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W R Constant & Christian Commission Annual Report. Another donation. 2 dresses for wife 7.85. J C Drake donator. Prayer meeting. Lovely day for the first in sometime. Things are growing some.

Friday 14 This is Good Friday & tenaciously observed by some as the time for planting potatoes & other roots to have a good crop. This is the day the Redeemer was led to Calvary & suffered in our stead. The just for the unjust that he might bring us to God. Sure such an event is fraught with great importance to us & should make a deep impression on our minds & consciences. Am free to confess it does not today have that regard it was worthy of. Pardon me, O Lord. Busied myself in writing & reading today. Took some shoulder & potatoes to W Morris. It is now raining.

Saturday 15 Sat night & I am yet alive. Have performed most of the duties of the day & evening. Attended Masonic Lodge. Felt depressed on account of the sad news reached us of the death of Abraham Lincoln & Secy Seward. Lincoln attended a theatre last night & was shot through the head & died this morning. Seward was murdered in his bed. It was the secessionist work. They are dirty devils. What a sudden unsuspected affair. Sold 1 bush. and a half of potatoes to Aylsworth & Kendalls. Bot sugar \$1. Sent letter to Father in law. Paid out to treas. of Lodge 95¢. Rained today.

Sunday 16 Easter Sunday. Christ the first fruits of them that slept arose from the dead. A pledge of our Resurrection. Though the skeptic & materialist may deny the resurrection of the dead, etc. yet the testimony of the Apostles & his appearances at different times is sufficient evidence of his being resurrected. Over 47 at S S this a.m. in Wmsville. Recd of Mother Aylsworth 35¢ on papers. 35 of Keagle for Golden Chain; 35 of Drakes for Chain. Covers & J Constants each dr for Chain. Let Schliffe at Bices have Chain & Quest. Book 15¢. Broughtons, Chain 35. Hickmans, G T, dr to Chain 35. Coll. at Wmsville 5.75. Bices S H large turn out. Recd one into church, Mary Waters. Miss. Anniversary. Raised 6.05. Joanna Ramey, Mary Miller & Eli Blue went to Bices with me. Lovely day indeed.

Monday 17 Visited Springfield this day. Most all the stores & businesses as well as many private residences were draped in mourning. The people everywhere are speaking of the great loss, & the people are nearly as a whole sad at the loss of so great a man as Abraham Lincoln. He sleeps in death. Secy Seward who was reported dead is still alive & probably will recover. Bot Journal with all the particulars 10¢. Bot at Kimbers me a hat 3.25. Corsets, gaiters, trimming etc. hoop skirt, veil, -----& comb amounting in all to 24.70. Paid Kimber 2.50 owed before. Bot halter stem 75¢. Fare on R R 1.80. Bot envelopes & stamps for Lodge. Sent summons to Cantrell, Thompson, Canterbury, McLeod, Mitter, Lawrence & Winn. Ramey brought us bag of flour 20lbs. Oranges 60¢. Lovely day. Windy. Rain at night. Home in the rain & mud.



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Tuesday 18 Lincoln, brave, honest & great. Abraham Lincoln is dead. He died a martyr. Yea he lived to set men free. He rests from labor. His body will shortly be buried. His memory will be cherished through the future ages. He was the country's friend. Has fallen. The wretch is not as yet captured. Vengeance will yet overtake him. Good news. Mobile is ours. Johnston negotiating. Recd dispatch from Elkhart inviting me to officiate tomorrow. Signed D L Dana. Letter from Jesse K. Sent letter to George Smith, Rev Simms, P Cartwright. Recd 75¢ of C Brest & \$2 quarterage, Sister Purce; \$10 donation of Wm. Mount. Beans of Council. Paper 10¢. Planted beans & potatoes. Quite warm. Rain 8:30.

Wednesday 19 Today the citizens of the town & country assembled in our church to commemorate the burial of Abraham Lincoln at Washington. Services were opened by reading from 2 Sam 1:17 and Psa 46. Then singing & prayer, then sketch of his life, the speech by Jacob Beck, then singing, then Bro Todd spoke. Took text. Then I read his Farewell Address at Springfield. Then a little talk & resolutions which were adopted by all save a few Copperheads. Church was draped in mourning. Recd sub. to Central, Fletcher Council, & 2\$ through Bro Laucke. Had some eggs etc. exchanged. Set a hen. Paid Olsen \$5 which pays till June 26. Recd letter etc. Planted some corn. Quite summer like. Peaches are out in blossom.

Thursday 20 The supposed assassin of Seward caught. Should be hanged up till dead, dead. Sent letter to Capt J B Jenkins, Baton Rouge. Indebted to Lodge 72.00 & 6½ yrs interest. Bot stamps 25¢. Sent letter to Mason, Bloomington. Recd one from Kittie Lowe & \$10 in it. Were aroused at 3 a.m. by neighbors. Pickerell Bices store & two dwelling were burned by some incendiaries. Planted corn, beets, squashes, butter beans, cymblings [cabbage sprouts] and transplanted some hemp. Prayer meeting. Dr Winn joined on Prob. & Langley & wife by letter. Rained by spells some today.

Friday 21 Fasting primitively was regarded by the Saviour as essential to the casting out of stubborn devils or dumb spirits. The directions for fasting were important. Examples worthy of notice in reference to fasting are given us. The blessed Master & his Disciples & Apostles fasted often. We do not fast as often now since we do not have such humble views of ourselves as we ought to have. Since we are not as holy nor as useful. Letter from Rev Gooding. His babe died. Circular Syrian Lodge No 333. Bought sugar (white) 4 lbs \$1. Coal oil 1. per gal. Recd 35¢ for Chain. Bot Tribune 10¢. Put some cucumber seed in the ground. Heard opening sermon at the Presbytery. Rev Marcus, Micah 7:7. Bro Bishop Haller supped with us. Rained by times all day.

Saturday 22 Lamentations 3:26: It is good for man - Dr Cartwright preached at 11 a.m. from that text to small assembly at Yocums S H. Dined at Wm Yocums. Quarterly Conf. Recd of Wmsville this quarter \$28, 4. already allowed; of Fancy Creek 37. quarterage & 5.00 Donation; & \$11 for potatoes; of Yocums 9.00; of Wolfe Creek