also pursue what is heavenly. Oh, when you called o

our names, Papa, Mama, Anna, LaLa, and nobody could help you, when finally the good and gracious God shut his ear to the voice of our prayer and supplication, when the dark hour of death broke, and with your death cramp and death pain he said no in the voice of nature, thunder, lightning and rain, it was fearful and dark also in our hearts, and joy left us. O God, why have you done this? Yet be still, my heart, before your God. What He does, you do not know now, but will experience later He has only thoughts of peace for us, and ways of mercy, and what He does is well done. To Him be mercy, glory, and worship and praise in eternity, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELEANORA ROSINA MARIA

CHRISTIAN ALBERT TIMOTHEUS

1861

- Feb. 11 Birthday of sainted Christian and death day of sainted Gottfried!
Your remembrance remains in blessing, you my little children, eternally, for
Jesus' sake. Amen.
- Feb. 13 This morning at 2:00 dear God presented me through my dear wife a little
daughter, for which His holy name be praised and blessed in eternity in Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen. Johann Herlemann was present. Mother and child are well
- Feb. 19 So far mother and child are healthy and well, thank God.
- Mar. 3 Baptism of our newborn little daughter, Eleanore Rosine Maria. Sponsors: Mrs.
Rosine Althaus, Miss Mary Storck, and my sister still in Germany. In the
afternoon a little family fest. Present were Pastor Schmieding; Pastor Linse,
wife and 5 children; Mrs. Storck and two daughters; Althaus, wife and son,
Bruming, wife and child; Schnadschaftsken; total - 9 women and 8 children.

1862

- June 7 Our little daughter Eleonore began to walk alone for the first time today.
May the faithful God give His holy angels to accompany her that she may be
preserved from all accident, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
- July 11 The first pair of shoes for the baby. .40
- July 19 Our baby is starting to have diarrhea. Yet, thank God, she is quite cheerful.
- July 23 Until now our baby has had quite severe diarrhea, but was quite cheerful about
This evening, however, the diarrhea was so powerfully watery, that the little
child was quite upset, and very sick. I went to Dr. Englisch, who gave me a
prescription to buy Blackberry Syrup, of which we gave the little child 2
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons, whereupon the diarrhea stopped; but the heat appears to be driven
into her head. O God, spare our little child for Jesus' sake. Amen.
- July 24 Our baby very sick. Last night I went to Dr. Gruen, who recognized the
dangerous condition of our child and at once took measures to lead the heat
from the child's head, but all through the day the baby suffered terribly,
constantly shook her head back and forth, her eyes glowed like a weird light
and like a caution guarding against coming brain inflammation. O God, help for
Jesus' sake. Amen.
- July 25 The night before very afflicted. Toward noon the fever of the heat in her head
increased so much that we expected her end. Since Dr. Gruen himself was sick,
I hurried to his house, where he gave me a powder. Also toward evening he came
himself. Thus with God's help it was somewhat better toward evening and was
then left to the loving mercy of the good and gracious Lord, the wise Helper

- (1862)
 July 26 All the night before was somewhat stormy, but better than on the previous one. Today our baby was somewhat better. She ate a little bread and drank, but only to vomitting. O God, preserve her firmly in life, if it is your will.
- July 27 Our baby has a little more fever again, and is more restless than yesterday. I had a Sunday of anxious forebodings.
- July 28 Our baby, thank God, somewhat better.
- July 29 It is getting better with our baby. The fever is better, the sleep restful, and the appetite is coming back, thank God.
- Aug. 1 Our baby who was very good these last days, in the night began to have the runs again, although one of her little eyeteeth broke through.
- Aug. 5 Our baby today, thank God, again better and cheerful, as she has not been for a long time, which was my best birthday present, for which I cannot thank the dear God enough.
- Aug. 6 Our baby again has a very bad case of diarrhea, for which reason I went to Dr. Gruen, although it got somewhat better. Dreadfully hot day and night.
- Aug. 19 Our baby continues to have diarrhea and fever. Often she is a little cheerful, but mostly is miserable and tired. We often give her some wine to drink with quinine, but her appetite is very small, and she has more thirst than hunger. O Lord, have mercy on this little daughter, we ask you, and do for her what is good to her and you. Help her for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
- Aug. 24 A hot, sultry day. Our dear baby, thank God, has been somewhat better these last few days, plays a little, but continues to suffer severe diarrhea. I myself am not well, as also mother, with headaches. O Lord, uphold us in your grace. Amen.
- Aug. 30 Our baby suddenly had such a high fever that I had to hurry to the doctor, who gave me some medicine, whereupon, with God's help, matters improved some.
- Sep. 1 Our baby began to vomit again, for which our indiscretion is to blame. May God for Jesus' sake lead all things for the best.
- Sep. 4 Our dear baby somewhat better, thank God.
- Oct. 4 The previous evening our dear Franz was very sick with vomitting and diarrhea, not till morning somewhat better, thank God. Also our baby still always suffering from fever and frail.
- Oct. 5 By God's grace, the first time for a long time that I did not have to light a light and get up!
- Dec. 1 On this day in the evening at 8:30 my dear wife was successfully delivered of a healthy and strong lad. The midwife was Müller, since I did not find Dr. Malobusch at home. The eternally faithful, kind God be praised and blessed, who so graciously and friendly helped mother and child. To Him be glory in our Lord Jesus. Amen.
- Dec. 11 Today for the first time, thank God, mother got out of bed. Lord, help us in the future according to your goodness for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
- Dec. 14 Baptism of our dear newborn little son, Christian Albert Timotheus. TEacher Albert Pietschmann of this place (was sponsor). May the baptismal grace never depart from him, but remain with our little child so long as he is a pilgrim

here below. Amen. Afterwards a little family fest. Present: TEacher Pietschman wife and 4 children and mother-in-law; Spitze and daughter; Paar, wife and 3 children; T - 6 adults and 8 children.

1863

- Jan. 9 Our little daughter Leonore, who had fever and a sore throat for several days, became very sick toward 9:00 in the evening, so that we feared the croup and gave her something to vomit.
- Jan. 10 Since our baby was still no better, I went to Dr. Green, who gave her medicine and salve, whereupon she improved toward evening with God's help.
- Jan. 12 Our little child still always has a fever, although not as strong, and a cough.
- Feb. 17. Shrove Tuesday. My dear wife had a violent attack of diphtheria yesterday. I went to Dr. Grün, who examined her and gave her some medicine, whereupon with God's help it got a little better.
- Feb. 22 On this day our beloved little Eleonora was suddenly stricken with a violent fever, sore throat, and uneasiness, and everything pointed to the fact that she had diphtheria. We had a restless night, yet toward morning it was somewhat better.
- Feb. 23 I went to Dr. Green, since the fever would not let up, and asked him to come. He found the child dangerously ill, rattling and lying in fever, and prescribed some medicine.
- Feb. 24 The previous night was feverish, since the child was rattling so much. So tonight we gave her an emetic, whereupon she vomitted 3 or 4 times, and then became a little quieter. Toward morning again coughing and fever, severely powerful does of aconite quieted her. Yet she is very dangerously ill. O God, have mercy upon our little child for Jesus' sake, and preserve her for us, according to your good pleasure for Christ's sake. Amen.
- Feb. 28 Our little child, Leonore, is now, thank God, on the way to recovery, although the fever still reigns. At least now the child has an appetite and is becoming more cheerful. May the Lord give his blessing to full recovery for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
- Mar. 19 All week our little Christian was bothered with a cough and croaking, rustling breathing. God blessed the medicine we gave him, and so he got better. Leonore also has catarrh and a sore ear, but not so bad, thank God.
- April 24 Our Franz very sick with a throat inflammation, sore mouth and sore throat.
- April 25 The prescription which Dr. Grün gave succeeded with God's help quite soon, to remove the inflammation.
- April 26 In the night our Ella was severely stricken with bronchitis and an attack of croup, so that her life hung in the highest danger. The fever was very strong, her voice completely gone, the coughing weak and painful, the respiration violent and the throat swollen. I went to Dr. Grün and with God's help the greatest danger of death went away.
- April 30 But afterwards on the 28th our little child became very ill with inflaming croup and bronchitis, so that we soon despaired of his life. Even Dr. Grün gave up on the child. The night from the 30th to Friday, May 1, the signs of the cramps appeared. His eye was glassy, his body very hot with fever, his voice gone, the chest filled with plegm, his breathing rattling, so that we

- (1863) quietly awaited the end of the child. Yet we faithfully applied the doctor's remedy and committed our child to the Lord in humble, heartfelt prayer.
- May 1 A beautiful day, but sad for us. Our dear baby, 5 months old today, is in the greatest danger of dying. The inflaming croup has brought him to this. As long as he vomited with the emetic he had no trouble, but after he had vomitted 3 times his strength collapsed, and all the emetics went through the alimentary canal, and the phlegm stayed in his intestines, so that he could only breathe with difficulty. Toward morning there were also cramps which from 9:00 to 12:00 were so painful that we expected the end every moment. The right side was without feeling, the left twitched constantly. In addition, he rolled up his eyes, the breathing was rattling, quick, and only with difficulty did he expel the phlegm, so that I blessed him for his departure out of this world and entry into eternal life. When the twitching, the rattling, and the rolling of the eyes grew every worse, we kneeled down and prayed God for his release.
- Soon the breathing grew every slower, and finally stopped completely - but only for a few moments. Then the rattling began anew. I lay down next to my dear Timotheus around 1:30 and finally fell asleep from exhaustion, since I had been watching almost the whole week. How suprised I was, when about 3:30 at awaking I found mother and Mrs. Maumborn busy giving the child medicine, and the cramps had really subsided some. Formerly they always came back, but with diminished strength. And now, Saturday morning at 9:00 the last ones were past. The condition of the little child was, however, highly exhausted and sad. We dripped some medicine into him and sugar water by drops. The breathing was still rattling, but the cough was looser, and so we committed our child to God the Lord, who can help above nature and preserve us in life. And He observed our little faith, and we could hope in faith although with our eyes we saw no hope, and our heart was humbled before God and we confessed our sin and declared His omnipotence and glory. Saturday passed rather good and quiet. Toward evening, however, a symptom of brain inflammation came to light which again disturbed us. Yet the greatest danger dissipated with God's help.
- Sunday, May 3 The child still rattles, still has some heat in his head, for which we constant laid cold cloths on his brow. It grew somewhat more violent and he began to cough and rattle. Our help is in the Lord, He who will not extinguish the smoking flax and will not break the bruised reed. In church a prayer was made for the child. May the Lord help. Amen.
- May 11 On this day at 5:30 in the morning our pious, friendly, little child died of a brain stroke, while all through the week before he had held out with good success. Once we would have hope, then we would be stricken again. Prayer should have comforted and refreshed us and filled us with faith and hope, and we drew the confidence from it that the Lord would be gracious toward us. But yesterday, Sunday, at 10:00 in the evening when I came back from church, I saw at once with great confusion what had happened to him. The entire sickness had entered his brain, as also the fearful heat. The lips of the child were brown colored, and his mouth was warm and sucked in as with a sponge. Yet only toward morning at 3:00 when the cramps had gone, did we realize that he was tak from us. He fell asleep without any death struggle. Around 4:30 the cramps ceased, which generally were unusually violent, and the child was again quieter. His breathing was rather slower. Finally, his lower lip moved several times back and forth, and his breathing stopped for several moments, afterwards always slower and slower, until about 5:30 softly, peacefully and blessedly he departed in the Lord. No cramps, no sorrow, no sigh, as he earlier went to sleep so quietly and softly he went to sleep to eternal life. May my end be like his end. Lord God, Father, you are chastizing us hard, but do to us according to your mercy and help us to continue in repentance, faith, and patience, even under the cross until we see our blessed child again, through Jesus Christ. Ame

(1863)

May 12

The night before and the whole forenoon its rained quite powerfully, but toward noon the sky cleared up and it was beautiful and bright. At 12:00 Pastor Eggerking came and at 2:00 was the funeral of our sainted child. There he lay on his satin-covered casket, dressed in his baptismal gown which he had not yet gotten dirty, quiet, and pale and still. His features were not distorted, no odor to detect on him, the eyes closed but sunken deep in their sockets, only his little mouth a definite painful touch, yet quiet, friendly and sweet even in death, the hands folded over his breast. First we sang: "Gottlob, die Stunde ist kommen (Praise God, The Hour Has Come)" vv. 1 and 2. Then Pastor Eggerking had a prayer, thereafter the last verse of this hymn. Then we went to the church. In the church we sang first vv. 1-3 of "Ich War Ein Kleines Kindlein Geboren Auf Diese Welt (I Was A Little Child, Born Into This World)" Then Pastor Eggerking preached on Mark 10:13-16: Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. The sermon was general and had little reference to the little child and to us parents. Afterwards the last verse of the hymn. Then we went to the cemetery where my congregation had provided a lot which was granted to the pastor or teacher for use in case of death. There we sang vv. 1 and 2 of the hymn: "Nun Lieg Ich Armes Würmelein Und Ruhe In Meinem Kämmerlein (Now Lie I, Poor Worm, In My Little Chamber)" Then the blessing, and the casket lowered and the lovely earthly cover of our child taken from our eyes forever. We observed it go down with tear-filled eyes. But the Lord comforted us with His Word in His Spirit, and let our hearts know the power of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in real live fashion. During the singing of the first 3 verses of "Christus, der ist mein Leben (For Me To Live Is Jesus)" the grave was covered with dirt. Then a closing verse from the hymn: "Nun Lieg Ich Armes Würmelein." Now we went away sadly from the grave and cemetery. O Lord God, have mercy upon us, let our hearts aspire after eternal life that we may someday be reunited with our dear little child and stand with joy before your throne. Help us to live the short little life which we have here below in faith, and humility, and patience. And guard us from sin and unbelief. O Lord Jesus, give us a blessed soft last moment, an honest burial, a joyful resurrection, and blessed reunion of all us loved ones before your throne through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. To Him, the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be praise, laud, and glory in eternity through Jesus Christ. Amen.

May 13

We went to the grave and laid roses on it.

June 3

Arrival in Warsaw from the conference in St. Louis. To my great fright I found our sweet little Ella ver sick of chest and lung inflammation, and so all the joy of the reunion was destroyed. O Lord, help. O Lord, have mercy for Jesus's

June 5

The child became ever worse, her body was raised up, no bowel movement for 5 days. So I went to Dr. Herman in God's name toward noon, He diagnosed the child's sickness as abdominal inflammation and indeed already progressed so far that he had to take strong measures.

June 8

The little child very weak, although the fever had gone down somewhat.

June 9

An abundant warm sweat which spread over the entire body gives us hope and joy again by God's grace. Although the child is still in the highest degree weak. O Lord Jesus, have mercy!

June 10

The night before very good. Soft, quiet, comfortable sleep into the day, but very restless, with groaning and crying and vexing cough.

June 11

On this day renewed fever and cramps which threw us into great anxiety and worry, until toward evening the prickly heat on the throat, chest and head appeared.

At the same time a dry, violent, tickling cough which gave the poor weak child no rest. After a few spoonfuls of medicine from the doctor the fever and the coughing let up.

- June 15 All the time following there was an outbreak of prickly heat. The little child had much to suffer. Especially her head was swollen and flushed. Also the cough is still there, and she whimpers and fusses very much. O Lord, have mercy upon our little child for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
- June 16 This morning, 5 minutes before 4:45 our seventh* child, Ella, the good little Ella, also died. The night before she was very restless. The prickly heat came into her face, and on her legs, even stronger, and the anxiety, twitching, and heat of the poor sick girl were very great. Toward morning at 2:00 the eyes began to set and looked unmoved at one point. I hurried to the Dr. around 3:30, who quickly prescribed zinc powders, of which we gave her one, but without success. The breathing was very rattling, and finally it stopped, and Ella had gone to her brothers and sisters. Mark well my house. Our house is empty. Lord, your will be done! Give us grace that we may be still even under the cross and thank you. You, Lord, have given; you, Lord, have taken away. Your holy name be blessed in eternity. O help us, O Lord, to believe in you and persist in grace to the end that we may also come to the blessedness which you have prepared for your children. O God, comfort us with your help and gladden us with your comfort. Help us to believe, live, hope, suffer, die according to your Word and finally to blessed glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
- June 17 This morning at 2:00 brother Spitze drove to Quincy to get Pastor Baumstark and the two sponsors of our sainted Ella, Mrs. Althaus and Miss Storck. And although br. Spitze had necessary things to do, still he went the 72 miles for my sake. A fearful heat. We laid ice around the head of the child and toward evening washed the child with chloride of lime water to retard the decay somewhat. Oh, the good little Ella! You beloved child, how you so soon had to experience the power of death! How soon your lovely features, your magnificent eyes, your friendly, laughing mouth, your blooming, tender skin destroyed. Yet God will give a still more beautiful body. Just dissolve, you body of death. Someday will come an incorruptible, immortal body, from your skin and ashes. Oh, Lord Jesus, come, come, let your voice be heard through the graves. Call your dead, make an end of the godless world, redeem your children from the misery and trouble of this time. Let your glorious kingdom begin. Oh, come, Lord Jesus. Am But make us ready for the glory of your children.
- June 18 This morning, at 2:30 brother Spitz arrived with Mrs. Althaus and Miss Storck. Pastor Baumstark was sick. Therefore Pastor Conrad promised to come, who also arrived exactly at 9:00, after he made the 36 miles in 4 hours.
- Then at 9:30 began the burial solemnities. In the house we sang first of all No. 405, vv. 1 and 2. Then a prayer after that v. 7 for a closing and benediction. The Lord preserve thy going forth and thy coming in forevermore. Amen. In church we sang first No. 126: "Was Gott Tut, Das Ist Wohlgetan (Whatever God Ordains Is Good)." Then Pastor Conrad read Psalm 126 and spoke a prayer. After that we sang v. 5 and then Pastor Conrad had a beautiful, comforting sermon on Luke 6:21: Blessed are ye that weep and mourn, for ye shall laugh. He made mention therein of our sainted Ella, in fitting fashion held out to us the comfort of the Gospel in true, living, and impressive fashion. God bless his words for the comfort of our souls. After the sermon a short obituary of the child was read, written by myself. Then prayer and the singing of v. 7. And now we went to the cemetery. Br. Ketting had the little casket on his buggy. At the grave first Hymn No. 418, vv. 1,4,7, then the consecration and reading of the Agenda. Then the casket was covered with dirt during the singing of vv. 1,2,3 of the Hymn No. 400. At the singing of the 2nd verse my dear wife fainted and had to be taken to the wagon. But she came to in a little while, when br. Spitze brought some vinegar which we put on her face and washed her face with it.

- (1863) The wagon then went slowly to brother Spitzes where we took our noon meal and supper. Br. Conrad drove back to Quincy about 5:00 in the afternoon. And so rest then, you good little Ella, next to your sweet little brother whom you loved so much and whom the yearning of your soul concerned. Now you know where he is, yes have gone there yourself, and can know him and squeeze him, like you used to do, only in holier, purer joy. O my daughter, how you provoke. Must everything forsake me? O Lord, forgive me my sin. Why do I ask so? Don't you know better what is good for our children and for us? Don't you love us in our Lord Jesus Christ? O heart, be still before Him! Surrender yourself, humble yourself under His mighty hand. Only believe! And you will see the miracle of God. Now indeed do not forsake the way and the judgment of the Lord. But hereafter you will even thank Him in eternity. O Lord, help us on^W in humility to remain with your Word and faith, so that someday we may all be blessed. Amen.
- June 20 Frames for the pictures of the good little Ella.
- 1864
- Feb. 13 Birthday of sainted Ella. Today she would be 3 years old - the good little Ella
- Feb. 29 Today our dear baby (Sophie) came down with a severe mucuous obstruction in the chest after she had had a cough for some time.
- 1865
- Feb. 11 Death day of sainted little Gottfried and birthday of sainted little Christian. Unforgotten, you live on, dear children, in our hearts, until with the help of the Lord Jesus we see you again in eternal life. Lord, let not the time be long for us.
- Feb. 13 Sainted Ella's birthday. O you good little Ella, how much our heart longs for you! O Lord, help us that we also overcome in you and again have all of us. How we shall rejoice to see you again. Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MISCELLANEOUS

1857

- April 5 Confirmation of the children. It went better than I thought it would.
 Sept. 1 Beginning of a school with 11 children.

1858

- Aug. 1 My horse's eye better, thank God.
 Sep. 3 Visited Hochgraef in the country. Toward 4:00 in the afternoon our horse got loose and smashed the buggy in a terrible way. We had to stay at a distance. Fortunately, nobody was in the buggy, and the horse was found 4 miles away where a farmer caught him and tied him up, but God be thanked that things turned out as they did.
 Sep. 4 This morning Hochgraef drove the wrecked buggy in, and I rode with my horse, which went in very well. Took the buggy to Herlemann, who made a very thoughtful face.
 Sep. 9 Got my buggy back from Herlemann. He wouldn't take anything for it, although when another broke up, he charged 8-10 dollars.
 Oct. 13 Great campaign between Lincoln and Douglas. Great parade.
 Oct. 18 Toward evening I cut off the tip of the little finger on the my left hand, while cutting cake. Thank God, I only had great loss of blood and great pains to complain of, ~~Thank God~~.
 Oct. 22 Painted my buggy myself.
 Nov. 4 Paid out for an English Bible \$1.00.
 Dec. 1 Butchered our little pig, 56#. All went well.

1859

- May 9 My horse suddenly frightened by the little calf, and half-harnessed tore itself loose from the buggy, and the buggy went over the hill, broke the pole and the front board, but neither the nag nor the buggy suffered damage.
 My beam at Balls .70 straps made by Clos .75
 May 10 I made a new horse barn in the garden, sweated and worked from morning to night.

1860

- Jan. 14 Rode on my horse for the first time without a saddle. It went very good.

1861

- Aug. 4 First time in an Episcopal church. Spent a lot of time there.
 Dec. 5 Butchered our two largest pigs, 540#. We got 14 gallons of lard, 1 barrel of meat, and 200 sausages.

- March 5 Bought a new stove with equipment \$22.00.
- Oct. 1 For the traveling expenses of the teacher, Mr. A. Pietschmann, who announced his coming in a latter \$2.00

1863

- April 1 Got my melodeon (one with 50 keys). Express 1.75 Price \$40.00, 35 gold, 5, silver.

1864

- Jan. 1 In the night and today a terrible cold spell, such as we have not yet experienced in America. Our old goat and 3 hens dead.
- Sep/ 29 For 4 weeks I have had an attack of dysentery which showed up considerably last Sunday in that with violent stomach ache and pressure only blood and mucus were voided. Yet it is getting better with God's gracious assistance, thanks to the faithful help of God and the attentive and concerned care of my wife, who watches over me day and night with anxious solicitude.
- Oct. 29 Household money for 3 weeks \$15.00.
- Nov. 27 Yesterday I asked Dr. Hofmann for advice about my abdominal ailment and he prescribed 2 grams of arg. nitric, diluted in quinine water. Lord Jesus, help with your blessing that the medication helps me to good health for the sake of your faithfulness and grace. Amen.

1865

- Jan. 4 I felt quite wretched. Lord Jesus, help me.
- Mar. 13 Since Friday I had such violent tonsillitis that I could not preach yesterday. But today it is better, thank God.
- Apr. 19 Received a letter with a gold dollar from my brothers, Franz and Fritz, and Leonore.

1866

- Dec. 28 My dear wife bought me a coat of Russian beaver from Kule for \$16.99.

1868

- Jan. 15 On this day I felt very sick, and thought I must have chilled myself severely. And in spite of vomiting, sweating, and _____ it only got worse until on Saturday (25th) I had to have Dr. Wright, who explained that I had pneumonia in an advanced stage. He gave me some very powerful medication which was very much needed, so that on Sunday I lay mostly unconscious. But on Monday I felt much better, thanks to God, who snatched me from the bands of death. With God's help I will gradually regain strength and now, Feb. 7, I am with God's help on the way to recovery.
- Feb. 23 For the first time I could preach again.
- May 5 Sophie stuck a porcelain button in her nose which Dr. Smith could only remove with an instrument. Two hours later Anna poked a broken-off needle into her hand while filing it, with such force that it also had to be drawn out by Dr. Smith after Anna was put under.

(1868)

June 27

Preached and shopped in Vandalia.

Aug. 5

My 44th birthday. Received from my congregation a glorious present, a fine black coat and a fine hat in value of \$39.75.