

AN "AT HOME" DAY

The following is a note from actual experience of a student missionary's day "at home" at his log cabin after returning from a wide circuit of visiting on the trail, preparatory for organization. In a new country a man must do, or learn to do, everything for himself.

(1). Opened the day by interviewing with a 22-rifle bullet a rat which would insist in visiting me at unseemly hours and by pattering along the roof outside, and running round the walls inside, disturbing my slumbers.

(2). After making breakfast, took pony to water, and then saw that he had good feeding ground.

(3). Walked to the garden (at some distance from the cabin) and searched for a little "voluntary rhubarb"; it was not in another's garden, but came from a former year's growth without culture.

(4). Having found the shoulder out of a jacket on my return, fixed up cabin roof between boards, etc., to prevent rats having such easy access o' nights. (Such work takes quite a time).

(5). "Packed" water supply from natural spring at foot of steep hill near river.

(6). Baked bread.

(7). Broke enough firewood for baking and to make fires for cooking three times a day for a short time.

(8). Went after pony and when, by the tinkling of the bell, I had found him, went to the store for provisions. (A five mile journey).

(9). Did part of a washing—of clothes; "no help for it boys, but "Sunlight."

(10). In addition cooked three meals, beginning with rolled oats, of course, and washed up after each meal.

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