

packed it with my own hands into his money bag to put in a claim to supply grain to the rock city. he was slain on his way home; most likely by his servant anubis, who certainly knew what money he had with him, and who vanished and left no trace. because about the same time a band of saracens had fallen on some christian anchorites and travellers, in the district between petra and aila, your mother chose to assume a right to call our father a martyr but she knew his opinions full well, i tell you, and shed many a tear over them, too. now she has expended vast sums on church building, she has opened the xenodochium and pours her money by lavish handfuls down the insatiable throats of monks and priests. to what end to have her husband recognized as a martyr. hitherto her toil and money have been wasted. in my estimation the bishop is a perfectly detestable tyrant, and if i know him at all he will take all she will give and never grant her wish. now she is preparing her great move, and hopes to startle him into compliance by a new marvel. she thinks that, like a juggler who turns a white egg black, she can turn a heathen district into a christian one by a twist of her finger. well so far as i am concerned i will have nothing to do with the trick. during this harangue marcus had alternately gazed at the floor and fixed his large eyes in anguish on his brothers face. for some minutes he found nothing to reply, and he was evidently going through a bitter mental struggle. demetrius spoke no more, but arranged the sheets of papyrus that strewed the table. at length marcus, after a deep sigh, broke out in a tone of fervent conviction and with a blissful smile that lighted up his whole face: poor mother and others misunderstand her just as you do; i myself was in danger of to day. stay at daniel millers. monday, june this morning organize the standing committee, and take in queries. get through forming subcommittees by three oclock. stay at daniel millers. rain to day. tuesday, june subcommittees get through reporting to day. very pleasant weather to day. stay at millers again. wednesday, june work through by quarter past two oclock. go back to david beachleys; get nell, and brother daniel thomas and i come to brother broadwaters and stay all night. some rain to day. thursday, june dine at brother samuel arnolds, and have night meeting at susanna arnolds. brother daniel thomas speaks from the first psalm. as a propagator and defender of our faith he has few equals in the virginia arms of the church. we stay all night at benjamin leathersmans. fine day. friday, june dine and feed our horses in moorefield, and get to nimrod judys, where we stay all night. saturday, june get home. sunday, july go to ritcheys schoolhouse, in the gap. isaac rodecaps wife is baptized. dine at philip ritcheys, and have evening meeting at addison harpers. a few references to the life of brother addison harper may not be out of place here. the editor was intimately acquainted with him. brother harpers early life was largely passed on the atlantic ocean as a sailor. he settled in rockingham county, virginia, in the later years of his life, and openly avowed his disbelief of holy revelation. a few years prior to the date above given he was honored by the people of his county with a seat in the virginia state legislature. when the rebellion broke out in he raised a company of confederate volunteers and served as their captain through the war. very soon after the surrender, when all this has passed into history, the church has never had but one johnny kline, and it can never have another. even if born, the conditions for his development, and the sphere for his labors, have both passed away. the editor is happy to feel that he, by a wonderful providence, has been made the humble instrument by which the life work of a great and good man has been snatched from the jaws of oblivion. sunday, september meeting at brother henry wilsons. luke is read. night meeting at brother jacob nickolass, in his house. subject, rom. :, stay there all night. very pleasant weather. monday, september come to philippa, in barbour county. stop at david klines. dine at peter reids. afternoon meeting at pecks run meetinghouse. acts is read. stay all night at philip dupoys. fine day. tuesday, september come to brother joseph housers, two miles from buckhannon. meeting and love feast. matthew is read. fine day and evening. wednesday, september meeting. subject, acts :, one man baptized. in council jacob houser was elected speaker, and brother hess deacon. thursday, september come to wilson osborns on middle fork river. after dinner, cross the mountain to valley river; stop and stay all night at