

James Peet diary entries when he traveled from Duluth/Superior to East Coast cities and to his home

Tues. Feb 24, 1857

...At 10 o'clock we left Superior, we took the Military road—staid over night at a place called Black Hoof 28 miles from Superior – Paid Mr. Doble \$15.00 for my ride to Taylors Falls 128 miles from Superior...

Wed. Feb 25, 1857

Paid 50 cts for my lodging & breakfast. We eat our noon luncheon near Moose Lake – just on the Bluff. At night we staid in a log camp at the Kettle River Bridge. Fortuna

Thurs. Feb 26, 1857

Paid 50 cts for my Breakfast, & a place to sleep on the ground in the log camp. Noon at Deer Creek – met some men there from Minneapolis – Eve. We put up at “Chengwatana” on Snake river. Met O.W. Rice and Several other on their way to Superior. Mr. Rice offered me some lots for a Church in the town of “Fortuna” on Kettle River where we Staid last night. It has Snowed about 2 inches today—

From Snake River the country

Fri. Feb 27, 1857

Begins to be settled a little. In Eve. Arrived at Taylors Falls. It is growing colder. We put up at the Chisago House.

Sat. Feb 28, 1857

Chisago House, Taylors Falls bill for lodging and breakfast \$1.00. Stage fare to Stillwater \$2.50. – We had a miserable drunken man in the stage for passenger part of the day – Arrived at Stillwater about 5 o'clock P.M. Went to Br. Fullerton's house, found Rev. Samuel Clark Adams, the revivalist here. Eve. Went to the M.E. Church to his Temperance Meeting – Several short Speeches – quite an interesting time – some 30 or more have been converted or reclaimed.

Sun. March 1, 1857

A.M. heard Br. Adams preach to the young converts from Col. 2:6, after which 26 persons received on probation – Went home with Rev. A.C. Pennock to dinner. Eve.

Heard Br. Adams preach again after which I exhorted – went home with Br. Fullerton. The Eve. Text was Prov. 14:32.

Mon. March 2, 1857

A.M. Rode on horseback from Stillwater 18 miles to St. Paul. Found Br. Brooks – Wrote home by Mr. Ely – Br. Brooks paid me for what I paid for his tax at Superior \$5.75 – Ran about considerable called at the Fuller house – Staid at Br. Frost's over night – Sent home \$35.00 in a letter by Mr. Ely – Read a letter from a Mr. J. H. A. Webbe of Rahway. Changed blankets with Mr. Ely. Expenses to Stillwater was \$20.25.

Tues. March 3, 1857

Spent the A.M. running about town on business—Saw Br. Penman. Wrote to Br. Fullerton, Saw Brs. Tostavin -- & Anderson the Norwegian M. E. Preacher – Eve. At the new M. E. Church, Br. Kinney preached subject was Prodigal Son. 7 persons forward for prayers – Had tea at Br. Fenmans, Staid over night at Br. Frosts. Thawed so that water ran in the streets...

Wed. March 4, 1857

Went up to Br. Brooks house & made some arrangements for my trip East. A Br. Pugh of Cottage Grove Church called. Staid over night with Br. Brooks family. Settled some of our accounts with Br. Brooks. Up to this time he has paid me \$250.00 missionary at sundry times. I returned his \$3.50 which he paid me a year ago for the Sewing Society of St. Paul.

Thurs. March 5, 1857

He has honored Mr. Raymonds check of \$125.00 also Mr. Ely's order of \$40.37 – Today he is to let me have a draft for \$1.00. I have bargained with him for a half block, in the town of Belle Prairie Morrison Co. M.T. for \$100.00 east half (5 lots) of block no. 2 fronting on 9th St between Amy & Josiah Sts. Went down town in P.M. to raise subscription monies, got \$50.00. Took ten at Br. Kinneys. Eve. At Br. Hoyts to a Leaders meeting – Staid over night. Slept with Br. Pennock.

Fri. March 6, 1857

Spent the whole day running around town soliciting subscriptions. I got \$150.00 pledged and some lots promised. Made 20 or 30 calls – Read a letter & my watch from Br. Fullerton – he has sold to me 6 lots the north half of Block no. 63 fronting on Grand St. between 8th & 9th Sts in the town of Cambridge on Rum River, for

\$150.00 the half of which he makes a donation to me. My taxes he paid for me.
\$2.50 & the recording of a deed \$1.00 or more.

Sat. March 7, 1857

A.M., I heard Br. Kinney preach at the new M.E. Church from Mat. 11:1-6 – P.M. I was at the Sunday school, & made some remarks Eve. Heard Br. Penman preach in the Old M. E. Church. I made the closing prayer both A.M. & Eve., Staid with Br. Frost. R. 10 A.M., left St. Paul in the stage for DuBuque, Rode all day in an open sleigh drawn by four horses – though expensive. 271 miles from St. Paul to Dubuque.

Mon. March 9, 1857

Rolling prairie 35 miles to Cannon Falls where we stopped for the night. We had Gov. Gorman & several members of the Minnesota Legislature on their way home & to Washington D.C. Met Mr. Wm Hoge of Superior at Cannon River Falls.

Tues. March 10, 1857

Rode all day through the Tumbro country – fine prairie. Tipped over. No one hurt – rode in the night till 12 o'clock – Reproved the Governor for profanity – Staid at Pleasant Grove...

Wed. March 11, 1857

Traveled all day through fine country 60 or 65 miles to Decorah in Iowa State...

Thurs. March 12, 1857

Started at 4 o'clock, traveled 15 miles to Ossian before breakfast... Took supper at Dyerville 7 ½ P.M. 87 miles from Decorah. A long sleigh ride through a fine country. In the night we rode in a wagon to DuBuque where we arrived about 3 ½ the next morning – having traveled by horse conveyance 115 miles during the day & night – Stopped at the Julien House. Retired at 4 o'clock & slept till 10 the next day. Lodging \$.50.

Fri. March 13, 1857

Snow melting fast water running in the streets and very muddy. P.M., found Philo E. Brown, one of the M. E. Preachers of DuBuque. Ran about town looking for some Methodists to help build our church not much success. My traveling expenses to Dubuque from Superior are stage fare \$37.50 – Lodgings \$2.25. Meals \$5.30. Total

up to today = \$45.05, -- Met Rev. H. W. Reed P. E. of Du Buque Dist. At Br. Browns, he gave me \$3.00, I staid at Julien House.

Sat. March 14, 1857

Got my hair cut. Wrote to Phebe to our flks, & Harriet's folks. Spent the day running about Du Buque, made 30 or 40 calls – Got \$ 44.50 on subscription \$24.50 of which was cash in hand. Br. Brown aided me some in getting it. My lodgings last night & breakfast this morning was \$1.00 – Dined with Br. J. P. Farley Kaqr. Eve. At the Julien House, in room No. 18 writing.

Sun. March 15, 1857

A.M., I preached to 63 persons in the Centinary M.E. Church at Du Buque Iowa, from John 14:27 – then had a most excellent class mt., Dined with a Br. Robinson, & at 1 ½ P.M. went to the Main St. M. E. Church S. School & talked to the infant class, and read the closing hymn of the school, then went home with Br. Brown, and in the eve. Heard him preach in the new Church from Rom. 8:16. I assisted him in the Service and returned to my hotel.

Mon. March 16, 1857

The Clerk (Br. Joseph Chapman) of the Julien House, donated to me \$2.00 on my hotel bill – At 8 A.M. I took care for Galena, where I found the M. E. Preacher Br. F. A. Reed., P.M. I went out among some of the brethren and collected \$9.00 towards the church. The brethren here are building a large Church of their own. Eve. I was at the prayer & speaking meeting in the new Church. Had a very good time.

Tues. March 17, 1857

A.M. 9 o'clock I left Galena Ill. For Freeport 48 miles—found the M.E. Preacher Br. M. L. Reed, spent the P.M. at his house writing an appeal to the N-W.C. Advocate for our church. I saw an orchard today for the 1st time in nearly two years – the snow down here in Illinois has nearly all gone off leaving the ground bare and the roads muddy. Freeport is in Stephenson Co. Ill.

Wed. March 18, 1857

Finished up two articles for the “Northwestern,” & sent it on to Chicago – Spent the whole day running about Freeport Ill. I got \$39.50 in cash and pledges, the pledges to be paid to Rev C. C. Best of Freeport & Presiding Elder of Calsna Dist. Rock River Conf. And he to remit to Br. Doughty of Chicago. I staid over night at Br. Bests house.

Thurs. March 19, 1857

Took care 28 miles to Rockford, Ill. Found Br. L.A. Sanford one of the M.E. preachers—He went with me to the brethren & in eve. We had a blessed prayer mt. In the church – I got pledges for \$45.00 to be paid to Br. Sanford in July to be remitted to Br. Doughty of Chicago...

Fri. March 20, 1857

A.M. ran about some but got nothing this morning at East Rockford Station. I got in cash \$12.00 and pledges to be paid to Br. H. Crewe \$38.00 to be forwarded to Br. Doughty, Chicago Ill. P.M. I took care for Belvideer, Boone Co. Ill found the M. E. Preacher Br. S. Stover, & stopped with his family, very muddy – I went out among a few of the brethren & got \$2.25.

Sun. March 22, 1857

Very rainy—but few came out to church & he had a prayer meeting instead of a sermon – I think there was no public service in place today at all, so rainy.

Mon. March 23, 1857

...Have collected \$10.00 here at Belvideer. P.M. went to the Depot to take care for Elgin but the Streams are so high from the rain yesterday that the R.R. bridges are impassible and the cars did not come. Wrote some at the Depot while waiting for care. Slept till 1 o'clock A.M. on a bench, when the train came and I started for Elgin – the R. R. Bridges were so bad the Engines could not cross & we had to change & the passengers go on foot over the bridge west of Elgin where we arrived 4 o'clock A.M.

Tues. March 24, 1857

Elgin, Ill. – From the Depot I went and found Rev. C. M. Woodward, & I also found at his house a Br. Joseph Hartwell. Wrote to Br. Geo. Newton, Eve. Heard Br. Hartwell preach in the M. E. Church. Br. Woodward is having a Revival, I staid with him over night.

Wed. March 25, 1857

A.M. 6 ½ I left Elgin for the Junction 12 miles where I staid till noon writing at the Hotel then I took the care for Geneva 6 miles. Went to Br. Higgins, the preachers

house but he was gone from home, I ran about the town all the P.M. through the mud, but did not collect anything – worked hard – got very tired – staid over night with Higgins family.

Thurs. March 26, 1857

A.M. walked up to St. Charles, 2 miles & found Br. C. French the preacher – ran about the town and obtained in cash & pledges \$9.00 – At 3 ¾ P.M. I left on care for Chicago, I met Martin V. Ketchum formerly one of my scholars in N.Y. State in company with a Miss Sophronia Bussell – In the Eve. They were married by Br. Baum, in the Clark St. M. E. Parsonage at Chicago – I staid over night with Br. Baum. Br. Ketchum paid me \$1.00 for the “Northwestern C. Advocate.”

Fri. March 27, 1857

A.M. went to 63 Randolph St. found Brs. Doughty & Eddy – Paid them \$25.56 which I owed for books – I deposited \$75.00 with Br. Doughty for the Church at Superior Wis. P.M. I went to Evanston. Stopped with Doctor Bannister, Prof. In the Biblical Institute. Up to now I have received \$34.43 more than what I have paid out as expenses. Of the \$75.00 deposited with Br. Doughty \$40.57 was my own.

Sat. March 28, 1857

A.M. Called upon Docts. D.P. Kidder – J. Dampster – Prof. Noise, & met with Prof. L.L. Knox of East Main Conf – Made several calls but found most of the brethren absent.

Sun. March 29, 1857

A.M. I heard a Br. Huse preach from Gen. 49:4 (first clause) after which I stated our desire for a church at Superior, & the congregation gave me in cash & pledges \$110.00 – I then staid to class mt. & I went home with Prof. Goodman. P.M. I was at the Sunday School & talked to the children. In the Eve. I heard Prof. Knox preach from 1 John 4:19, & I assisted him in the closing exercises – then returned to my stopping place at Doct. Bannister’s house, I like Evanston very much – It is a nucleus of Methodism & Methodist schools & Universities.

Mon. March 30, 1857

A.M. visited the Biblical Institute & the University at Evanston, then returned to Chicago – P.M. at the preachers meeting in Clark St. Church – the preachers at Chicago withheld their approbation from aiding me here towards a church somewhat

– Eve. Took tea with a Br. J.W. Jacobs at 100 Illinois St. We attended school together in N.Y. State. He is now City Missionary at Chicago. I staid with him over night.

Tues. March 31, 1857

A.M. ran about Chicago some, spent some time at 63 Randolph St. writing – to Br. R.M. Hall of Indianapolis. Took dinner with Br. Agard the P.E. of Chicago Dist., had a good visit with him. Our Chicago brethren are trying to build some splendid churches & I shall not succeed much I fear. I deposited \$50.00 with Br. Doughty today mostly my own money – Eve. At Br. Baume. Tr 647 this month.

Wed. April 1, 1857

I bought some books of Br. Doughty \$7.23. I also made other purchases amounting to \$4.60 = \$11.83. Wrote to Br. Ira Bidwell, Adrian Mich, My article is published in the “Northwestern.” I have collected in some today – the lake is very rough today – several vessels wrecked today & lives lost. Eve. At the Pr. Mt. In the Clark St. Church. Night at Br. Nillners.

Thurs. April 2, 1857

Spent nearly the whole day running about Chicago collecting aid got \$25.00 to day. Made several purchases. P.H. at Br. Eddys Office writing to Br. O. Lunt of Chicago, also to Br. Joel Hanning, Looksort, Will, Co. Ill, Eve. Made a few more calls & staid over night with Br. Jacobs – Bought me a coat for \$12.35.

Fri. April 3, 1857

Spent most of the day running about the streets of Chicago collecting aid till my feet are sore & blistered. Spent part of the P.N. at the Office of a Br. J.C. Outhet writing an article for the “Northwestern.” Eve. Staid over night at Br. Tho. Milner’s.

Sat. April 4, 1857

Spent the whole A.M. at 63 Randolph St. writing some letters for publication, also wrote to Br. Brooke. Wrote to Mr. Kautes Detroit. Wrote double letter to the Western Christian Advocate. Eve. Took care for Michigan City Ind. Where I arrived at 11 o’clock at night. Took lodgings at a dirty, miserable tavern.

Sun. April 5, 1857

In morning I left the tavern for the house of a Br. Woodson for breakfast, went to church with him & heard a Br. Montgomery local pr. Preach from the Two great Commandments. P.M. I was at the S. School at 3 P.M. I preached in the M.E.

Church at Michigan City to 55 persons from John 14:27, then rode in a Buggy to La-Port & heard in the Eve at the M.E. church, a sermon from a Presbyterian Preacher Br. Cooper being absent. I saw a robin today.

Mon. April 6, 1857

La-Port, Ind. Snow 5 inches deep. 5 A.M. I left on care 28 miles for South Bend found the P.N. Br. Webb, & Br. Bargner the Pr. In charge – Eve. Went in care to Mishawaka Ind. 4 miles. Staid over night at a Br. Grahas.

Tues. April 7, 1857

Spent most of the day at Mishawaka, St. Josephs Co. Ind. And collected in cash and pledges little over \$40.00. Eve. I went back to LaPort, & was at a Pr. Mt in the M.E. Church. Staid over night with a Br. Shaw.

Wed. April 8, 1857

I spent the whole day at LaPort collecting money as usual, got \$20.50 – I found Br. & Sister Elmer at the preachers Br. Coopers house. They were formerly of Mexico Oawaga Co. N.Y. where I used to live. In the night I took the cars 30 miles to Plymouth Ind. Were detained badly & I slept none during the night -- & the next morning

Apr. 9th as I had to lay by for the cars I stopped with W.S. Hasker the N.E. Preacher at Plymouth.

Thurs. April 9, 1857

A.M. at Plymouth Ind. Snow has nearly all thawed off. Took the cars for Fort Wayne, met Br. Eddy, of N-W. C. Advocate on cars, then went with him to a Br. Jenkensons of Ft. Wayne.

Fri. April 10, 1857

A.M. at 5 o'clock we took the care for La-Grove 28 miles. Then went 20 miles in a lumber wagon over a rough road & muddy to Marion, the Beat of the North Indians. Conf. To which Bishop Simpson gave us an Introduction with Br. Eddy – Our lodgings were given at the house of a Doctor Lomax – I room with a Br. D.P. Hartman.

Sat. April 11, 1857

Spent both the A.M & P.M. at the session of the Conference in the M.H. Church. Doct. Scott of the Irish Delegation was present & gave a very interesting statement of Ireland do.

Sun. April 12, 1857

A.M. 8 o'clock I was at a Blessed Lovefeast in the M. E. Church then heard a Sermon from 1 John 5:4 by Bishop Siapoon, after which the Deadens were ordained. P.M. at a S. School Love feast, then heard Prof. Robinson preach the funeral of 3 preachers of the Conf. Who died during the year. Text Matthew 9:36. In the Eve. I preached to 40 persons in the Wealeyan Methodist Church free John 14:27 – then went to the M.E. Church Pr. Meeting that was protracted to a late hour.

Mon. April 13, 1857

A.M. In company with Br. Eddy, editor of the Northwestern & 10 or 15 more preacher, we left Marlon in lumber wagons for Lagro where we waited for the cars and I finished an article for the Christian Advocate & Journal, double letter, Eve. Br. Eddy preached in the M.E. Church at Lagro from Isa. 19:20 after which The Lords Supper was administered, then a collection of \$13, was taken for the Church at Superior, I slept none during the night.

Tues. April 14, 1857

At 2 o'clock A.M. our company took the care at Lagrove 36 miles to Ft. Wayne, where I left our company & took the cars for Forest, Ohio 90 miles thence 11 miles to Kenton & stopped with Br. T.J. Monnett the M.E. Preacher. Eve. I went with Him to a Panoramic view of various Scenes, exhibited in the M.E. Church, none of which was fine, but none parts of it was out of place for a church.

Wed. April 15, 1857

Spent the morning at Br. T.J. Monnette House writing letters two 2 to H. Newton N.Y. & Washington to Br. Falt, T. Pest & to R. Evens. 2 P.M. I left for Belfontain 28 miles & stopped at Br. Narriotte, the M.E. Preacher, but I got nothing at Belfontain.

Thurs. April 16, 1857

Left Belfontain early on the cars for West Liberty where I found Br. Shaffer the M.E. Preacher who went around with me to the brethren & collected \$11.00 & got a pledge for \$5.00 more, Then I went on to Urbanna Ohio & called on Brs. Chalfant & A. Lowerey the preachers & staid over night with a Br. John Wealey Hitt, who gave us \$5.00.

Fri. April 17, 1857

Spent most of the day about Urbana collecting aid & at 4 ½ P.M. I took care 47 miles for Columbus, Ohio, thence on to Noundeville the Seat of the Western Virginia Conf. Road all right, 137 miles to Ballaira on Ohio River.

Sat. April 18, 1857

About 8 o'clock A.M. I reached the Seat of the Conference & found Br. F. Moore who visited me at Superior last Summer & was the only M.E. preacher I saw for over one whole year. Took Lodgings with a Mr. A. Roberts. Took Supper at a Mr. Hoag's who has a Son living at Superior. I visited the celebrated Indian sound at this place called Grave Creek Mound – In P.M. Br. Moore preached the Missionary Sermon. In Eve the Missionary Anniversary was held * the Bishop made some excellent remarks. The grass begins to look a little green – The leaves of the trees are not out yet.

Sun. April 19, 1857

A.M. at Conf. Love feast, good time then heard a powerful sermon from Acts 20:24 by Bp. Siepson, P.M. Prof. Martin preached from Acts Peter's vision of the sheets let down from heaven. Eve heard Br. C. Bettell preach from 1 Tim. 1:15.

Mon. April 20, 1857

Wrote to Sister Phoebe Palmer N.Y. A.M. at the Conf. To which the Bishop gave me an introduction & I made a short speech about the Superior Mission and got a little "aid." Wrote to Rev. B. M. Adams. I gave Doct. Baird some items to publish in the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate about Superior Mission. P.M., took care for Wheeling Va. Crossed the Ohio River on the Suspension Bridge to the house of Father Daniel Zane who visited me last summer – he went with me among some of the brethren & I collected a few dollars for our church...

Tues. April 21, 1857

Bought a R.R. ticket for Cleveland Ohio \$4.10, distance 137 miles. Prepared some acknowledgements for our papers. Arrived at Cleveland about 5 P.M. and went to the house of Rev. Br. M. Hill the M.E. Preacher. Steray – Lake Erie is rough. Eve. Attended a class mt. And led it in the absence of the leader.

Wed. April 22, 1857

Spent the whole of the A.M. running about the City of Cleveland Ohio, & the P.M. also. Mr. J.C. Hussey will transport free of charge supplies for our Church at Superior.

Thurs. April 23, 1857

A.M. took care 53 miles to Warren Ohio where I found Br. J. Marvin, with whom I was acquainted in N.Y. State – Made a few calls & got \$7.00. Wrote to Br. Hibbard of Auburn N.Y. & Br. D. Zane Wheeling Ohio. Eve. At a Pr. Mt. In the M.E. Church.

Fri. April 24, 1857

A.M. left Br. Marvins for Cleveland 53 miles where I arrived before noon. Dined at Br. Hills. Wrote to Harriet, also sent an article & acknowledgements to the Western Christian Advocate. P.M. went to Ashtabula Ohio 54 miles. Wrote to John S. Wattons of the place, then went 13 miles to Concaut Ohio & found Rev. Br. Prosser, Spent the evening with his family & a Br. Carter at 10 ½ in Eve. Went to Depot & took care 27 miles for Erie Pa. Thence on the next morning 47 miles to Dunkirk by riding all the latter part of the night.

Sat. April 25, 1857

Left Dunkirk at 4 ½ o'clock in the morning for Friendship, my old home of youth days – The Engine run off the R.R. Track but none of the passengers were hurt. Some snow banks yet remaining on the shady sides of the old hills of Western New York. I made several calls among my old acquaintances at Friendship & stopped over night with my cousin John Reeves...

Sun. April 26, 1857

A.M. at the Presbyterian Church in Friendship I heard Rev. Mr. Kidder there pastor preach his farewell Sermon from Isa. 21:11, 12, In P.M. the Sacrament was administered. Our Methodist Society United with them for the day. I took tea at Br. J. Kelloggs. Staid over night at John Reeves's.

Mon. April 27, 1857

At 6 A.M. I left Friendship on care for Cuba where I made a few calls – got my boots mended 88 cts then went to Father Evens on the Haskel.

Tues. April 28, 1857

A.M. made a few calls among my former acquaintances on the Haskel Flats where I used to teach school, & where my wife's parents live. P.M. Almond Miller & his

family came up to see me & I had hoed others of the children would have come also as I had written to them to do – but for some cause they are not here. Lucy Evens has been married since the 6th of March last to Wm Woodruff by Rev. Mr. Taylor a Presbyterian preacher of Portville N.Y. I recd. & wrote to Phobe Peet...

Wed. April 29, 1857

A.M. I started with a horse and buggy for Port – Allegany Pa. To see my father's folks, & the road being bad I left the buggy, borrowed a fladdle & went on, arrived about 8 o'clock in Evening – found our folks in tolerable health only.

Thurs. April 30, 1857

Spent the A.M. visiting about home & with cousin Benj. Allen. I wrote some acknowledgements for Pittsburgh C. Advocate – to Rev. Doct. I-N. Baird. Spent the P.M. writing...

Fri. May 1, 1857

At 5 o'clock A.M. I took leave of my aged parents, probably to see them no more in this life, rode my horse to where I left the wagon, & thence on to L. Evens, my Br. In Law at the Windfall & in the rainy Evening I preached in the little School house where I had a service 2 years ago, 50 in congregation...

Sat. May 2, 1857

A.M. I went up to Haskel, thence on to Cuba to Qr. Mt. Where I preached in P.M. to 40 persons from 1 Cor. 3:21-23 in place of the P.E. who did not come thence went on cars to Friendship N.Y. & stopped with Br. Luke the M.E. Preacher. In the Eve. I was at the Qr. Mt. Pr. Mt.

Sun. May 3, 1857

A.M. was at the Love feast in the M.E. Church after which I preached to a crowded house from Rom. 8:33, to perhaps 450 persons. In P.M. I heard Br. Burlington the P.E. from Gal. 6:14. In the Evening I was at a good little Pr. Mt. At Br. Marvine house where I staid over night.

Mon. May 4, 1857

A.M. I took care with the P.E. at Friendship for Olean where I stopped a few hours & collected \$5.00 then went on to Little Valley thence by Stages on to East Randolph where I found Br. Burlingame, formerly a pastor of mine at Friendship. Staid over night with him.

Tues. May 5, 1857

A.M. went in Stage to Little Valley – thence on care to Forestville & found Mr. Wm McMansis the parents of Br. Coburns folks of Superior – Staid with them over night.

Wed. May 6, 1857

Br. Bignal the M.E. Pr. At Forestville went around a little with me & I got \$5.00 for church. P.M. he took me in his buggy to Silver Creek Depot where I took care for Buffalo, found Br. Robin, Editor of Buffalo Christian Advocate & Paid him the \$3.50 which Br. Tostevin sent by me for the paper. I attended a Pr. Mt. In the Grace M.E. Church & staid over night with the Pastor Br. Wm. H. De Pery. Wrote to Br. Coburn, Superior.

Thurs. May 7, 1857

A.M. ran about the city of Buffalo, considerable but did not get any thing for our church. I called on Ex. President Filmore, had a fine little interview with him, then I went to Niagara Falls & took a view of them, called on the M.E. Preacher J. N. Simkins. Eve. Went in cars to Rochester, where I slept about 2 hrs. & paid .50 cts for it.

Fri. May 8, 1857

A.M. went on to Auburn 76 miles Brs. Hibbard & Hosmer were both absent. I feel miserable to day after riding all night in cars. I, Recd. Letter from Br. Geo Newton of Superior. Ran about Auburn all day to find a chance to go to Red – Creek N.Y...

Sat. May 9, 1857

A.M. went in stage 20 miles to Victory then walked 5 or 6 miles to Red Creek N.Y., to see my sister Phoebe. She is preceptress of Red Creek Academy...

Sun. May 10, 1857

A.M. I preached for Br. Barber in the M.E. Church at Red Creek from John 14:27 after which the congregation gave me \$17.50 for our church at Superior. P.M. Br. Barber preached to the S. School from "Children hearken unto me & c." Took tea with my sister at Br. Barbars house & in the Eve. We were at the Pr. Mt. In the church.

Mon. May 11, 1857

Returned to Auburn in Stage. Bought a book, and sent it by mail to Phoebe \$.57. Eve. Took care and road all night to Albany 174 miles.

Tues. May 12, 1857

In morning I found Br. Barber one of the preachers – Stopped with him, ran about the city some... Wrote to Br. B.M. Adams. Newburgh N.Y. P.M. took care at Albany, N.Y. for Newburg the seat of N.Y. Conf. Where I arrived about 9 o'clock P.M. & found Br. B. M. Adams at the M.E. Church. I took lodgings at the house of a Br. Gibbs.

Wed. May 13, 1857

Spent the A.M. at the session of the conference. P.M. went in care 60 miles to N.Y. City. At 200 Mulberry St. I found 3 letters from Bro. Adams., & S Keilly of New Albany Ind. & from Wm. H. Newton of Superior Wis. Took lodgings at the Five Pints Mission house where I commenced my missionary labors 4 years since. Eve. I heard Rev. J. Caughey preach in the Jones St. M.E. Church...

Thurs. May 14, 1857

Spent the A.M. at the Five Points & P.M. at the Book room 200 Mulberry St. N.Y. Recd. \$30.00 in letters for the Church at Superior. Had an interview with Doct. Durbin. Mrs. Poebes Palmer & in the Eve. Was at the Academy of Music to the Anniversary of the Five Points Mission. They raised over \$3000.00 – I paid them \$2.00.

Fri. May 15, 1857

Spent the whole day running about the City – to little or no purpose.

Sat. May 16, 1857

A.M. went up to the Bible house and got a donation of Bibles to take to Superior, & at the Book Room I got some tracts donated also. I have received some few donations for the church at Superior. I met a Miss Colman in the Editorial room of the Book Concern with whom I became acquainted at Oneida Conf. Seminary. I took supper at Doct. J.T. Pecks & had an interview with his son in law Mr. Pierce who is soon to mail for India as a M.E. Missionary – I bought some goods for my family at a Br. W. K. Peyton 264 Bowery St. very cheap.

Sun. May 17, 1857

A.M. Went to Brooklyn & heard H. W. Beacher preach from Phil. 4:4, & in P.M. I preached at the Five Points Mission from John 14:27 to about 300 half of whom were children. Eve at Duane, St. M.E. Church & heard my old friend B. M. Adams preach from Luke 15:2 after which was a good Pr. Mt. For a closer walk with God & holiness of heart.

Mon. May 18, 1857

A.M. Made a few successful calls & got some money for our church. Spent the P.M. at the Book Room. Eve. At my lodging room in the Five Points Mission House writing. I ascended the Trinity Church steeple to day & had a fine view of the city & its suburbs.

Tues. May 19, 1857

Rained all day very hard & I ran about the city but did not get much money – I bought some clothing to take home with me. I prepared some acknowledgements & an article for the C.A. & Journal & in the Eve. I was at the Mission Pr. Mt. at Five Points...

Wed. May 20, 1857

A.M. ran about N.Y. City in the rain & got \$2.00. At 11 o'clock I took care for Philadelphia 87 miles. In New Jersey the soil is road & the field look quite green. Rye is 2 to 3 feet high & in the head. Trees are getting leaved out considerable. I readily found Rev. Br. F. Moor at Philadelphia 99 Horth 8th St. and stopped with him. In Eve. I heard him preach from Ps. 96:9.

Thurs. May 21, 1857

A.M. Br. Moor made a few calls with me & I got some money for our church. Visited the United States Wins. At Philadelphia, In Eve. I heard John B. Cough lecture on Temperance at the Academy of Music. He is soon to leave for England.

Fri. May 22, 1857

I looked upon the old relicts of Patriotism and the Portraits of the Old Naster Spirits of Liberty that composed that old Convention and the Old Bell, that announced the signing of the Declaration & was cracked while thus ringing. Eve. At Pr. Mt. at the Trinity M. E. Church, Br. Moore charge, with whom I am stopping.

Sat. May 23, 1857

A.M. ran about the city some & got a little more money, P.M. also, got very tired.

Sun. May 24, 1857

In morning I visited the M.E. Trinity Church S. S. & spoke to them. Their Juvenile Missionary Society will give us a donation for our church then I heard a Br. Pershing preach in same church from Job 22:21, & I made the closing prayer. P.M. I made an application to the Juvenile Mis. Society of the Union Church M. E. S. S. for some aid, then sent to St. George's M.E. Church & heard part of a sermon by Br. Moor. In Eve. I had a hard time trying preach in the M.E. Trinity Church to about 300 persons for Br. Moor from John 14:27 – It is now beautiful summer weather.

Mon. May 25, 1857

A.M. at the Preachers meeting of Philadelphia. I have collected about \$43.00 today. Visited Fairmount Water Works.

Tues. May 26, 1857

Spent the entire day running about the city and collected \$35.50 for our church. I saw ripe strawberries and green peas in the market to day. I got a ticket to visit the Girard College, but soon found that Ministers of the gospel were not permitted to visit the institution, not even the grounds. So I did not go.

Wed. May 27, 1857

A.M. ran about Philadelphia city & got a little money, P.M. I took a steamboat down the Delaware River 34 miles to Wilmington in the state of Delaware & took lodgings with Rev. Br. Booke, then called on Bishop Scott who resides there. He gave me \$3.00 for our church.

Thurs. May 28, 1857

A.M. took care for Baltimore 70 miles where I found a Br. Wm Palmer, with whom I became acquainted at the Five Points Mission 3 years ago. Wrote to Br. J.C. Pershing, Philadelphia then Br. Palmer went with me to see several brethren. Eve. I went with his to his boys meeting & talked to the boys, after which we went to the Charles St. M.E. Church in charge of a Br. Brooke where a revival has been progressing for two months. Six persons were converted at the meeting this Evening.

Fri. May 29, 1857

A.M. at Preachers meeting in Baltimore, & the Brethren took an interest in our church matters, gave me some money and a recommend to the people – then I went to the General Class mt. at Charles St. Church, then dined at Bishop Waugh's. Eve at the Anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Baltimore in the Charles St. M. E. Church.

Sat. May 30, 1857

House of Refuge. I have walked about 14 miles to day & was very tired – Took tea with Rev. Br. Thrush.

Sun. May 31, 1857

A.M. I talked to the Charles St. M. E. S. S. then heard the Pastor Br. Brooke preach on the Judgment. In P.M. I went to the Kutaw St. S. S. & talked to the scholars then preached for Br. Dishiehl in a pulpit under which the remains of Bishops Aabury & Robert had been deposited. Good time from John 14:27 & got some cash for our church, then went to Br. Palmers Boys Mt. and addressed them. Eve in the Old Light St. Church, I heard Dishiehl preach from Luke 16:8.

Mon. June 1, 1857

Spent the whole day running about Baltimore City and collected \$43.00.

Tues. June 2, 1857

Spent the day about Baltimore collecting money – visited Doct. Geo. C. M. Roberts, 135 Hanover St. collection of Methodists Antiquities. Also I ascended the Washington Monuments & viewed the city. In eve. I attended the Mt. in the Charles St. Church and heard a good sermon by some young preacher of the city. Had strawberries for dinner.

Wed. June 3, 1857

Spent the whole day collecting money and preparing to leave tomorrow. I had Strawberries for dinner today.

Thurs. June 4. 1857

A.M. left Baltimore on care for Cleveland via Wheeling VA. Stopped 2 hrs at Harpers Ferry. Staid over night at Oakland Md.

Fri. June 5, 1857

A.M. Started on the care on our route to Wheeling VA. Over the Summits of the Allegany Mountains, riding along them among the Clouds, through some very rugged scenery. Arrived at Wheeling in P.M. and stopped.

Sat. June 6, 1857

Left father Zanes house on care 137 miles for Cleveland & engaged a passage to Detroit on the Propeller "Iron City" to leave this Evening. Fire in Cleveland this Eve. Near where our boat is lying.

Sun. June 7, 1857

Contrary to advertisement we find this morning that our boat has not yet left & I fear the captain may start today - - which I shall regret very much. A.M. I was at the St. Clair Street M. E. Sunday School at Cleveland, after which I heard an Astronomical Sermon from John 15:1,2, by a Mr. Mobley, then I returned to the Boat "Iron City" & in the P.M. she started for Detroit. This Sunday traveling I do not like but I could not control it this time. In the Evening I preached in the cabin to the passengers from John 14:27, (25 or 30 persons present).

Mon. June 8, 1857

At Detroit this morning I received a letter from Sister Phoebe & ans. it. Very unexpectedly to me Br. Brooke my P. K. came on board to take passage to Superior, to hold our Quarterly Meeting, he having missed the boat at Chicago, which will make 1600 miles travel to get to our Quarterly Mt. from St. Paul, Minnesota. At 1 ½ o'clock P.M. we started from Detroit Mich. For Superior, had a fine day – going through St Claire Lake & River.

Tues. June 9, 1857

Spent the whole day on Lake Huron lost in the dense fog. There are several families on board going to Superior. In the Evening some of the passengers got up a dance in the cabin. One of two things is certain, a dance is not as graceful & dignified an affair as I have heard represented, else these parties were raw hands at it. Next morning they were late at breakfast.

Wed. June 10, 1857

We cruised about all night in the fog, but this morning it cleared away and we went our way, having made only about 75 miles the last 24 hours. We are having a very good day for running through Lake Huron to day, & the Straits at the upper end of the Lake, 3 o'clock P.M. at Detour a new town among the islands.

Thurs. June 11, 1857

We laid by in the night, in the St. Maries, & in the morning we passed the Soo Canal and miles through the floating ice. Entered Lake Superior about noon we had to force our way through 10 miles of floating ice. At the "Soo" I made several purchases of goods which were damaged by the sinking of the Propeller Manhattan at that place.

Fri. June 12, 1857

Had a very pleasant day, the most of which was spent discharging freight at Copper Harbor, Eagle Harbor & Eagle River. Eve. We started for Ontonogan.

Sat. June 13, 1857

From Ontonogan we ran to La-Point & Bayfield, where I saw some of our Brethren at that place. Br. B. F. Bixler, gave me his church letter, & Br. Wm S. Warren joined the Bayfield class on probation. Both of them subscribed for the Northwestern Christian Advocate for the remainder of the volume to commence with July. We have several passengers for Superior, some of whom are families to remain. Late in the night we went on for Superior.

Sun. June 14, 1857

From Cleveland, Ohio to Superior is about 880 miles. About 8 o'clock A.M. we reached Superior and Br. Brooke preached in the New School Presbyterian Church for Br. Barnett, then we had a class Mt. In Eve. Br. Brooke preached in same place for Br. McCorele. A.M. text Rev. 14:3-5, Eve. Text 20:12. After A.M. service I went home to see my family and found them well, but our little boy had grown so that I did not know him at all by his appearance.

