



LOUISIANA MOORE RICKER
DIARY

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Friday, January 1st, 1897

Weather mild as spring. Family all at home excepting Will who is still in Cleveland. The girls have been busy with candy making, while I have been busy with Mrs. Whitney preparing for the New Year's Reception at the Y.M.C.A. Parlors. Miss. M. Lloyd assisted us as Mrs. Anderson was away. We also had the help of Miss Swarty all day, and several ladies received in the lower room while we prepared the refreshments which several of the younger boys served for us. About 100 more were served. We had a busy day.

Saturday, Jan 2nd, 1897

Weather still pleasant. Was at home most of the day, went to see Mrs. Whitney a few minutes after dinner, and to take Aunt Mary a calendar which I had intended for X'mas. Came home and finished up several little jobs which have been waiting on my convenience. In the evening Jas, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Campbell and I and Mrs. Bessie went to see Edison's Vitascope. It is a wonder in its way. Action is represented as perfectly as in life.

Wrote to Clara Ricker.

Sunday, Jan 3rd, 1897

Weather remarkably mild. We carried umbrellas in the evening but it did not rain. All went to Sabbath school as usual. Martha Poffenberger returned after a long absence, to my class. I lost Mabel who will be a teacher and Carrie Hadley who also took a class. Lizzie is substituting for the present, but does not want to take a class regularly.

Monday, Jan 4th, 1897

Rained early this morning but cleared off with wind and sunshine later. This is Clara Ricker's birthday, we sent her a few little remembrances. Carl, May and I. Was busy at home all morning. Went to Y.M.C.A. auxiliary meeting in the afternoon and afterwards called to see Maggie Silcox who was not at home. I noticed today that a chrysanthemum bush is putting out new leaves and sprouts. Lilac, quince japonica, and other shrubs are budding.¹ Wrote to Will, as usual.
Week of prayer.

Tuesday, Jan 5th, 1897

Weather cold and unpleasant. Nothing special occurred today in our own home. Genevieve Lloyd was here to see the girls, Lizzie was not here and May and I entertained her. She is attending school at Delaware, preparing for the college course I suppose.
Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

Wednesday, Jan 6th, 1895

Weather pretty cold.
I went up to see Mrs. Caden this morning but neither she nor Alwina felt like seeing anyone. I came home and was busy the rest of the day. Barton and Bartie came this afternoon from home via, Chicago.
Went to prayer-meeting in the evening and they went with us.

Thursday, Jan 7th, 1897

Quite cold. Ground frozen hard and a light fall of snow on it.
Elizabeth Greene is seventeen years old today. A sensational rumor is afloat that Rev. Mr. Dick's son Jay and Mary Baker were married in Vanceburg today. The truth of it is doubted. Wrote to Will. I attended the W.C.T.U. meeting this afternoon and afterwards went to see Mrs. Caden and Alwina, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hadley and I, but we did not see her.
The funeral will be tomorrow.

Friday, Jan 8th, 1897

Not so cold as yesterday still there is some skating. At the Star Brick Work's meeting Barton Jr. was put in as Manager in place of Mr. Mitchel who has gone out of it. Barton is not yet quite nineteen years old but his father will be here often.

¹ Quince japonica, or Japanese Quince, is a low-growing, deciduous shrub with clusters of bright orange-scarlet flowers adorned with creamy white stamens on thorny leafless branches.

We went to prayer-meeting this evening, the subject being Home Missions. Rev. Mr. Alderson, his wife and daughter were present. He was recently called to the 2nd Pres. church. The rumor about Jay and Mary was founded on fact.

Saturday, Jan 9th, 1897

Beautiful day and mind though somewhat windy. Have been at home most of the day engaged in the usual employments. Lizzie, Edit Moore and Ruth Thompson went to the canal in search of skating in the morning but the ice was too weak. Barton left on the 10.28 train for home. Mother was here in the afternoon, Mary Ellen was here at the same time.

Sunday, Jan 10th, 1897

A bright day not so very cold. Our family all went to S.S. as usual. This includes J.W. and myself, Margaret, Carl, Lizzie and Mary and Miss Bessie, Ruth and Geo Jackson the colored help go also to their S.S.

Lucy Moore was promoted to teach a class of little girls just out of the Primary department. Lizzie returned to the class.

We attended the usual church services. I forgot that Barton Greene went also to S.S. and John Peebles came down from his grandfather's and went with Barton.

Monday, Jan 11th, 1897

Bright and cold. Was busy with my usual work in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went to the Y.M.C.A. but found no meeting so went to our church and attended the parliamentary drill which is being conducted by Mrs. Lillian Cole Bethel under the auspices of the Woman's Literary Club.² After that I met Miss Bessie and Mr. Davis at Reilly's and helped select the premium books for those whose attendance at S.S. merits the usual reward.

Wrote to Will.

Tuesday, Jan 12th, 1897

Bright, not quite so cold. After my morning work I went to see Jennie Myres and found her alone so had a long and serious talk with her in regard to the trouble which she has brought upon herself. As one of my S.S. class I feel it my duty to look after her and help her back into the right way if possible. Went to the drill at 2 P.M. after which I went to do several errands. Had a letter from Mrs. Bond.

² Lillian Cole-Bethel was a parliamentarian of national reputation who came to Portsmouth to provide four days of courses teaching women how to use parliamentarian procedure. Her visit was announced in the January 12, 1897 issue of The Daily Times.

Wednesday, Jan 13th, 1897

Rainy and disagreeable. Have been busy all day. Was at home in the morning and at the parliamentary class in the afternoon.

Mrs. Bethel understands thoroughly what she teaches and knows how to teach it. There is a large class of ladies taking the lessons. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, Jan 14th, 1897

Rainy and disagreeable. Snow on the ground. We were surprised and shocked to hear just after breakfast that Hayes Worley died this morning very unexpectedly. Not coming to breakfast, his sister went to call him and found him just breathing his last breath. I have known him slightly and esteemed him highly ever since the revival meeting three years ago. He was a Christian and his loss will be a great one to his friends.

I wrote to Will in the morning and went to Mrs. Bethel's class in the afternoon. Maggie Silcox was here.

Friday, Jan 15th, 1897

Dark and gloomy, a most disagreeable day. Was at home nearly all day, wrote a paper for the Chautauqua meeting this evening, which Lizzie read.³ I went to the parliamentary class, Margaret and Bessie H. going with me.

Mrs. W.W. Reilly died this afternoon after a brief illness, it is not yet three weeks since Mr. R. died, Dec. 26th, 1897. It is very hard for the girls.

Saturday, Jan 16th, 1897

Morning but the sun came out later and was bright the rest of the day. Went up to Kate Reilly's this morning but saw none of the family, it is a dreadful blow to lose both father and mother so close together. Went to see Mrs. McCall while up there. Hayes Worley was buried this afternoon and a nice good boy is lost to his home and the world. I was down to the house twice today but did not go to the funeral because I was to help mark the reward books for the S.S. pupils for tomorrow. We had a preparatory lecture at 3 P.M. Letters from Will, Clara, and Oella today. Mr. David Davis died today.

Sunday, Jan 17th, 1897

Rainy and disagreeable a part of the day.

³ Chautauqua began as an educational gathering, originating as an American movement in the late 1800s, providing public lectures, religious programs and concerts during the summer months. It continues today as an exploration and enrichment of life through four pillars of programming: religion, education, cultural arts and recreation.

We all went to Sabbath school as usual though Margaret was not well and did not go out again today. She has a bad cold and cough. I was over home awhile in the afternoon. It was Communion day and nine were received into the church, Ruth and Geo Johnson, Jas Myres, B. Belle Brookes, Mrs. Reintings and daughter, and Mr. Frank Davis and wife. Two members of our church who have been members 40 years and more are lying at their late houses awaiting burial.

Monday, Jan 18th, 1897

A bright, beautiful, though cold day. Lizzie Peebles came in at noon. When J.W. took her to the train in the carriage he left me at the Rielly house. Dr. Tappan conducted the funeral services, taking as his text the words "sleep on now and take your rest." His discourse was excellent. The family have suffered a double, and very great loss in the death of the mother.

Thy today had word that their cousin Jas. Y. Gordon Jr. would be brought here for burial Wednesday, three funerals in three weeks.

Went to Relief Corps meeting after the funeral.⁴ Wrote Will.

Tuesday, Jan 19th, 1897

A bright beautiful day. Was busy at home in the morning until Mrs. Rardin sent me word to meet her at the church and she would take a picture of the audience room. After dinner I went to Mr. Davis' funeral at our church, then went to see Mrs. Ward a few minutes and Mrs. Cotton, later, Barton and Willard came this afternoon and are over home. I did some sewing today.

Wednesday, Jan 20th, 1897

Rained after the girls had all gone to school without umbrellas or other protection. Sent dinner to Miss Bessie and May. It rained steadily until late in the afternoon. The funeral of J.W. Gordon was at a dismal time and the Reilly family have the sympathy of all who knew them.

We went to church in the rain this evening. Dr. Tappan was here in the afternoon. In the evening he began to arrange for a Normal Class for the teachers and older members of the S.S. Helen came back from Henley.

⁴ Woman's Relief Corps, recognized in 1883 as the official women's auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thursday, Jan 21st, 1897

Fair again, though it tried to rain or snow a little this morning. Broke my glasses again and could not read, write, nor sew until they were mended so after dinner I took them to Mr. Zoellner and then made some calls. Went to see Jessie Myers, to the store to see Kate Reilly who was not there, then to see Margaret Johnson, Mrs. Caden, Mrs. Davis and Mary Jane and then Mrs. Worley, all of whom except Margaret J. have been in deep trouble lately.

Wrote to Will.

Friday, Jan 22nd, 1897

Rained hard last night, was very windy and cold today. Helen and I talked of making calls today but gave it up. Lizzie Peebles was in today noon.

I have been sewing on a dark skirt for myself but did not finish it quite, will have it done tomorrow. The silk I have had in use, in one way or another for more than thirty years and it is now not very good but will do for awhile.

Saturday, Jan 23rd, 1897

Not so windy as yesterday still it was quite cold. Was busy at home all forenoon. After dinner I went with Helen to make some calls. Lizzie Peebles sent in some lard and sausage which J.W. went to get at the station after which he took Miss Bessie, Helen and me up to Mrs. Titus' after leaving there Helen and I called at Mrs. Murphy's, Mrs. Coates, Miss Waller's, Mrs. York's and Mrs. Prescott. I went to Anderson's and the Reading Room late.

Sunday, Jan 24th, 1897

Very cold, a light snow fell. We all went to Sabbath school as usual. J.W. Carl, Margaret, Lizzie and May and Miss Bessie and Bartie did not come down last night for some reason unknown to us. Was here when we came home from church. I began studying the usual lessons this afternoon.

Went to church in the evening. Was over home a few minutes before tea.

Monday, Jan 25th, 1897

Extremely cold. Ther -8° this morning and we were kept busy keeping up the fires. I did the usual Monday work and then made a dark skirt for May, a striped cheviot.⁵ Went down street to do some errands and called at Mrs. Tappan's and Mrs. Cotton's while out. Went to Mrs. Rardin's and got the proof of the photo which she took in our church. Wrote to Will as usual.

Tuesday, Jan 26th, 1897

Cold and clear. Ther -8° Light snow still on the ground. Was busy sweeping and dusting. The Foreign Mis Society met here in the afternoon. Present Maggie and Mary Peebles. V. Ramsey. Mrs. Tappan, Mother and Helen Moore, Mary Ellen Moore, Mrs. Evans and her friend Mrs. McGregor, a guest. The topics for each month are to be changed this year and today Mrs. Evans had the first one of the new series. "The Bible in Missions." Maggie and Mary Peebles remained awhile after the others left, they leave next week for the south to be gone until spring.

Wednesday, Jan 27th, 1897

River full of ice. Ther +2°

So very cold I was glad to stay at home and sew most of the day. Late in the afternoon went to see Misses Sue and Sallie Reed in regard to the Normal Class work. Snowed some as I went and came. Helen was here all afternoon. Went to prayer meeting in the evening and remained to the Normal Class which Dr. Tappan began teaching tonight. A cold night but we had a fine class and lesson. Mrs. John Simmons died today in some asylum. Hanged herself. Was insane.

Thursday, Jan 28th, 1897

Severely cold. Ther -2° this morning, some snow on the ground. We were called up at 1.30 this morning by Sister who was quite sick. Sent for Dr. Mary Cotton and started up all the fires. It was so dark and intensely cold that it was hard to accomplish anything but we finally got the grate opened and a fire started, hot water and mustard plasters were obtained and for a couple of hours we were pretty busy. She has been sick all day but is little more comfortable this evening. Letters from Will and Mrs. Robbins. Alex was here today after the calf which the cow stepped on and killed. He had not heard it was dead.

⁵ Cheviot, woolen fabric made originally from the wool of Cheviot sheep.

Friday, Jan 29th, 1897

Still cold but not so cold as yesterday. Ther 0° Margaret had a bad night and forenoon until 11 o'clock when she became more quiet and comfortable. Dr. Mary was here once last night and three times today. Margaret seems to have a case of grippe following the cold which she has had since the last Bigelow lecture.⁶ Lizzie missed her music lesson this morning, the Musicale this afternoon and we both missed the Chautaugua Circle this evening, but sent our parts for the program. Sent letter to Will.

Saturday, Jan 30th, 1897

Frost King reigns and everything is clothed in frosty fur a beautiful morning. Ther -1° Margaret was more comfortable last night is only so when she lies perfectly motionless. I can do very little beside taking care of her.

Bartie came down this evening to stay. Says he will board here all the time and take his lunch with him for now.

Mr. Mitchell closed his business affairs with the Co. today, that is his active interest in the work.

Mary Peebles and Dell Ramsey called to ask after M.

Sunday, Jan 31st, 1897

Moderating a little, six or eight degrees above zero. I gave up all thought of going to Sabbath School as Margaret could not yet turn over in bed, though she is some better. All the others went to Sabbath School as usual. I did very little reading or studying but managed to look over my S.S. and Normal lessons, and was over home about ten minutes just before our supper.

The fire place in M.'s room has smoked ever since we opened it Wednesday night and was so bad tonight that after I had lain down for the night I got up again and cleaned the chimney with the ravel so it did very much better. The smoke has almost ruined the room.

Monday, Feb 1st, 1897

Just after breakfast a hard rain set in and continued all day, a regular down pour. It was a bad day for anything. I have been house-cleaning nearly all day and am very tired tonight. Margaret still improves slowly. Mary Peebles came to see her a few minutes this morning as they all leave for Florida tomorrow.

Our neighbor, Mr. Green tried to kill Dandy today, Enos saw him do it with a hoe, but I hope he will survive.

⁶ Grippe: an acute febrile contagious virus disease; especially influenza.

Tuesday, Feb 2nd, 1897

Still rainy and gloomy but not so bad as yesterday. Margaret still improves slowly, can not sit up yet.

Eugene Anderson and Hama Halderman were married tonight at All Saints Church. Lizzie and May represented our family, me having a family card. The marriage was Mr. Tucker's last official act in Portsmouth, he and his family left for Va. on the same train as the bride and groom. Julia Tappan was one of the attendants.

Wednesday, Feb 3rd, 1897

Weather somewhat cloudy and very damp. Margaret still improving but not able to sit up any. Managed to change some of her clothing and make her more comfortable this morning. Julia came and brought her some of her wedding flowers, Miss Annette and Lizzie Peebles have sent her flowers, Helen Moore brought her grapes and Carl keeps fruit and ice-cream and things for her. I went to prayer-meeting and the second Normal lesson tonight. Barton is 19 years old today.

Thursday, Feb 4th, 1897

Weather fair. Have been busy as usual, cleaning in different parts of the house and caring for Margaret who is still in bed. Mrs. Silcox, Helen, Mary, Mother, Miss Annette, Miss M. Lloyd, Miss Emma Bell and several school children have been here. I wrote to Will as usual and since to Clara. Dandy is slowly recovering and came to the house today, has been staying upstairs in the stable.

Friday, Feb 5th, 1897

Rainy. sister is still improving slowly and sat up a little today. I have not attempted to do much of anything but take care of her for ten days past. Had a letter from Will written yesterday. He keeps well and busy but says many men have been laid off in the shops.

Saturday, Feb 6th, 1897

Rained most of the day. I was not out until late in the afternoon when I went to get a waist exchanged for one I could wear.⁷ Found it very raw and chilly out.⁸ Have not been out before since sister was taken sick except Wednesday eve. John was here a little while this evening. He and Helen came over, Enos being busy did not come.

⁷ Waist was a common term in the United States for the bodice of a dress or a blouse or woman's shirt from the early 19th century until around 1910.

⁸ Raw: unpleasantly cold and damp weather.

Julia Tappan was here to see sister.

Sunday, Feb 7th, 1897

Rained in the night but when we went to Sabbath School it was just a sprinkle. All went as usual except sister who is not yet able to leave her room, though improving.

In the evening we had two Y.M.C.A. men to address our congregation. Mr. McAlpin of Cin and Mr. Pierce of P. An effort is to be made to get a building for the Y.M.C.A.

Monday, Feb 8th, 1897

Rain and a little snow. Cold and disagreeable. Wrote to Will as usual. Have not been able to do more than the necessary cleaning and usual kitchen work for Monday. Sister is improving. Mabel Pursell was here to see her. Lizzie had a meeting of a Com of C.E. to which she belongs.⁹ Sister Mary gave Lizzie and May the yards for new black skirts, a pretty figured yards, to wear with the new shirt waists she gave them last week.

Tuesday, Feb 9th, 1897

Cloudy until late in the afternoon. Damp and chilly. Felt badly all day. Sister is better and has been downstairs. Macy gave her a beautiful bed-quilt just finished, blue stars and fine quilting. Woman's Foreign Mis. Soc. met here for election of officers. Only seven present. Mrs. Davis Tappan, Evans, Moore and Ricker being the old officers and Misses Ramsey and Commins and Mrs. Johnson being the other members. Mrs. E.B. Moore was elected President on a vote of 4 to 3. Mrs. Tappan Vice President. Miss Sarah Commins Sec'y and Mrs. Ricker Treasurer. I served as Pres. eight years. Dr. Alderson instated as pastor of 2nd Pres. Church.

Wednesday, Feb 10th, 1897

Bright and milder. M. still improving, not out. Not very well myself. Wrote to Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Bond and Mrs. McGuire. Sent photos of Margaret and May to Mrs. B. No service at our church tonight. Not able to go if ther was. Callers today Aunt Mary. Mrs. Bowman, three little girls from school.

Lost one lens of my reading glasses yesterday and am at a disadvantage today.

⁹ The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is a nondenominational evangelical society founded in Portland, Maine, in 1881 by Francis Edward Clark. Its professed object was "to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintanceship, and to make them more useful in the service of God."

Thursday, Feb 11th, 1897

Rained almost continuously all day and evening. I was unable to go out anywhere and sent word to Mary Ellen that I could not go to meet her Com. this evening. The Home for Aged Women is being offered to the public by a dinner and supper. The new building is quite handsome.¹⁰ I will preserve a newspaper account of it.

Friday, Feb 12th, 1897

Rained and was gloomy. Have been so miserable all day that I was glad the Chautauqua Circle meeting was postponed until tomorrow. Lizzy went to the Musicale and took Helen who enjoyed it greatly, as did Lizzie also. Margaret has been up all day but is so weak and, has little appetite to help her regain her strength. Mrs. Evans and Mrs. M.F. Crissman of Manchester were here this morning to see me. We went over to see Mary's quilts.

Saturday, Feb 13th, 1897

Beautiful sunny day but Margaret did not go out, she is saving up for S.S. and next week. We have had a succession of callers all day. I had just gone to my room to rest awhile when Mrs. Tappan came to see me about Foreign Mis. Society, and before she left Mrs. Johnson came with her papers for help on the W.R.C. committees. In the evening I went to C.L.S.C. and Lizzie who had been to tea at Julia Prichard's joined me later.

Sunday, Feb 14th, 1897

A beautiful, pleasant day, but the mud is very deep. All went to Sabbath School. Margaret only remaining through the lesson and then coming home. Dr. Tappan preached in the morning upon the "great need", suggested by the great famine in India. In the evening he preached the first of a series of sermons upon Baptism, "Whom shall we baptize" being the first subject. At the close of the sermon a quartette, Messrs. Marting, Bibbs, Black, and Schwartz sang "Gallilee" beautifully.¹¹

¹⁰ The new Home for Aged Women was erected on the corner of Front and Chillicothe streets on a plot donated by John T. Wilson to the society. According to the August 8, 1896 Portsmouth Times article announcing the plans for the new structure, the institution provided a home for elderly women who found themselves friendless or homeless and had previously been located on West Fourth street. The new building was built in the Queen Ann style and would accommodate fifteen residents.

¹¹ Messrs: used as a title to refer formally to more than one man simultaneously, or in names of companies.

Monday, Feb 15th, 1897

Rained early this morning but not later. Was very windy most of the dya. Wrote to Will just before supper time. was busy with the work all forenoon, went to Relief Corps in the afternoon. Mrs. Whitney and I called to see Mrs. Kline but she was not in. Richard and Helen came over in the evening but callers over home required Helen to return, so Richard went with her.

Margaret Peebles is twelve years old today.

Tuesday, Feb 16th, 1897

Beautiful, mild and sunny.

Was busy all forenoon with the usual morning work.

Margaret started into school yesterday and begins to feel like herself again.

Macy has been here several times today. She is anxious for Elizabeth to continue her music lessons awhile longer.

She has given the girls pretty new black skirts to wear with their new shirt waists.

Helen was here, she and the home folks were invited to Mrs. Taylor's to tea.

Wednesday, Feb 17th, 1897

Pleasant. Jas took the horse and carriage out and started with Mother, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Campbell but he felt badly and Mother did not feel like riding so they soon came for me to finish the drive. Mother stopping at home and Helen, Mrs. Taylor, her mother and I finishing. E and I then went and invited Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Tappan to ride and then to spend Friday afternoon with me. Went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, Feb 18th, 1897

Rainy and unpleasant. J.W. was sick and in the house all day. Miss Bessie was sick in bed all day and I was busy all day, waiting on the sick, doing the usual house work and trying to get ready for my guests tomorrow. Did not go out anywhere. Helen came over and we read an hour, Elizabeth doing the reading while we sewed. We are reading Ruskin's *Sesame and Lilies*.¹²

I wrote to Will as usual.

Friday, Feb 19th, 1897

¹² John Ruskin's "Sesame and Lillies" was first published in 1865 as a 19th-century statement on the natures and duties of men and women.

Beautiful mild, spring like day. I was busy all forenoon preparing for a little company in the afternoon. Had invited Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Campbell, Mother, Mary and Helen, Mrs. J.E. Miller, Mrs. Tappan and Mrs. Dennis to bring their work and spend the afternoon. E. helped me serve cocoa, charlotte russe, cake and bananas.¹³ Miss Bessie was at home but no well enough to come in.

Saturday, Feb 20th, 1897

We were awakened by loud thunder, lightning and hard rain this morning, the rain fell most of the day. I was busy making over a blanket for the girls' bed, mending May's dress, and doing other things until late in the afternoon. Went up to see Edna Brown and got a belated S.S. book. Made a short call over home. Elizabeth, and Julia Prichard were reading Latin this afternoon, they plan to do some studying together. Margaret took a lesson on the mandolin, she wants to see if she can do anything in that line.

Sunday, Feb 21st, 1897

A rainy day, it began yesterday and grew worse as the day passed. We all went to Sabbath school and some of us went to church, but three or four were not equal to the rest of the services. I went all day. In the evening, Dr. Tappan preached the second of his services on Baptism.

Small audience.

River very high.

Monday, Feb 22nd, 1897

It rained in torrents most of the night and when I got up I found Carl and Ora had left for Cin. on C&O train to spend their holiday. After breakfast Mr. Taylor and Ben Johnson came to ask if they had gone, saying the train had been terribly wrecked two miles below here and many hurt. We were very anxious to know what had become of our boy. Jas had gone to the river and Margaret and Miss Bessie went down street but I waited at home and some had the welcome news that both the boys had escaped unhurt though in a coach that stood almost on end on top of the wreck. I again return thanks for the Providence that has cared for him.

Tuesday, Feb 23rd, 1897

Weather fair. Water still rising, came on to Front street today. I attended the Foreign Missionary Society at Mary Ellen's. Eight person's present Mrs. Tappan, Dell Ramsey, Mrs. Miller, Miss Canius, Mrs. Lottridge, Mrs. Thompson and myself.

¹³ A charlotte is a type of molded dessert or trifle that can be served hot or cold. The mold is lined with cake and filled with fruit and custard or cream mixed with gelatin. Charlotte russe, made with ladyfingers and rich Bavarian cream, is served with fruit sauce.

The records show that the river reached its highest point 55.3 inches Feb 22nd in the 1891 flood. Letter from Will today. John did not come tonight but Barton Greene did.

Wednesday, Feb 24th, 1897

Bright and rather mild. Water rose rapidly and I spent nearly all day driving to take different ones to see the rising water. Drove home across 3rd st. but by bed time horses had to wade to cross from 2nd to 4th. Barton is here with Bartie and at supper time John and William Peebles came in from Henley. Miss Annette and Dr. Mary Cotton were here to tea. They have been moving upstairs as the water will soon be in their house. It is in the lectern room of our church this evening.

John came today.

4.30 P.M. River 58-6 inches.

Thursday, Feb 25th, 1897

Water has cut off all communication with Second St. Stopped rising sometime early this morning when just about to enter the front doors of All Saints ch. We have done little today but go from place and watch the ferries. Enos took Helen and me down Court and 3rd to the Burgess Mill in a skiff. The water has been held back by obstructed sewers and is higher in the river than on the streets. Wrote to Will.

River came to a stand at noon at 59 ft by the marks.

Friday, Feb 26th, 1897

Weather changeable. Snow covered everything half an inch deep and light fall continued all forenoon. Cloudy and sunny by turns. Water slowly falling, faster in the river than in town. Went across the court street ferry and went to see Sara Coates about C.L.S.C. meeting this evening will be postponed. Barton went home, J.W. taking him as far as Spring Lane Distillery when passengers can take N&W. train for Columbus.

Saturday, Feb 27th, 1897

Thermometer 13° Snow then clear. River falling. 55ft this afternoon. Water still on 3rd st.

Sunday, Feb 28th, 1897

Monday, March 1st, 1897

A beautiful day. Was busy at home all the forenoon and then was at Mrs. Kline's most of the afternoon at an Auxiliary meeting. Only six present. Mrs. Dudit, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Kline and myself. Wrote to Will as usual.

Tuesday, March 2nd, 1897

A very rainy day, from morning until night with little intermission. I have spent the entire day getting signatures to a petition to the Judge to exclude minors from the Court Room during the trials which came off this week. One hundred and eighteen ladies signed it, all who had the chance save one. Lucy and Edith were here to tea and Helen accepted an invitation to come also. The young folks seemed to have a good time.

Wednesday, March 3rd, 1897

Rather pleasant. We did not have to take umbrellas to prayer-meeting this morning. The parlor dining room and hall were quite well filled this evening at Dr. Tappan's, the church not being fit for use since the flood. The Normal Class was held after the prayer-meeting. The petition went to the judge this morning and he complied with the request. Mr. and Mrs. S.O. Titus' 25th Anniversary.

Thursday, March 4th, 1897

Weather fine, propitious for our new President's inauguration as this is the day when Pres. William McKinley enters upon his administration. Great preparations have been made for the event and I hope he will not disappoint the great expectations which have been raised. I attended the W.C.T.U. meeting this afternoon and then came home and sewed until dark upon Lizzie's new black skirt.
Wrote to Will.

Friday, March 5th, 1897

Very warm followed at noon by a terrific rain storm with considerable wind. The house at the "Point" was unroofed and damaged otherwise.
I sewed all day and almost finished the new black skirts for the girls. Carl got his pictures of the C&O wreck today, six in the set. It was a terrible wreck and a narrow escape for Carl. The more we think of it the more we realize how much we have for which to be thankful.

Saturday, March 6th, 1897

Weather clearer. Ther 42°
Accounts in the papers of terrific rain storms all over the country.
Was busy all forenoon, and then went to Mrs. Dennis' for a social afternoon. Mrs. Tappan, Mrs. J.E. Miller, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Campbell, Mary Ellen, Mother, Helen and I spent a pleasant afternoon. In the evening I went with John, Enos, Helen and Mary to a concert.

Sunday, March 7th, 1897

Pleasant. we all went to Sabbath school again this morning, the exercises being held up stairs in the audience room as the lecture room has not yet been put in order for use. The water was several feet deep in the S.S. room. we attended the usual services both morning and evening. was over home in the afternoon.

Monday, March 8th, 1897

Beautiful spring-like day. Was busy at home all the forenoon. After dinner Mrs. Halderman and baby Augusta were here. After they left I finished my letter to Will and began one to Clara Ricker. Then went to call upon Mrs. Pratt as this is the 25th Anniversary of their wedding. Then I went to talk to the Band of Hope at the Reading Rooms. Called upon Mrs. Lottridge and Mrs. Marklem. The girls went to Prof Frost's Recital.

Tuesday, March 9th, 1897

Rained most of last night and nearly all day, still raining tonight and river high between 42 and 43 feet. Have not felt well and have been home all day. Finished the girls' black skirts, hemmed another napkin and a half, read some Chautauqua reading and Helen read aloud from Ruskin's Sesame and Lilies in the afternoon. The girls are going again to Prof Frost's recital this evening. Julia Tappan was here.

Wednesday, March 10th, 1897

Beautiful day, spring-like and pleasant. River still high and rising slowly. Spent nearly the whole day at Mrs. Whitney's assisting in folding, or rather placing together the parts of the Woman's Edition of the paper gotten out by the Auxiliary society. Went to prayer-meeting at Dr. Tappan's in the evening and remained to Normal Class. Letter from Will.

Thursday, March 11th, 1897

River 46 feet and about at a stand. The Scioto looks like a lake. No more papers ready to work upon so we did not go to Mrs. Whitney's today.

Mrs. Campbell left for Chillicothe and from there will go to her home in Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor went with her in the 'bus, J.W., Mother, Helen and I went in the carriage. in the afternoon, Mother, Helen, Mrs. Taylor, Mary, Lizzie and I went to the Noris Bros' Dog and Pony show. It was fine. Said to be 100 animals. Jennie and Barton's 22nd Anniversary.

Friday, March 12th, 1897

A pleasant day though somewhat windy. Water still high, over the tow path. I spent much of the day at Mrs. Whitney's working on the paper. The work is pleasant and the company pleasant but there is a great deal to be done. Lizzie and Helen attended the musicale in the afternoon. She and I attended the C.L.S.C. Thirty-two years ago today sister Anna died.

Lena Kline Reed is twenty-five today and very sick.

Saturday, March 13th, 1897

Much colder. Ther 30° this morning, bright, clear, windy. Water still over the tow path. Was out all the forenoon doing various errands. Heard the Beatrice Moore Hale's infant baby, about six months old, died last evening. It was buried this afternoon, Mother, Helen and I went to the funeral. I went to Mrs. Whitney's afterwards with Helen and Mrs. Taylor to work on the paper. Had a nice letter from Will.

Sunday, March 14th, 1897

Bright, clear and cold. 30°

Water still over the tow-path. All went to S.S. as usual, that service being held upstairs again as the lower room is not yet in order. Attended the usual church services, studied S.S. and Normal lessons, went over home a few minutes and thus spent the day.

Monday, March 15th, 1897

Bright and still cold. Then about 28° this morning. Wrote to Will. Had letter from Maggie Peebles who was in Florida, Palm Beach when she wrote but is now at Nassau. Was busy at home all forenoon, except when I took Mother up to the doctor's. Went to Relief Corps meeting. Mrs. Johnson resigned as Pres. and Mrs. Pursell was elected in her place. We then went home with Mrs. Whitney and worked on the papers until supper time.

Tuesday, Mch 16th, 1897

Weather fair and mild. The kind which is followed by rain usually.

Was at Mrs. Whitney's today working on the papers, there seems to be an endless quantity when it comes to handling the parts and putting them together. The most of my day was spent at Dr. Marshall's office. It required two trips but I finally got my orders right and paid him 5.00 as asked. Did not go to Home Society nor Aid Society meeting later. Carl surprised the girls with a beautiful wheel tonight. Bessie bought Camera.

Wednesday, Mch 17th, 1897

Weather wet and water high. A prospect of its coming over the tow-path again. Have been ripping the hem out of May's brown dress which much be let down and straightened. Went to Mrs. Whitney's and worked an hour or more on the papers. None of the other ladies came today. Went to prayer-meeting at Dr. Tappan's and remained to Normal class. Helen and Mrs. Taylor were with us. Mrs. Campbell is to leave Chicago at 10 o'clock tonight for her new home in Winslow, Arizona. Letter from Will.

Thursday, March 18th, 1897

Warm and wet. Went over home and put a ruffle on Mother's black moreen skirt.¹⁴ After dinner I went back and put the second one on. Mrs. Dennis called while I was there. When I came home I read aloud to Lizzie from the Survey of Greek Art while she darned. We find some of our reading very interesting, some not so much so. Wrote to Will. In the evening Helen, J.W. and I went to the Second Pres. Ch. and heard Rev. H.H. Wells preach. He has been preaching there nearly two weeks.

Friday, March 19th, 1897

Another rainy day with the Thermometer above 50° this A.M. Have not felt well at all today. Went over home after breakfast, then sponged and pressed May's brown dress skirt, after which I went to Mrs. Whitney's for a little while and Mrs. Duduit came home with me to see an article in the paper and prepare one for the city papers. After dinner Lizzie read while I basted May's skirt and then I went to make some calls on the sick. First Uncle Enos, then to inquire for Lena Reed, then to see Maggie Silcox. Wrote to Jennie and Lizzie. My new glasses and the old ones repaired came today. Are satisfactory so far.

Saturday, March 20th, 1897

A beautiful, spring like day. Was busy at home nearly all day. In the forenoon went in the carriage to do an errand for Macy, taking some flowers and a cake to Mrs. Van Tine as this is her anniversary. Took Mrs. Duduit and Miss Lloyd up to Mrs. York's and left them there. In the afternoon I did not feel well and lay down for about an hour then came down stairs and finished off the bottom of May's dress which I had been fixing over, as it had shrunk. Letter from Lizzie Peebles.

¹⁴ Moreen: a fabric of wool, or very often of cotton and wool, similar to tammy, commonly watered, but sometimes plain. It is used for petticoats, bathing-dresses, etc., and the heavier qualities for curtains.

Sunday, March 21st, 1897

Pleasant though it rained a little this morning. All went to Sabbath School as usual and then to the church services.

Sabbath school was held upstairs again this A.M. as the lower room is not yet dry enough to put in order.

A magnificent sight this evening was Venus, the evening star said to be today at its greatest point of brilliance as seen in the history of the earth.

Monday, March 22nd, 1897

Beautiful after the morning rain and clouds had passed away. Lizzie and I did the usual work while Ruth washed. I wrote to Will in the afternoon.

Did not go out until late then I took Will's letter to the office, called to inquire about Lena Reed, stopped to see Mrs. Lottridge on an errand and after failing to see Miss Kate Reilly, I came home.

Tuesday, March 23rd, 1897

Rained most of the forenoon but as bright and pleasant in the afternoon. Had a letter from Jennie. was over home awhile in the morning and then came back to my work.

After dinner I took Mother, Helen, and Mrs. Taylor out for a drive. After bringing Mother home, I took Mrs. Lewis in and drove awhile longer finally leaving them at Anderson's opening, the store being filled with ladies, music, flowers, and dress goods. Mrs. Terry died this evening.

Wednesday, Mch 24th, 1897

Weather unpleasant.

Ground soaked with water. Mississippi River over flowed its banks and great suffering in that valley. Helen has been over as usual. I went out in a light snow storm this afternoon to do some errands. Went to see Kate Reilly at the store, then to see Enos, and to Mrs. Lewis' to see about Carl's shirts. Went to prayer-meeting and stayed to Normal Class. Very few present, the weather was so bad L could not go.

Thursday, Mch 25th, 1897

A raw cold day, windy and disagreeable. light snow. Was busy at home in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went to Mrs. Terry's funeral at her late home, Miss Mary is all of the family now left at home. She has two little girls whom she is caring for. After the funeral I went home with Mrs. Dudit and she would not let me leave until after 4 o'clock when she was coming down street. Mollie York called while I was out. I stopped to see Kate Reilly, and Mrs. Tappan on my way home. Wrote to Will.

Friday, Mch 26th, 1897

Cold and windy. Rained at bed time. Have been home most of the day but late in the afternoon I went to inquire after Uncle Enos who is still sick and the Dr. now says has mild typhoid fever. I then went to ask after Lena Reed, from there to see Dill and Venitia Ramsey a little while. Went to the C.L.S.C. at Bigelow in the evening. Lizzie is not yet quite well of her cold so she did not go. She went to the Musicale in the afternoon. Letter from Will.

Saturday, Mch 27th, 1897

Beautiful day, but there was snow on the roofs when we arose this morning. Have not been well today and did little except mending, and the necessary morning work. Lizzie Peebles was in at noon and took Lizzie Ricker home with her. Being the last Registration day, J.W. was busy with that most of the day. Miss Lucy Hall came to give Miss Bessie her guitar lesson and Mrs. Taylor coming in on an errand decided to go home and get her guitar and join them so we had a treat. Helen was here at the time.

Sunday, March 28th, 1897

Weather pleasant.

All went to Sabbath school excepting Lizzie who is out at Henley. I miss her very much when she is away, it is so seldom she is away from me many hours in succession. attended the usual services and studied my S.S. and Normal lessons as usual.

Monday, March 29th, 1897

Rainy and unpleasant in the morning but it cleared later. Wrote to Will as usual. It was quite windy in the afternoon. I went to call at the Old Ladies' Home upon the new Matron, Mrs. Thompson. Margaret was driving Andy for a little exercise and took me that far. Helen went on with her.

Maggie and Mattie Peebles came this afternoon but I did not hear of it in time to go and see them.

Tuesday, March 30th, 1897

Rained in the forenoon but cleared off after dinner. The Foreign Mis. Soc. met here this afternoon because Uncle Enos is still sic. Maggie P. came home yesterday and was here to read her own paper this afternoon. Mrs. Tappan, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. J.E. Miller, Dell Ramsey, Mrs. E.B. Moore, Helen Moore, Miss Cornius, Mrs. W.K. Thompson and I were present. Maggie had sent a carefully prepared program, not expecting to be here herself but she came sooner than she had planned and we were delighted to see her.

Called to see Maggie Peebles this A.M.

Wednesday, March 31, 1897

Weather fair here, but the rains are frequent and heavy and high waters are reported all over the country. Lizzie Peebles came in today noon for a few minutes, just after I had mailed a letter to Lizzie to come home as Ruth left this afternoon, being sick. Lizzie, accompanied by Elizabeth and Margaret P. came in on the evening train to spend a day or two. We, Helen and I attended the prayer-meeting at Dr. Tappan's and remained to the Normal Class.

Thursday, April 1, 1897

The house swarms with girls this morning, all very cheerful. Elizabeth and Margaret had to go to the dentists after making brief calls upon the house folks and their Aung Maggie and Mattie Peebles. I did not try to go to the W.C.T.U. meeting, gave my report to Venitia Ramsey last evening after prayer-meeting. Wrote to Will as usual today and was very busy as I always am when the kitchen work is added to the other departments.

Friday, April 2nd, 1897

Raw and cold. Went early to see Mrs. Kline at her home but she had already gone out to Lena's so I went there to consult about the meeting of the Auxiliary to be held Monday. She suggested that I ask Mrs. Selby if she would entertain the meeting so I went there and obtained her permission, so wrote the notices. Elizabeth and Margaret went home on the early train returning this evening with Florence Crossley who is on her way to Ironton to see her mother who is sick. We have a pretty full house this evening.

Saturday, April 3rd, 1897

Bright but windy. Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles were with us until the afternoon train. Florence Crossley left on the 10.55 and Lizzie walked out to the station with her. Florence had said before leaving that she wished she could see Will. She just missed him for as he got off the train on one side, she got on on the other side and did not see him. Lizzie had to run to catch the street-car and found him on it, to her great surprise. We were astonished to see him. Wm Peebles came after and we had a table full.

Sunday, April 4th, 1897

Rainy again. All went to S.S. as usual excepting Lizzie who stayed at home to finish up the work. She went to church and Sister came home to get dinner. We had a good table full and were so glad to have Will with us once more. I was so miserable that after supper I had to lie down so Will and I spent the evening at home, I on the lounge. After the others had gone to bed Jas. Carl and I sat talking with will until time for the midnight train when Carl walked with him to the station and he started for Norfolk enroute to Providence and New York. Was sorry he could not wait longer.

Monday, April 5th, 1897

Bright but very windy. Election day and Jas was up and gone soon after 5 o'clk. The result as he reported at midnight was not as he had hoped it would be. Democratic Mayor, Marshall elected with the Anti-Vicker and Vickers School Board still in dispute, as no one can tell what the Board will do after all. Mr. Brown of the Golden Rod Piano Co. died last night.¹⁵ I went to see Mrs. Brown and Edna and Arthur and found them almost alone in their sorrow. Strangers here.

Normal Class this P.M. instead of Wednesday.

Re-elected Treas of Y.M.C.A. Aux. at Mrs. Selby's.

Tuesday, April 6th, 1897

Weather rather raw and windy. Was busy at home all forenoon. Also lunch I dressed and took Mother up to Mrs. Ingles' to get a comfort and see a quilt after bringing her home I went to see Mrs. Brown again to see if I could do anything for her, then came home and as Helen wanted to send her some flowers I took Lizzie and went to the green house to order them. After supper Carl took me in his buggy to deliver the flowers to Mrs. Brown. None of her family or friends can be here to attend the funeral. Paid Macy 25.25 borrowed last year for taxes.

¹⁵ According to a January 16th, 1897 article in the Portsmouth Daily Times, Mr. Brown brought his piano company to Portsmouth a year earlier. Mr. Brown manufactured and sold pianos from the old Fulton mill property at the corner of Chillicothe and Front streets which he remodeled. On April 5, 1897, the Portsmouth Daily Times reported J.T. Brown's death due to typhoid-pneumonia at the age of forty-six. William Copeland and Mr. Brown's son worked to keep the company in business after his death.

Wednesday, April 7th, 1897

Fair and not very cold. J.W. and I attended the funeral of Mr. Brown, at his late home this morning at 10 o'clock, Dr. T. officiating. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Young, the former being so poorly that they left early. We went to the cemetery and saw the casket lowered into the receiving vault where it will remain until Mrs. Brown decides what to do. I went to see her this afternoon. Feel very sorry for her and her two children. Went to prayer-meeting.

Thursday, April 8th, 1897

Rainy and cold. Have been glad all day that we did not have this weather yesterday to add to the gloom of the funeral.

Have been at home busy sweeping and dusting and putting the house in order. Lizzie read some of the C.L.S.C. work while I did some mending. Wrote to Will and sent the letter to New York in care of Cousin Geo Dimock. Will is having a nice trip but up to the time of his reaching Providence he has been very lonely.

Friday, April 9th, 1897

Weather rather pleasant. Was busy at home all day. Lizzie attended the last of the series of Musicales this afternoon. She has enjoyed them and been profited by them I hope. She takes a great deal of interest in her music and practices faithfully.

Saturday, April 10th, 1897

A fair pleasant day, though the wind is cool. Was busy all forenoon then hurried up to the Dr.'s for medicine for a bad cold. Began on it immediately and took the does industriously until bed time. Went to preparatory lecture from the Dr.'s, Mrs. Van Tine going with me and we called for Mrs. Brown who went with us. She was very brave to go so soon after Mr. Brown's funeral when she had hoped he would have been with her today. I came home from church to get, or help get dinner.

Sunday, April 11th, 1897

Showery hard rains followed by sunshine. All went to S.S. as usual and I remained until after church. Communion services in the morning, thirteen added to the church, eight being from the Sabbath school. This is Mary Warner's birthday. Was over home in the afternoon and at church in the evening. Mrs. Brom, Arthur and Edna were among those who joined our church today.

Monday, April 12th, 1897

Weather fair and windy again today.

I had a great surprise today in a letter from the Youth's Companion containing a check for \$10.00 sent me for an item I sent them about a tombstone at Olive Furnace which bares an inscription in large letters stating that the Youth's Companion was the favorite paper of the boy who lies buried there. I sent them a pencil sketch of the stone. Thought they would make some kind of an acknowledgement but no idea it would be ten dollars.

Tuesday, April 13th, 1897

Weather cool enough for fires, still.

Was very busy at home all day, tried to go to Mrs. Lewis's to see about Carl's shirts but found no time to leave home. Ruth is still sick and I am very busy. Lizzie took her music lesson this forenoon.

Wednesday, April 14th, 1897

Rained all day and evening. I went down to Mrs. Lewis' this forenoon, and again in the afternoon to see about some shirts she's making for Carl. Went to prayer meeting in the evening at the church. Dr. Tappan being at Presbytery, Mr. Johnson led the meeting. Only about twenty-five present.

Have been busy sweeping and cleaning and was very tired this evening. No one went to prayer-meeting but J.W. and I from this house.

Thursday, April 15th, 1897

Weather fair enough but too cool for comfort and prospects of rain or snow. was at home all day except a little while after dinner when J.W. and I drove up to Mrs. Fulton's and got two dozen rose bushes which Margaret had bought of her. I wrote to Will at Cleveland today. He wrote that he would be in Ithaca today on his way back to C. Letter form Maggie Bell.

Friday, April 16th, 1897

Weathers bright but a sharp cold wind blew all day.¹⁶ I got ready to take Mother up town after dinner but she could not go so Helen and I went to do some errands. I went to Mrs. Young's having heard of the death of Mr. Chris G. Young, which occurred about 6 o'clock this morning. He has suffered greatly with heart trouble for a long time. We then went to call upon Mrs. Peebles and Macy, who with MR. P. returned yesterday from their southern trip. In the evening, Lizzie and I attended the C.L.S.C. meeting and missed a call from Arthur Moore who returned yesterday from a nineteen month's stay in Europe.

Saturday, April 17th, 1897

Weather fair, cool wind, good fires still necessary to comfort. Soon after breakfast I took Mother up to the doctor's in the carriage, then I went to Mrs. Young's a few minutes, and to see Miss Ball on an errand. Went after Mother and together we called at Mrs. Peebles' and saw her and Maggie. Spent a part of the afternoon putting a new binding on my green dress. Helen came over while we were at supper to show us her new watch. She was pretty pleased and excited over it.

Sunday, April 18th, 1897

All went to Sabbath school as usual and attended the regular services. I had just begun to study my Bible lesson when Russel Tewksbury and Margaret Johnson came to see us and made a little visit, not a common occurrence but Russell's stay here is short and he came because Will is with them so much.

Monday, April 19th, 1897

Windy and fair. Was busy at home all forenoon and after dinner went to Mr. Chris Young's funeral at our church, Dr. Tappan preached the sermon and Mr. Dick of Bigelow took part in the services. After the funeral Maggie Peebles, Miss Bell and I went to the W.R.C. meeting, after which I came home and made a new gingham apron for myself.¹⁷ Wrote to Will.

Tuesday, April 20th, 1897

Weather fair but a cool wind blowing. Have been busy at home all day. Helen came over in the afternoon. I made another gingham apron, finishing it by lamp-light.

¹⁶ Sharp: keenly cold.

¹⁷ Gingham: lightweight plain-woven cotton cloth, typically checked in white and a bold color.

Mrs. Miller was here this afternoon to see Miss Bessie who was not in and I visited with her, – no, I didn't – she only came to the door and said she would come again tomorrow.

Wednesday, April 21st, 1897

Still have fire in the sitting room though it is warm out of doors. Was busy in the house all forenoon. After dinner I took Mother and Helen for a drive. Went to pay my bill at Dr. Van Tine's and then we went out to Mrs. Foster's and drove through the Cemetery. Went to prayer-meeting which was followed by an adjourned Congregational meeting, a brief Aid Society meeting and finally by the Normal Class and I was the last one to learn except Dr. and David.

Thursday, April 22nd, 1897

Bright, warmer, windy, dusty. Have been at home all day busy as usual. In the afternoon Mrs. Helsenstein and Thyrsa Spry made quite a long call. I got my new hat from Miss Harris and like it very much, haven't had one for years. Wrote to Will this evening.

Friday, April 23rd, 1897

Cloudy as though it might rain, but no more than a sprinkle fell. Was out with Mother this morning and again in the afternoon. We called to see Mrs. Chris young and met Mrs. McClain and Mrs. Tracy there. After supper Margaret took Mother up to Dr. Van Tine's again, making three times she has been out today. Went to C.L.S.C. alone as E. went to the H. School Debating Society. Sent Will's letter.

Saturday, April 24th, 1897

Beautiful day, quite warm. Have bene at home and very busy all day, sweeping, dusting, cleaning and finally when all else was done, I washed and dressed myself and made an apron for Elizabeth. Lizzie Peebles was in today noon for a few minutes. Mrs. Taylor was here just before supper time. Jas brought home his new suit and the three girls put on their new skirts and shirt waists and looked quite comfortable. No letter from Will this week.

Sunday, April 25th, 1897

Fair and pleasant. All went to Sabbath school and church as usual. Nothing unusual occurred to mark the day.

Monday, April 26th, 1897

Windy. The usual duties kept me busy today. After dinner the men came and took out the hall and dining room stoves, pipe, etc. and Mr. Nagle came and cut a stove pipe hole in the room over the dining room so I had enough to keep me busy all the afternoon outside of regular work. I wrote to Will as usual however, nothing prevents that though sometimes I am late getting started. We will now begin work tomorrow. The circus was in town today, none of our family went but Father did and enjoyed it at 5.00's worth, he said. Mother went to Henley and tomorrow will go to Cin.

Tuesday, April 27th, 1897

Weather fair but rather cool. The house cleaning was begun in earnest today. Mrs. Biggs came to clean the wood work ect and a paper cleaner began work on the walls of the front room this afternoon. I attended the regular meeting of the Foreign Society at Uncle Enos' this afternoon. Mrs. Tappan, Mrs. J. C. Miller, Sarah Commins, Dell Ramsey, Maggie, Mary Peebles, Mary Ellen and myself being all who were present.

Wednesday, April 28th, 1897

Weather cool and damp. The men came early and worked on the rooms until they got through. The job was not as satisfactory as I had hoped and expected it would be. In fact I was sorely disappointed in the looks of the paper when they left it. Went to church in the evening. Our lecture room is a desolate looking place with the floor bare and the walls stripped of the paper which one year ago looked so fresh and nice.

Thursday, April 29th, 1897

Rain again, but it did not interfere with the kind of work we had on hands. I wrote my usual letter to Will notwithstanding I had so much else to do. Did not go anywhere. Mrs. Biggs brought her daughter today and the two will work together now until they get done.

Friday, April 30th, 1897

Real April weather, sunshine and rains by turns. Rained all forenoon and Mrs. Biggs and Mattie buried themselves getting the sitting room carpet ready to clean, or rather I helped with that while Mattie washed paint. After dinner the sun came out and Jackson cleaned the carpet, get it in just as it began again to rain. We have had a busy, hard day. I was too tired to rest when I went to bed.

Saturday, May 1st, 1897

Rained most of the day and was very favorable for the kind of house cleaning we were doing. Mrs. Biggs and her daughter were here all day and almost finished. Had they begun Monday it would all have been done. Along with my kitchen work and house cleaning I am engaged on a little "job lot" of poetry for an occasion in the near future, made to order and it is not easy to "think sentiment" under such circumstances.

Sunday, May 2nd, 1897

Showery again and so cool that good fires were needed both at home and at church. winter wraps, hats, bonnets, and over coats were in demand today. The congregation at church was a contract to that of a week ago. We all went to S. S. and the usual church services.

Monday, May 3rd, 1897

Cloudy, and ground soaked from previous rains. Every thing would grow tropically if it were a little warmer. Mrs. Biggs and Mattie came back and finished up the kitchen and pantry this forenoon. The house cleaning has been very satisfactorily done by them. Ruth came back this morning and resumed her place in the kitchen. All are glad to have her back. Wrote to Will. Went to Miss Gharky's recital, Lizzie played.

Tuesday, May 4th, 1897

Cloudy with light sprinkles. Sewed this afternoon, cutting out and making a suit of underwear for Lizzie. I told her that Carl had suggested having her go with him to Zanesville when he takes Mr. Smith's horse and phaeton up to him.¹⁸ She was delighted at the prospect, but most of all that he had planned such a trip for her. She to remain at Z. until after Elizabeth Greene graduates.

I went to the Burgess Mill office with Mrs. Maggie Lloyd and then returned to my work. Did not go to Home Mis. Society, nor Aid Society.

¹⁸ Phaeton: a form of sporty open carriage popular in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. Drawn by one or two horses, a phaeton typically featured a minimal very lightly sprung body atop four extravagantly large wheels.

Wednesday, May 5th, 1897

Bright and delightful. The late rains settled the dust effectually. Carl decided not to go to Adams Mills with the horse after all, so about 10 o'clock J. W. and Lizzie started, with some light baggage and a lunch, intending to reach Chillicothe this evening if possible. They will have a most delightful trip and we all regret that Carl did not go. I went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Helen and I remaining to Normal Class. Long letter from Will. Was out in the buggy.

Thursday, May 6th, 1897

Charming weather. Was busy with shades, all morning re-adjusting them and it was very tiresome. After dinner I went to W. C. T. U. meeting and did several errands. Margaret is getting new curtains for her room and is having trouble about the material, it having to be exchanged. A postal from J. W. said he and Lizzie had reached Chillicothe safely and were having a delightful drive. In the evening Mary went driving with Barton, Margaret went on the wheel. Carl and Ora rode the tandem around by Lucasville and back in two hours. I was home alone until Mrs. Hadley came in. Wrote to Will.

Friday, May 7th, 1897

Beautiful day, delightful weather. Have spent most of the day on Margaret's new swiss curtains, have had much trouble getting the material right but finally finished them quite satisfactorily. Was down street this forenoon and attended to several errands. Called to see Uncle Enos but he was asleep. Went to see Mrs. Silcox before supper, and after supper tried to see Hattie Russell and Dr. Kline but missed both of them. Alumni business is the next problem that confronts me. Had a postal from J. W. saying he and Lizzie had reached Lancaster safely and expect to reach Zanesville today.

Saturday, May 8th, 1897

Beautiful day, warm and pleasant. No word from the travelers today but I presume there was no chance to write. Have been busy, as usual, all day, most of the time was spent in darning carpet, stockings and table cloth. After supper Sister and I went out with the carriage for a little while, then Carl came home just about the time we did and he took me for awhile to do another errand or two. The bicycles are a sight in the evening, there are hundreds on the streets. Hattie Russell was here.

Sunday, May 9th, 1897

Pleasant with indications of rain which came late in the evening. All went to S. S. and church as usual.

Was over home a little while and then studied my lesson.

Monday, May 10th, 1897

A rainy day and fine for work indoors. Cut out some white sewing night shirts for Will. Wrote to him this forenoon. In the evening the Alumni Com. met here. Miss Anna Bell, Maggie Firmstone, Eliza Smith, Will Richardson, Earl Pursell and I being the members present. Uncle Sam is sixty-four years old today.

Tuesday, May 11th, 1897

A very rainy day, with some thunder and lightning. I sewed most of the day on Will's night shirts. Was to have gone to a Com meeting but it rained so hard we postponed the meeting.

Carl was not well today and came home at 10 o'clock and went to bed, but went to the Bank again after dinner. Had a long letter from Lizzie, which I answered. Had one from Will, also.

Wednesday, May 12th, 1897

Rained hard in the night and most of the forenoon. We had a catastrophe in the dining room during the night and this morning found the table and most of the room covered with soot from the flue. We had all we could do to clean it up and get breakfast in time for those who had to leave early. I finished the second night shirt for Will and Jas. Sent them with his golf trousers and stockings by express. Met the Cm and inspected the Davis house, soon to be the New High school, with a view to holding the Alumni meeting there this year. Mr. Wyman of Lancaster, Mass. came to see Miss Bessie this evening and went with us to prayer-meeting. Mr. Scudder led the meeting.

Thursday, May 13th, 1897

Beautiful day. Was busy as usual. Went over home with some sewing and spent a couple of hours with John who is still unable to go out and not much better than he was two weeks ago. In the afternoon Macy and I drove two hours or more. In the evening, we the two families went over to surprise Mr. and Mrs. Taylor as it is their twelfth anniversary.

Friday, May 14th, 1897

Rather cool and windy. Sunny a part of the day. I was out doing some errands in the morning and then came home and cut out two night-shirts for J. W. which I sewed on the rest of the day. Went to the C.L.S.C. in the evening. I miss Lizzie in the Chautauqua work, have done nothing since she left.

The High School pupils, some of them went on an excursion this evening, up the river but May yielded to my wish and did not go.

Saturday, May 15th, 1897

Cool enough for fire again, in the sitting room. Cloudy all day, rained several times. Went over to see Father and John both of who are still far from well. Was very busy all day doing the usual Saturday work and finishing off two night shirts, besides doing some mending. J. W. and May went up to Alex Ricker's this afternoon. Went on the street car to New Boston and drove Barton's horse from there.

Sunday, May 16th, 1897

All went to Sabbath school and church as usual, except Lizzie who is still away from home.

It rained in the afternoon, as it often does. There was nothing of special note to mark the day. Attended the usual services and read and studied as usual.

Monday, May 17th, 1897

Weather quite pleasant. The usual occupations took up the forenoon, the afternoon was spent at Relief Corps meeting and the evening was devoted to a Committee meeting, arranging places for the alumni reunion. Hattie Pursell, Eliza Smith and Anna Ball are the other ladies. Will Richardson, Earl Pursell and Mr. Musser are irregular in their attendance.

Tuesday, May 18th, 1897

A most charming day but warm for those who are in the kitchen. I am happily released for the present. Helen is busy getting ready for her trip and has not been over so much this week. We shall miss her when she goes. We miss Lizzie very much and can hardly realize that she has not been gone a month.

Wednesday, May 19th, 1897

Weather pleasant.

We have frequent rains but they only keep the dust storms down and make things grow.

Helen left this afternoon for her Father's home in Newton to make a visit. She has not been home for three years. Maggie Peebles was here calling just as Helen was starting and I excused myself to run over and tell her good-bye.

Thursday, May 20th, 1897

Weather warm and pleasant. Have been out several times today. Am busy trying to sew a little and at the same time assist in planning for the coming alumni re-union which is to be held at the new High School building, corner of Gallia and North Waller. Am also trying to dispose of enough of the church photographs to pay the bill for the word cut in the "Review" published in April, or perhaps it was March. Wrote to Will.

Friday, May 21st, 1897

Weather pleasant. Rather cool. Have had little use for thin clothes thus far. Put binding in Margaret's black mohair dress skirt. Was over home with my sewing. Letter from Lizzie says her Aunt Jennie went to General Assembly, held this year at Eagle Lake, or Winona Assembly Grounds, two miles from Warsaw Ind. I am delighted to know she has the privilege of going. Maggie Peebles was here Wed.

Saturday, May 22nd, 1897

Weather pleasant but cool for the season. Had the usual work to keep me busy today. Was out in the carriage a little while. Carl and I went up street in a buggy after dark and got some bananas and pine-apples for tomorrow. He had been driving a little while. I wrote to Oella when I came home, a birth day letter which Barton mailed in time for the Monday mail.

Sunday, May 23rd, 1897

Pleasant, though cool enough for a wrap. All went to S. S. and church as usual. I had but one pupil in my class, Carrie Hadley, Lizzie being away, Alice sick and Martha not present for some other reason. The birthday anniversary was observed today as being nearest the 24th. The church is now eighty (80) years old.

Monday, May 24th, 1897

Weather cloudy with some rain and much wind. It cleared up later in the day. This is a notable day being the birthday of our church, and Oella Tappan Lowman, Queen Victoria of England, Bird Spry Whitelaw. I sent Oella a picture of the church as a birth day remembrance. Miss Lehman is to make my grenadine dress this week. I have been getting work ready for her for some time past. Have a black silk waist to make over when she fits it for me. Letter from Sister Jennie who is at Eagle Lake, Ind at General Assembly.

Tuesday, May 25th, 1897

Weather quite cool. need fire but did not open the grate. was over home in the forenoon with some ripping. In the afternoon I went to the Foreign Missionary Meeting at Mary Ellen's. Went afterwards to Mrs. Kline's Margaret Johnson's and Mrs. Lane's The letter is sick. Have sold several of the pictures of the church.

Wednesday, May 26th, 1897

Weather so cool that we opened up the fire-place and started a fire again. The weather is favorable to Decoration Day in keeping back the roses which now promise to be very plentiful the last of the month.¹⁹

Went to prayer-meeting as usual and remained to Normal Class.

Was very tired tonight.

Thursday, May 27th, 1897

Weather cool enough for fire. Have been busy, as usual, all day. Was out in the carriage with Mother for a little while in the afternoon. Wrote to Will in the evening. Wrote to Mrs. Bond in reply to her letter inviting me to visit her during the J. S. Convention, June 8-10th. I cannot go. Am busy with the P.H.S.S. Alumni Association.

Friday, May 28th, 1897

Weather quite cool and damp. Had a fire in the sitting room all day. Was out in the carriage awhile in the forenoon. Took Mother a short distance then got Julia Tappan and little Margaret and did some errands. Went to Maggie Firmstone's, Mrs. Evans' and the H. S. office to see Edith Royce. In the evening. I went to C.L.S.C. meeting at Bigelow. I miss Lizzie in the Chautauqua work and meetings. Wrote to Lizzie this evening. Rained quite hard late in the afternoon.

Saturday, May 29th, 1897

Not quite so cool but a fire and warm clothing are necessary to comfort. Beautiful day. Went out to Cemetery in the forenoon with J. W. and then after dinner I went again and brought the carriage back and took Mother a short drive. Margaret then took the carriage and went after Macy who was up at Mrs. Haldeman's visiting with Miss Kate Haldeman and Mrs. Taylor. Carl and I went to market after supper. Margaret had a long letter from Lizzie.

¹⁹ Decoration Day was an early name for Memorial Day. The holiday was first celebrated nationally on May 30, 1868.

Sunday, May 30th, 1897

pleasant. All went to S. S. as usual and then to church. In the morning, Dr. Tappan preached a patriotic sermon appropriate to Memorial day. In the afternoon Jas and I attended the Memorial services at 2nd Pres. Church where Dr. Alderson preached a fine sermon and the church was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers. There was a large attendance of G.A.R. men, thirteen W.R.C.'s and a good audience of others.²⁰ In the evening Dr. Tappan preached a Good Citizenship sermon.

Monday, May 31st, 1897

A rarely beautiful day for the decoration services. Cool and bright. Spent most of the day, in the work I am always engaged with on Decoration Day. Was at Kendall's Hall in the forenoon assisting in arranging the flowers, took Mother out a little while in the carriage. In the afternoon I took Mrs. Pursell, Mrs. Musser and Mrs. Richardson to the Cemetery, where we found quite a crowd of people Rev. Mr. Dick of Bigelow and MR. Gee of Allen Chapel; delivered addresses. Flowers were abundant, the cool weather having retarded the blooming. Strawberries are unusually abundant and fine this year. We are enjoying them and regretting that Lizzie and Will are not here to enjoy them with us. Heard today that Mary Hempstead Ritter died last night or this morning at her Mother's in Hanging Rock.

Tuesday, June 1st, 1897

Beautiful day but still cool for the season. Was out nearly all morning seeing about materials for the evening. Mrs. Hadley came to see if I would not go in her place to North Liberty to the W.C.T.U. Convention, I being an alternate. I finally decided to go. Went to report to Maggie Peebles, and then came home to sew the rest of the afternoon. Made an under garment for myself.

Wednesday, June 2nd, 1897

Weather fine, but a little warm in the middle of the day. Left on the 2.05 train for North Liberty in company with Mrs. Winters of Ironton and Maggie Peebles. Had a pleasant trip and was met at Seaman Station by persons with carriages to take us to North Liberty, five miles distant. Mr. Poston took me in his buggy and I with Mrs. Marr of Rarden was entertained at his home. Went to the meeting in the evening and found great preparations had been made for the Convention. More than I can write, but I shall remember it. Missed the first Normal Lesson since we began the course.

²⁰ Grand Army of the Republic was a fraternal organization composed of veterans who served in the American Civil War for the United States forces. G.A.R. became among the first organized advocacy groups in America, helping to make Memorial Day a national holiday, lobbying the United States Congress to establish regular veterans' pensions, and supporting Republican political candidates.

Thursday, June 3^d, 1897

Beautiful weather, a little cloudy but nothing more than a slight sprinkle. We spent the day at the sessions of the W.C.T.U. Convention and found the program very interesting. I made a full and careful report to take home to the Union. We have been very happily entertained at the close of the day. Maggie Peebles, Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Marr and I were driven to Seaman's by a small boy, Roy Chambers. Mrs. Winters came home with me to await her train.

Friday, June 4th, 1897

Beautiful weather. Was busy at home all forenoon. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting in the afternoon and gave my report of the meeting at North Liberty. In the evening Anna Ball, Hattie Russell and Maggie Firmstone came to a Committee to discuss Alumni affairs. Bird Spry Whitelaw and her mother were here to see Margaret about an anniversary surprise for Pearl and Blanche Selby.

Saturday, June 5th, 1897

Beautiful weather but still cool, except in the sun. Have not accomplished much today at home. After the morning work I attended a white skirt and made it ready for the wash. After dinner went out with Mother in the carriage and did some errands then called to see Mrs. Alice Smith who came Tuesday to visit Mrs. Gilbert, Maggie Masin, who is not at home so I took her to Mother and sister Mary, driving. Called on Mrs. Tome who was not in at Mrs. Lodwick's. Fine strawberries from 03 ½ to 06 ct per quart. Barton & Willard went home. Jennie Ricker sailed for Europe on City of Rome.

Sunday, June 6th, 1897

Weather pleasant.

All went to Sabbath school as usual, and remained to church. Nothing special marked the day.

Went to church again in the evening.

Monday, June 7th, 1897

A very busy day again, with some showers and clouds. Wrote to Will this morning addressing him at Conneaut, O. where he expected to begin his new job today putting up three hoists for the Brown Works.

He is much grateful with his change of work and increased pay. Enos and Henry Hosman are going down to Grand Rivers again. Had the last Com. meeting here tonight. Barton went home today to be gone a week.

Tuesday, June 8th, 1897

Weather pleasant but not hot. It seems as though it might be too cool to have the Alumni meeting out of doors. Have been picking over a drawer of strawberries to put up tomorrow, and helping May with her new organdie dress which she wants to wear Commencement night. I hemmed the skirt by hand for her. A gasoline tank exploded in the brick ware house and made a bad fire this evening but fortunately none of the other gasoline or oil tanks were injured, the loss must have been great had such been the case.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1897

Have had a very busy day and made two or three trips up to Davis building which we are having put in order for the Alumni meeting. I was trying to put up strawberries, two drawers of them and had a succession of calls all afternoon. Richard being the first, then Mrs. Fisher and Nellie Glidden, then Maggie Mason, followed by Mrs. Caskey. I then went again to the Davis house and missed Mrs. Seaman and little Hyla. Went to prayer meeting and stayed to Normal Class.

Thursday, June 10th, 1897

Weather pleasant. This is Mr. and Mrs. Peebles' 62nd Anniversary and the family reunion was held at Pine Grove Furnace. Elizabeth Peebles came here to stay all night on her return from Pine Grove and told us that the engagement of Mr. Dover and Mattie Peebles was announced at the Pine Grove Picnic. Commencement exercises were held at the Opera House tonight. Lucy Moore, Julia Prichard and Janet Silcox being among the twenty-four graduates. May took Elizabeth Peebles and I took Kate Vorhees to the exercises. Have had a busy day. Carl had a letter from Will written from Conneaut, O. Maude Gennings and Mr. Hagan were married.

Friday, June 12th, 1897²¹

Beautiful day. The preparations for the Alumni occupied all day and we had to hurry, at last to get back in time for the supper. The attendance was large, the new High School building was introduced to the public in a very nice way. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flags and flowers. The Com. are supper prepared a surprise in table decorations and supper. They had strawberries as large as ordinary June apples, three on each plate of cake and cream. Had a fine program after the supper and business.

²¹ Louisiana incorrectly wrote this date as June 12th, but it was June 11th.

Saturday, June 13th, 1897²²

Warm with hard shower before noon. Sister and I went up to the new High School and I helped gather up and get things ready to return. Maggie Firmstone, Hattie Russell and Anna Ball were there until almost noon. Sister used the carriage in returning things and by noon everything was out that we could take. In the afternoon I was busy at home until late then went to do some errands and see Maggie Meredith at MR. Peebles. Went to market after supper and bought a quantity of fine strawberries at 15 cts for a gallon. Had a fine letter from Mr. Bolton now in Cleveland.

Sunday, June 13th, 1897

Beautiful day, very warm, hard rain about 9 P. M. It being Children's day, we did not go to S. S. until 9.30, service being upstairs at 10 A.M. Dr. Tappan had a sermon for the children some responsive readings, recitations, and singing completed the program. Went to the regular service in the evening.

Monday, June 14th, 1897

The rain settled the dust but did not cool things very much. I have been riding around most of the day. Took Mother out three times. Went to Mrs. Kline's to a Y.M.C.A. Auxiliary meeting, no one present but Mrs. M. Lloyd, Mrs. Messer, Mrs. Kline and myself.

I paid over to Will Richardson the money given me for the Alumni, \$44.50 with some payments not yet made. Lizzie came home from Zanesville.

Barton did not come with her. I wrote to Will who is now at Conneaut, O.

Went to say good-bye to Cousin Maggie Meredith who left this morning for Ironton and goes home to Cal. soon.

Tuesday, June 15th, 1897

Weather pleasant.

Carl's birthday was very quietly celebrated. I had a pair of cuff buttons, sister a pocket book. May some elastics for him. Jennie Ricker sent him several handsome ties before she sailed for Europe. She never forgets to send him some thing. Jas and I decided to go to Chillicothe tomorrow to attend gar and W.R.C. encampment.

²² Louisiana incorrectly wrote this date as June 13th, but it was June 13th.

Wednesday, June 16th, 1897

Beautiful morning. We arose early and Carl took us out to the N. & W. train where we found Mr. and Mrs. Silcox and Janette also going to Chillicothe. We had a pleasant trip up. Went to the First Pres. Church where the W.R.C. meetings are to held and meals served during the encampment. Secured a room for the night near the church and then spent the day in Convention and evening at a Camp Fire across the street, in Memorial Hall. It rained hard in the afternoon. Met Mrs. Hitt, Nat'l Pres. and many others.

Thursday, June 17th, 1897

Went to the church for our breakfast. The arrangements are very complete and good meals are served. We spent the forenoon in Convention again and finished in time for dinner which we took in the same place. Took a street-car ride then went to the depot where we had to wait nearly two hours for the train. Reached home just at supper time.

Friday, June 18th, 1897

This is sister Lizzie's birthday. I was glad to see her come walking in at noon, I had a pretty little blue and white pitcher for her.

I had my report to put in order for the W.R.C. meeting Monday, also a paper to prepare for the Chautauqua meeting which occurs Monday evening, and a letter to write to will, not having been here yesterday morning, the usual time.

May went home with Lizzie to make a visit to Henley.

Saturday, June 19th, 1897

A busy day as usual with the regular Saturday morning work and the errands to be done. Have also made some preparation for Monday evening though not more than a beginning. Wrote to will yesterday. Went to market this evening. Strawberries are still plenty and some are fine.

Sunday, June 20th, 1897

Weather warm. All went to s. S. and church as usual. Nothing special occurred to mark the day. Regular lessons and services, and a little visit over home took up all the time.

Monday, June 21st, 1897

Warm. Have spent most of the day in literary pursuits. Had to write my article for the Chautauqua meeting, in the forenoon. Went to W.R.C. meeting in the afternoon, and in the evening Lizzie and I attended the closing meeting of the C.L.S.C. at Bigelow lecture room. Margaret went but could not stay because of her tooth-ache.

Tuesday, June 22nd, 1897

Very warm. I was out in the carriage with Mother and when the 3 o'clock train came I went to the river to meet Miss Bessie and her friend Mrs. Pfeffer of Chicago who came from Cin on that train, to spend two or three days here.

We shall not do much but visit for a few days now.

Wednesday, June 23rd, 1897

Cloudy but no rain here. Lizzie went to a picnic over on the Ky. hills this morning and soon afterwards, Mrs. Taylor came to invite her to go with their family on an excursion to Serpent Mound. We sent a boy over on the hills with a note to her, but he came back without her so we telegraphed to May at Henley who got on the train there and went with them. Bessie Martin and Donald were left by the 2 o'clock train and came home with us to stay all night.

Thursday, June 24th, 1897

Weather very warm. Miss Bessie and her company are having a fine visit and we are not trying to do much but help them enjoy themselves. After Miss Bessie leaves for Cal. we will settle down to something else.

Wrote to Will as usual. The C. E. society gave a lawn Fete at Dr. Tappan's this evening Margaret made a pretty Japanese costume to wear but could not go on account of her tooth ache which has given her much trouble for several weeks.

Friday, June 25th, 1897

Warm. Mr. Joe G. Reed died early this morning after being ill since last Monday, a week ago. His health has been frail ever since his bad attack about two years ago but he has been about his business for some time until he was taken with a chill Monday, followed by another Tuesday. His loss will be greatly felt in this community.

Bessie and Mrs. Pfeffer went to a picnic this morning and the latter left on the Queen City this evening.

Julia Prichard was here to tea.

Saturday, June 26th, 1897

Warm and dry. Have been doing errands, much of my time is taken up doing errands. Miss Bessie has been packing her trunk for her long trip and after it was done she went to Mrs. Titus' to stay until tomorrow evening. Mother and I called at Mrs. Reed's yesterday but did not see any of the family. This afternoon Jas and I went to Henley to see Cousin Maggie Meredith who leave next Monday for her home in California. Richard and Lizzie were in Cin and we just saw them get off the train as we got on. We spent the afternoon at Maggie Martin's.

Sunday, June 27th, 1897

Weather warm. All went to Sabbath School as usual. Miss Bessie stayed all night up at Mrs. Titus' and came from there to school. She came home at noon, not having stayed so long as she had planned. Went to church again in the evening.

Monday, June 28th, 1897

Weather warm. Was out in the buggy awhile in the morning. Wrote to Will and Mrs. Bond. Did not finish the first letter. Went to Mr. Joe Reed's funeral in the afternoon. Stopped to say good-bye to Mrs. Miller who goes in the morning to Cal. with the C. E. excursion. Have been helping Bessie get ready for her trip. She has not been well today. Mr. Reed's funeral was one of the largest ever I attended. He was a good man and this community will miss him. I am sorry for his family. Florence Crossley came at noon to stay until tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, June 29th, 1897

A very warm day. Was busy at home in the forenoon. After dinner I went to Mary Ellen's to the Foreign Mis. Society. Maggie and Mary P. Dell Ramsey, Mrs. Tappan, Sara Commins and I and Mrs. Foster being all present. After the meeting I went Misses Sue and Sallie Reed. The latter was lying down but I had a visit with Miss Sue. Carl and I took a street-car ride after supper. Miss Bessie left on the early C. & O. train for California.

Wednesday, June 30th, 1897

Extremely warm and close.²³ Indications of a storm. Was out awhile in the carriage with Mother, doing errands. Wrote some business letters for W.R.C. and W.C.T.U. Nothing of special note or interest. Went to prayer-meeting, and remained to Normal Class. After coming home I took Lizzie and called for Julia Tappan and went to get some ice-cream soda.

The papers tell of two bad rail road accidents in which Christian Endeavors were hurt. Some killed, mostly Wisconsin people. Letter from Mrs. Bond.

Thursday, July 1st, 1897

Weather hot and dry. Lizzie came in at noon today and was taken around to do some errands then taken to the train. I went to the Temperance meeting came home immediately after. Was tired and we all, except the men, went early to bed. Lizzie Peebles came in for a special visit with us so I got up again and we talked about an hour in the sitting room, then she went to sleep in Margaret's room. Wrote to Will.

²³ Close weather: warm and humid or stuffy.

Friday, July 2nd, 1897

Very warm. Ruth came over this morning and got breakfast then went home sick, so we have been busy with the work all day.

Lizzie Peebles went home on the early train this morning after her short visit. She wanted Lizzie to go home with her yesterday but she is not yet ready to go.

Saturday, July 3rd, 1897

An intensely hot day and Margaret, Lizzie and Is pent the most of it in the kitchen.

Doing the regular work and making some preparations for the picnic Monday.

It is so hot things cannot be prepared very long before hand. After supper Carl asked me to go with him to get some bananas for tomorrow. Mrs. Taylor was here and went with us. He gave us some ice-cream soda before we came home. He then took sister to buy a ball for the picnic and treated her to ice-cream. Elizabeth Greene came from Zanesville.

Sunday, July 4th, 1897

The hottest day on record here. Dr. Cotton says it has not been so hot in sixty-five years or since the record began. Over 100° in the shade. We went to s. S. and church as usual. Dr. Tappan preached a 4th of July sermon this morning and the services for the morning consisted of three addresses by D. P. Pruitt, Jonathan S. Dodge and Dr. Kline. All good. Appropriate music was sung by the choir and congregation. At night we scattered all over the house, beside the windows. Barton slept out of doors in the hammock.

Monday, July 5th, 1897

Extremely hot. Our family and Mr. Taylor's had planned a picnic at Turkey Creek, and all but MR. Taylor and Julia, together with Lucy and Edith Moore, Carrie Hadley and Julia Prichard who stayed all night with Lizzie, Elizabeth Green started about 7 A.M. Had a fine forenoon but a rain set in just as we were finishing dinner and we hurriedly gathered up all our things and spent a couple of hours standing or sitting around in the rain, then came home to finish the day with a house party. Had our picnic supper at home. Lucy and Edith were to have stayed all night here with the others but their cousins from Mexico came on the C.P. & V. train and they had to go home. We had a pleasant day notwithstanding the adverse circumstances. John Moore came over and ate supper with us. Wrote to Will.

Tuesday, July 6th, 1897

Cloudy and warm. Indications of more rain which however changed later and it was very hot and bright again. Sister and I were up early and gave breakfast, first to Carl, then Barton, then Julia, Elizabeth, Carrie and our own Elizabeth and her father. After breakfast the two visitors left. At noon Wm. Peebles came bringing Coles Peebles for dinner. Julia Taylor called to see the girls and express her regrets that she couldn't have been with us yesterday and last night. Lizzie and Elizabeth went on the afternoon train to Henley. There were two church society meetings this afternoon but I did not feel able to go. Letter from Bessie at Colorado Springs.

Wednesday, July 7th, 1897

Still very hot. Papers are full of accounts of deaths from heat. Mary Fowler was buried today, they said overcome by heat. Barton went to Henley to have a short visit. Sister and I did the work as easily as we could but still felt exhausted from the heat. We find the gas stove a great help. Jas. Carl and I were the only members of the family present at prayer meeting. An Armenian talked about his country and the precautions and a collection was taken for him. He is a student at Lane Seminary and will be a missionary.

Thursday, July 8th, 1897

Very warm. We are doing the work as easily as possible, using the gas stove when we came to save heat. There are only Jas. and Myself, Margaret and Carl now, the others being at Henley for a few days. Wrote to Will as usual.

Friday, July 9th, 1897

Rather pleasant. I got a new broom and swept the whole of the lower part of the house today. It was about all I could do and I was pretty tired when it was finished. Had some interruptions which delayed me, but gave me a needed rest. Julia Taylor came to make her farewell call. She went home this afternoon to Ironton.

Saturday, July 10th, 1897

Warm. We have had a busy day as usual but the family is small and work less than when we have so many. Barton came back from Henley on the noon train and supplemented his hasty dinner, taken before he left Henley.

Sunday, July 11th, 1897

Went to Sabbath School and had but one pupil, came near not having any as Carrie was not feeling well. Lizzie is still at Henley and Alice for some reason did not come. We had a small school. In the evening we attended the Bible Society meeting at Bigelow Church. It rained quite hard when we came home.

Monday, July 12th, 1897

Weather cooler than it has been, the rains having made it more comfortable. I wrote to Will today. He will soon be through his job at Conneaut. Have had a busy day as usual. Mrs. Taylor came over in the afternoon late to settle her milk bill and make a farewell call as she goes north tomorrow.

Tuesday, July 13th, 1897

Delightfully cool after the rain. Mrs. Taylor and her two boys left this morning for Madison to spend their vacation and before they started I took Mrs. Taylor in the carriage to do her last errands, Mother being with us. Put up berries in the afternoon, or began and will finish tomorrow.

Oella Lawman came home today for a visit. Jas, Margaret, and I called to see her this P.M. Margaret had been before today.

Wednesday, July 14th, 1897

Pleasant. Had Ben Lewis wash the painted walls and ceilings of the front halls. I had a lot of huckleberries to put up and Mother came over and finding me at work on them, helped me finish. We had all our preparations made for supper and got through in time for prayer-meeting. Shall put up the berries tomorrow.

Thursday, July 15th, 1897

Warm. This is Jas. Birth day and I had a sample shirt ready for him to try on and two others ordered to be made when the first one was tried. Lizzie Peebles came in today noon and Mother went out with her to make a visit. I had sent for our girls to come home Friday noon but they came tonight instead, after I had gone to bed and William came with them. I wrote to Will today. Mrs. Alger died in the hospital at Cin this P.M.

Friday, July 16th, 1897

Warm. I spent the forenoon walking and doing errands. Mary came to the breakfast table but was sick and spent the rest of the day lying down. I went to the doctor at noon and got her some medicine which I hope will help her.

Drove up in the evening to ask if any change was to be made in her medicine for the night.

Saturday, July 17th, 1897

Warm. May has been sick all day, ~~she came to the breakfast table but did not eat~~ and later went to lie down and did not get up again. I was out nearly all forenoon doing errands, walked up street and then down street looking for things. Mother surprised us by coming over early to ask after May. She is a little better.

Mrs. Alver was buried this afternoon, it rained hard at the time of the funeral.

Sunday, July 18th, 1897

Weather warm. We all went to Sabbath School and the usual church services, all except Mary, I should say as she was sick in bed. She arose later in the day and spent the rest of the time on the couch down stairs, it being cooler than the upstairs rooms. I came home after S.S. to see how she was, and Margaret came home and got dinner as we have no cook. I went to church in the evening. Elizabeth G. stayed with May.

Monday, July 19th, 1897

Rained after dinner, but not all afternoon. Wrote to Will. Was busy at home all forenoon. Mrs. Biggs came to help us with the house work for awhile. She is good help. I went to Relief Corps meeting in the afternoon, then came home and sewed on the work Margaret had cut out. Elizabeth Greene went to visit Lucy and Edith Moore a few days. Their guests having gone to visit Mrs. Lewis.

Tuesday, July 20th, 1897

Pleasant. I sewed most of the day and finished a night dress for Margaret. The Texas cousins of the 4th, St. Moore girls left for home on the early train this A.M. they went unexpectedly.

Elizabeth, Margaret Peebles came last night to make us a visit and this evening our family with Barton and Elizabeth Greene, Lucy, Edith and Ralph, John, William, Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles were entertained over home. Had a pleasant evening and came home just as it began to sprinkle.

Wednesday, July 21st, 1897

Rained nearly all night, and cleared off this after noon. I intended sewing again today but got some huckleberries and put them up, Lizzie, May, and Margaret Peebles helping me to look them over. I sewed some in the afternoon after finishing the berries, had a kettle of black berries also which I put up. Went to church and Normal class in the evening.

Thursday, July 22nd, 1897

Warm, but a good breeze. Was a little late rising and at breakfast learned that J. W. was going to drive up to Alex Ricker's so I decided to go with him. We started about 8.30 and went to New Boston in the trolley car and then got Barton's Kit and buggy and drove the rest of the way. Found Alex and Mary at home, Lizzie visiting them and also Mr. Pritchard and his wife. Had a pleasant trip and came home about 4 o'clock. Had a postal from Bessie Hall. The five girls went to spend the evening with Mrs. Lewis. Wrote to Will and sister Jennie.

Friday, June 23^d, 1897

Very warm all day, hard rain and thunderstorms began early in the evening. We had a small tea-party, Ralph, Lucy, and Edith Moon, Elizabeth and Barton Greene, Julia Prichard and Mabel E (?), Dr. Davis' grand-daughter about May's age. She has not been here for several years. Had Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles with us already and these with our own family filled the table.

Cousin Sadie Crossley died today at her home in Ironton.

Saturday, July 24th, 1897

The storm continued all night and until breakfast time this morning. When we got up to tell Elizabeth and Margaret that it was too stormy for them to go home, we found their Mother here, having come in last eve. They all went off in the rain. I sewed most of the day, made Margaret another night-dress then a leach silk tie for myself. Had a card from Bessie. May wrote her a long letter yesterday.

Papers are full of accounts of storms and the great miners' strike, and the greater excitement over the wonderful gold miners in the Klondike district in Alaska.

Sunday, July 25th, 1897

Rained. The river is high and rising. The frequent rains keep it muddy but make all vegetation thrive. We all went to Sabbath School and church as usual and my small class was broken up for teachers. Carrie had Mrs. Davis' class, Lizzie had Miss Schwartz's and I had Winifred Smith's.

Attended the evening services as usual.

Monday, July 26th, 1897

Rained again. Jas. And I went to Ironton on the 10.55 train and went directly to the Crossley home where we found all the relatives assembled for the funeral. Saw friends from Ashland and Huntington. The services were held at the house at 2 o'clock and we rode to the cemetery with Aunt Ad and Helen Ricker. The cemetery is very beautiful. The Crossley lot is adjoining the Jordan lot. The family have lost a good Mother but she has left them all well prepared for good and useful lives. We went to Aunt A's to spend the night.

Tuesday, July 27th, 1897

Delightful, the showers and sunshine make it perfectly beautiful and delightful. After breakfast I called upon Mrs. Ellison who was not at home. Then spent the forenoon with the Crossley girls and Cousin Mattie Wood. Went to dinner at Aunt Ad Kicker's after which Jas and I called upon Miss Kate Spear and her grandmother Mrs. Scott. Came home on the 4 o'clock train, finding Father at the Ironton station coming down. Attended Foreign Mis. Meeting at Uncle Enos' in the evening. Fifty there.

Wednesday, July 28th, 1897

Weather delightful. I was out with Mother most of the forenoon. Wrote to Will two days late this time because I was away. Wrote to Helen Ricker and the Crossley girls today. In the evening we went to prayer-meeting. Carl took the three girls to get some ice-cream after church. I stayed to the Normal class. In the afternoon Margaret and I called upon Mrs. Prichard and Julia and Miss Johnson, their guest. Then at Lena Reed's but did not get in. I then went to call upon Mrs. Folsom and Mrs. Reeder, and later upon Mrs. Joe Reed.

Thursday, July 29th, 1897

Beautiful and pleasant. Was out in the carriage with Mother both before and after dinner. Elizabeth's birthday has been well celebrated. I gave her a Bible and Margaret gave her an ice wool shawl at breakfast.²⁴ Some unknown friend sent her a beautiful bunch of white roses, another a birthday verse with no name signed. Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles came in at noon with materials for a saw dust "plum pudding" so May got up a surprise tea party and asked Lucy, Edith, and Elizabeth G. Julia Prichard came to express her congratulations and was here just in time for the "pudding." I wrote to Jennie Greene, her birthday letter.

An eclipse of the sun visible.

²⁴ Ice Wool is a soft and fluffy material, used for interlining corsets and other fabrics.

Alex and little Lizzie Ricker were here this morning and Mary Cotton was here to dinner very un favorably.

Friday, July 30th, 1897²⁵

Saturday, July 31st, 1897

Very, very warm again. Have been busy and, of course, was tired tonight. Nothing worth of special note that I can now think of.

Sunday, Aug 1st, 1897

Another very hot day. We all went to S. S. and church as usual, all the services. Will have no service next Sabbath. Carl has been sleeping all day when not at church. I slept some in the afternoon.

Monday, Aug 2nd, 1897

Weather fine, but warm, very warm. Carl was unable to sit up this morning and we finally sent for Dr. Van Tine who came and found he still had fever having prescribed for him a week ago, he having fever then. he lay on the couch down stairs until late bed time because it was so hot upstairs. He has not been well for some time.

Tuesday, Aug 3rd, 1897

Weather pleasant. Carl improves slowly. Has been so run down for some time that he has little strength. Sister and I cut out her couch cover which I shall make for her. Mrs. Biggs washed here today and did a part of the ironing before she left. Went up to see the doctor in the evening and report how Carl was doing. Sister and Lizzie had been driving.

Wednesday, Aug 4th, 1897

Warm, was busy all day.

Was out in the carriage in the morning. We are trying to plan for some kind of a celebration of Father and Mother's 50th anniversary. Expect to have a family reunion at Henley on Aug 11th. Went three times to see Mary Cotton about a birthday surprise for Margaret and did not see here then. Went to prayer-meeting. Carl is improving but still under the care of the doctor.

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Thursday, Aug 5th, 1897

Weather very warm. Have been out with Mother in the morning, then afterwards got Oella, Julia and little Margaret Tappan and went to see Mrs. Stewart and ask for her to the Golden Wedding next week. Asked some others and have written a few letters.

Went to W.C.T.U. meeting in the afternoon.

The girls went to Eda Eisman to spend the evening with Lucy, Edith and some others. It being Lucy's birthday. Barton was not feeling well enough to go. Carl was able to take a drive this evening so he, his father and I went over on the west side. Lizzie P. stayed all night.

Wrote to Will.

Friday, Aug 6th, 1897

Margaret's birthday was lovely as to weather. She had several pleasant surprises. A linen skirt which I gave her at breakfast. A little surprise tea-party which Macy prepared and sent over, the girls and I getting the table ready and bringing the four invited guests, Dr. Mary Cotton, Oella and Julia Tappan and Sara Coates. Wm Peebles dropped in. Oella surprised her by staying all night. May had made her a white and gold lamp shade which was given her at noon. Her father gave her a beautiful silver fork.

Letter from Cousin Dunall.

Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. Reeder, Mrs. Copeland and baby Lester called, also Mrs. and Mrs. Prichard and Miss Johnson.

Saturday, Aug 7th, 1897

Delightful weather, cooler than it was. Busy as could be all day, getting house in order. Letter from Jennie saying she and her whole family will be down from Zanesville Monday to attend the Golden Wedding next Wednesday. Wrote again to Enos and Helen.

Went but after tea and invited a few more guests. Lizzie and Julia and Charlotte Prichard went with us. Letters from Lizzie Peebles, Uncle Sam and Jennie G. Barton, Elizabeth and May went to a trolley-party gotten up by Clara York.

Sunday, Aug 8th, 1897

Weather comfortable for some of us. All went to Sabbath School. Carl came down to breakfast and went to S. S. as usual. He is not very well yet but managed to attend to his usual duties. We had no service, and few of the other churches were open today so he did not go out again. In the evening I went alone to the Baptist Church and heard a stranger, a free will Baptist who is attending some Convention here.

Monday, Aug 9th, 1897

A very warm day. We have been busy as could be putting the house in order and getting the extra beds ready. At 4 P. M. Barton and Jennie came with all their family who were not already here. We did not tell Mother until we were all seated at the supper tables. Sent for her and she found the entire families excepting our Will, eighteen at the supper table. Mary and father came to look at us also. It was a fine surprise but of course it made it plain that we were getting ready for the 11th. We shall have a fine visit this week. Carl went to work again today.

Tuesday, Aug 10th, 1897

Weather cloudy. A rain has settled the dust and made everything comfortable for tomorrow. I have been very busy all day getting the final preparations and errands done for the celebration tomorrow. Will will be home tomorrow and altogether we are anticipating a fine day. Mrs. Biggs came early this morning to do the cooking for us while our guests are here. Mr. Smith came on the 4 P.M. train for the Golden Wedding.

Wednesday, Aug 11th, 1897

Fine day. Margaret took Edward and Mary Greene and went to Henley on the morning train. at Noon the rest of us followed with a car full of guests for the Golden Wedding of our Father and Mother. Our arrangements all came out satisfactorily and we had a pleasant celebration which Therya Spry wrote up for the paper and I shall keep copies of it for my scrap book. Enos, Helen and John Peebles were the only members of the family not present, all three being East but not together. Richard and Lizzie had made complete preparations and everything passed off well. Father seemed specially pleased. Will came at 10.55 A.M.

Thursday, Aug 12th, 1897

Pleasant. The great event, the Golden Wedding has been celebrated, being the third one that Lizzie and I have helped celebrated. This is Dr. and Mrs. Tappan's 28th, Anniversary. I was just going down to call on her when I met them coming here to call on Barton and Jennie.

Friday, Aug 13th, 1897

Pleasant. Barton and his family intended going home today but changed their plans and none of them will go before tomorrow. This is Mary Y. Moore's birthday. She is with Fannie in Troy at present. This evening after tea Aunt Mary and Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Scudder, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Drew called to see Barton and Jennie. Mrs. Graham has called also. We have had a busy and a pleasant time. Maggie Peebles called this evening, bother her and over home. I went over there with her.

Saturday, Aug 14th, 1897

Fine weather. Nights quite cool, and no mosquitoes so any one who has a chance ought to sleep. Had a busy day getting Miss Bessie's room ready for her, after the 10.28 train took Barton and his five children Elizabeth, Edward, Mary, Dwight and Paul away. Mr. Smith will remain until Monday.

Jennie, Virginia, Helen, and Willard will stay another week.

Bessie returned from her great California trip on the C & O at 3 P.M. Will returned to Cleveland at 4.42 P.M.

Sunday, Aug 15th, 1897

Beautiful day. Had a small attendance at S.S. Dr. Dennis being out of town and Jas being sick with a cold did not get up until after dinner. The rest of us all went to S.S. and church as usual. My cold is better but I am far from well. Dr. Tappan preached twice to very large congregations, there being no service in the other churches. We had extra music also, and in the evening chairs were put in the aisles, a few people going into the gallery.

Monday, Aug 16th, 1897

Weather fine. Effie Lomax came early this morning to help us awhile. Is good help so long as she is content to remain. I went to Corps meeting in the afternoon but as no one was present but Miss Emma, Maggie and Mary Peebles and I, nothing was done except reading the Orders which would be past date at the next meeting. Jennie and I afterwards called at Mrs. Drew's, Mrs. Dudit's, Mrs. Buskirk's and Mrs. Drouillard's. E. P. and Helen Greene Went to Ironton. Mr. Smith left at 10.28.

Tuesday, Aug 17th, 1897

Weather pleasantly cool. Mother and Jennie and Willard went to Henley to visit Lizzie. Have been busy as usual, doing things that do not ever show enough to be counted when the day is done. Miss Bessie is getting ready for Grace who will be here soon. Wrote to Maggie Silcox who is up in West Va. for the benefit of her health.

Wednesday, Aug 18th, 1897

Weather delightfully cool and pleasant. I can not enjoy it as I should, however because of my cold. Better but not well. Have been busy all day, putting things in order and sewing a little. Covered Margaret's couch roll and made two cushion covers. Mother returned from Henley at noon. Jennie and the girls did not come. Brother John left for McArthur and Zanesville. went to prayer-meeting. Dr. Tappan left for his vacation today. Took brat for Steubenville to attend Centennial.

Thursday, Aug 19th, 1897

Pleasant.

Mother was over this morning. At noon Jennie and Virginia and Willard returned from Henley. Elizabeth Peebles and Helen Greene came from Ironton. Mg't Peebles had come in also and we hastily organized a picnic for the Ky. hills. Added Lucy, Edith, and Willie Moore, David, Frank and Lucy Tappan and Chas Scudder to our young folks and they met Jennie and I made calls upon Mrs. Prescott, Mary Ellen Moore, Aunt Mary B. Moore, Mrs. Scudder, Mrs. Sam Reed, Maggie and Mary Peebles, Dell and Venetia Ramsey, Mrs. Tappan.

Friday, Aug 20th, 1897

Weather fine. The event of the day was the departure of Hennie with Helen, Virginia and Willard on the 10.28 train. Her going was the finale of the Golden Wedding. IT is all over now and the last guest is gone. This is Enos' birthday.

Saturday, Aug 21st, 1897

Weather warm and dry. Have been hurrying about all day. Helped gather up Mrs. Dennis' dinner party. Bessie, Grace and Margaret from this house and Miss Ellen Drew being her guests. Dr. Dennis did not bring the invitation until after 10 o'clock and then B. & G. were at the other end of town so I went after them.

Sunday, Aug 22nd, 1897

Pleasant. A fine rain fell in the afternoon and continued part of the night. We all went to S. S. as usual. Jas. Carl and I went to Bigelow M. E. Ch. in the forenoon. I went to bed at 7 o'clock in the evening. S. S. was small. I had parts of the classes of Sallie and Mame Knowles. Mr. Dodge and MR. Pratt. Oella was at S. S. she leaves for Lexington home in the morning. Julia goes with her. Will's birthday.

Monday, Aug 23^d, 1897

Cloudy and cool. Heavy rain in the vicinity. The corn in the bottoms was much of it laid low yesterday by the rain and wind. Bessie and Grace went to Haverhill this afternoon for a short visit. Venie Smith came here to make Margaret a visit. She has not been in Portsmouth for five years and sees great changes.

Mrs. Maria Smith, wife of cousin Wm. Smith was buried here this afternoon. Jas. and I went to the cemetery. Father started but the threatened rain decided him to go home instead. Wrote to Will and Miss Fisher to thank her for the picture she sent me. Sent papers to Mrs. Fuller, Bond, Mr. Barton.

Tuesday, Aug 24th, 1897

Delightful day. Busy at home in the forenoon. After dinner Mother, Macy and I went and made a few calls. We called at Mrs. Lehman's and Mrs. Grace Anderson's then Macy went on to the store while Mother and I called at Mrs. Glidden's, who was out. Then upon Mrs. T. J. Pursell and finally at Mrs. Geo. Waller's this was Mr. Waller's birthday, he being 82 years old. Venie, Margaret and the girls went over on the hills this afternoon.

Wednesday, Aug 25th, 1897

Rained very hard last night and was still very cloudy and threatening this A. M. but the afternoon was beautiful. Bessie and Grace returned from Haverhill this afternoon and Venice Smith went back to Fannie Shaw's after a very pleasant visit with us. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Mr. Scudder being the leader in Dr. T.'s absence. Meeting was interesting.

Thursday, Aug 26th, 1897

Beautiful weather. Our colored help went to a picnic and we were alone for the day. Bessie and Grace went to visit Mrs. Titus so we had no one but our own family. Barton having gone to Cin. for the day. Wrote to Will this morning. Took Father to the train this morning, taking Mother to ride first. Then took her again in the afternoon and went to the train after Father at 4.42.

Friday, Aug 27th, 1897

Fine weather though the sun is hot in the middle of the day. Our old friend Mrs. D. D. Jones is eighty-five years old today.

Mother, Mary and I went to see her this afternoon to take our congratulations and a few little tokens of remembrance. Took her for a little drive. I wrote to Mrs. Fanny McClellan Ure, now living in Allegheny. Her address being given me today. Ruth was here and Effie gone when I returned from making calls this afternoon.

Saturday, Aug 28th, 1897

Beautiful day, delightful weather. Was out a few minutes with Mother then came home and was busy the rest of the day.

Grace Hall left on the 2.55 C & O train for New York and we feel that our guests are about all gone now. Barton went to Wellston in the morning and returned in the evening. Lizzie has been studying all day with the intention of taking the Examinations next week.

Sunday, Aug 29th, 1897

Pleasant. We all went to S. S. as usual. I substituted for Julia Tappan who has gone home with Oella to Lexington Ky.

Attended service both morning and evening at Bigelow Church.

Fine congregation both times, few churches open and an extra singer present both times.

Monday, Aug 30th, 1897

Weather cloudy with some rain. Wrote to Will.

Have sewed a little and been out a little.

Bessie went to Haverhill.

Lizzie Peebles came in at bed time and stayed all night.

Papers still full of Klondike gold-field excitement, and idle miners and their troubles.

Tuesday, Aug 31st, 1897

Weather pleasant. The whole month has been unusually pleasant for the season. sewed on my black skirt which I have been re-binding, finished it this evening.

Went to Foreign Mis. meeting at Uncle Enos' in the afternoon. May Peebles, Venetia Ramsey, Sarah Commings, Mrs. Tappan, Mrs. Miller and Mary Ellen and I being the only members present.

Wednesday, Sept 1st, 1897

Very warm again. Have been busy but can not remember what I did aside from the usual work. Was out with Mother as I am once or twice every day. Miss Bessie returned from Haverhill this evening. We went to prayer-meeting in the evening and had a very good and profitable service led by Fred Smith. It was stormy about time we went and the attendance was rather small.

Letter from Will.

Thursday, Sept 2nd, 1897

Cloudy in the morning with indications of more rain. It rained hard last night. The sun came out however and the afternoon proved fine for our Sabbath school picnic which was held at Grand View Park in the afternoon. I went to assist Margaret with her class. She had forty-three little ones present and only three mothers, none of whom were members of our church. The affair passed off nicely, all having a pleasant time. Mother went out with Mrs. Taylor and her boys, and came home right after supper. I wrote to Will as usual.

Friday, Sept 3rd, 1897

Delightful weather. Was out a little while with Mother then spent the rest of forenoon in the house, doing various little things. Was out again in the afternoon. Helped May lengthen her black skirt.

After supper went to see Mrs. Silcox, but she was not at home. The question of School Supt. grows more and more agitated and aggravated. Prof. Vickers refuses to give up the keys and goes on with his work, though the Board of Education has a notice in the papers, every day, stating that neither teachers, nor pupils are to pay any attention to his orders or advice. Sent Will a package. Shirt and hdkfs.

Saturday, Sept 4th, 1897

Fine weather. Cool nights and mornings. Have done little things all day. Was out in the morning with Mother.

Sunday, Sept 5th, 1897

Beautiful day. We all went to Sabbath School as usual after which we scattered, Jas. Carl and I went to Bigelow, May to 6th St. M. E. and Margaret to All Saints. Miss Bessie and Barton to the 2nd Pres. while Lizzie stayed at home.

Enos came home today, will leave tomorrow.

Monday, Sept 6th, 1897

Beautiful day. It being a legal holiday, Labor Day, there was a big parade and after that was over Wallace's Circus had a parade. We were all out all the forenoon seeing sights but after dinner I stayed at home and altered a waist for May and mended another one for her.

Wrote to Will and sister Jennie. Spent the forenoon at the Bank as Carl was there at work and no one else was there. Miss Bessie was with me. Brought Mrs. Fulton down to see the white clematis at Mother's and then took her home again.

Tuesday, Sept 7th, 1897

Delightful weather but quite warm in the middle of the day. School opened this morning with Dr. Vickers in charge in spite of the opposition. Little was done asie from organizing classes. After dinner I went to Mrs. Tappan's to attend the Home Missions Society and afterwards the Aid Society. Work will be commenced in the Lecture Room this week. The County Fair opened today. I did not go. An accident on the trolley hurt four boys, Harry Williams being badly injured.

Letter from Will.

Wednesday, Sept 8th, 1897

Very warm and dry.

Jas. left on the 10.28 train for Columbus to attend the reunion of the Army of West Va. And expects to go on to St. Louis tomorrow evening. My birthday was almost forgotten in the press of other and more interesting affairs. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

Thursday, Sept 9th, 1897

Weather extremely dry and warm. Owing to the County Fair the schools were closed today but non e of our folks went. There is no fair worth going to see. I was busy at home all the afternoon and did not go to W.C.T.U. meeting.

Friday, Sept 10th, 1897

Hot and dusty. Had a busy day. Went down street two or three times, heard that Mrs. Myres' baby died last night so went to ask about it and found the report true. Miss Damarin asked me to call after supper and see Mr. and Mrs. Nutt of Hamden Fce, formerly of Madison and great friends of Father Ricker and his family. I asked Bessie to go with me as she wanted to call there anyway. Before we started Mrs. Silcox and Jeanette came so we were late starting. Was sorry Jas. was not here to see his friends.

Saturday, Sept 11th, 1897

Another hot, busy day. Margaret was up early, went to Market, then drove to the bridge to see the Cross girls about Church Decorations, all before breakfast. Lizzie P. came in at noon and brought M. a lot of wild flowers. I was busy as I could be all day and can not tell now what was done except that I put up some plums and did not get my room in order until nearly night.

Sunday, Sept 12th, 1897

All went to S. S. excepting J. W. who is in St. Louis. We had regular service again both morning and evening and was glad to have our own church open again. Miss Bessie went to the 2nd church to hear Dr. Alderson preach to the teachers.

Monday, Sept 13th, 1897

Weather exceedingly hot and dry. Regular school work today, last week was so broken that it didn't seem like school. Wrote to Will and J.W., Helen, Jennie and two business letters, for S.S. work. Went down to see Emma Dillert and spent most of the day on S.S. work. In the evening Messrs. Titus, Harp and Cook met here to plan County S.S. work.

Tuesday, Sept 14th, 1897

Weather extremely hot and dry and dusty. Have been busy with some County S.S. work, getting circulars ready for mailing all through the county. In the evening Lizzie and I attended the preliminary meeting of the C.L.S.C. at Bigelow church. We shall lose Rev. Mr. Dick the Pres. who goes to a new field. Mrs. Coates the Sec'y who leaves soon for a winter in Boston where she will teach and study and Miss Anna Ball from the Program Com. she having gone to Cin to live. In fact our Com in Program will all be good.

Wednesday, Sept 15th, 1897

Weather intensely hot. I was out with Mother in the carriage most of the forenoon and then took Lizzie Peebles to the train at 2 o'clock. I took Mother and Mary for an ice-cream soda, it being the first Mary had ever tasted and Mother had her first yesterday. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Went to see Harey Bannon, Prosecuting Attorney on business but he was out so I left a list with him.

Thursday, Sept 16th, 1897

Very, very hot all day. Late in the afternoon it began to rain and turned much cooler. I was busy with tomato preserves and other things. Did some writing, sent off a lot of S.S. circulars and wrote to Will. This is Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary's also Mr. and Mrs. Geo Mason's Anniversary. Lizzie was in at noon and I took her out to the train and then did some errands of my own.

Miss Lucy Hall came home with Bessie and stayed until bed time. Papers are reporting Yellow Fever in several cities of La. and Miss.

Friday, Sept 17th, 1897

Cloudy, cool and still raining a little this morning. There has been a great change in the weather since yesterday.

I have been busy at home all day. Finished up the tomato preserves, a few quince and apple preserves and then skinned a half peck of small onions for pickles. Then I sewed on Lizzie's waist until almost dark. Julia Tappan was here. Wrote to J.W.

Saturday, Sept 18th, 1897

Pleasant but very dusty.

Margaret took Mattie and Grace Cross out to the country after Golden Rod and other wild flowers this morning. Then Elizabeth Peebles came in and brought her a fine lot, so they have plenty.

Carl went to Ironton this evening, returning on the late train.

Sunday, Sept 19th, 1897

Beautiful day. All went to S.S. excepting J. W. who is still out in Kirkwood. Margaret and the Cross sisters succeeded in beautifully decorating the church with Goldenrod and wild white aster. Attended all the usual services today. Mrs. Lorey, Emma Dillert, Miss Bessie, and I with Dr. Dennis had a meeting and arranged for the Rallying Day exercises next Sabbath.

Monday, Sept 20th, 1897

Pleasant. Was home all forenoon, busy as usual. After dinner went to W.R.C. meeting which was better attended than usual, as the matter of disbanding was discussed. The feeling was strongly against such a move and we had quite an enthusiastic meeting. On the way home I went to Anderson's and bought May an umbrella for her birthday. Will sent her a dollar, Miss Bessie gave her a collar button and Macy gave her three fine hdkfs. Mother gave her a new skirt, or material for it, embroidery ect. Wrote to Will and J. W. attended City S.S. meeting at 2nd Prs. Ch. in evening. Lucy and Edith Moore, Ruth Thompson, Bess Pixley and Georgia Gilmith of Jasper City spent the evening with May.

Tuesday, Sept 21st, 1897

Weather still dry. Middle of the day hot, nights cool and almost frosty.

I went to the church early this morning to meet Mary Peebles and help attend to getting the carpet down.

Mattie Peebles came later, and I went after Mrs. Colville. Came home and sent Lizzie on the wheel to ask sixteen ladies to come after dinner and help sew. Plenty of help after dinner. Was too tired to go to the Chautauqua meeting in the evening. IT was only a preliminary meeting anyway.

Wednesday, Sept 22nd, 1897

Went to the church again and spent the entire day on the carpet, cutting, sewing and fitting. Mary Peebles, Mrs. Colville and I were the only ones there all day. Miss Emma came after dinner. Mrs. Hadley and Mrs. Miller. Went to prayer in the evening it was held in the ladies' parlor and well attended.

Thursday, Sept 23rd, 1897

Wrote to Will and sent a card to J. W. Have been at the church again all day excepting when I took Lizzie to the train and Mother to do an errand. Very hot in the middle of the day. Lizzie came back to town in the evening but not to our house.

The carpet was finished this evening and looks well.

Friday, Sept 24th, 1897

Was home all day and found plenty to do. A great many little things which had been waiting. Took Lizzie to the train again, at noon. In the evening went with Lizzie to a meeting at All Saints in the interest of a free kindergarten. Miss Perkins and Lizzie had decorated the room with Goldenrod for the occasion. The street cars were run for the benefit of the Old Ladies' Home today and Lizzie was one of about forty ladies who took turns in going in the cars to collect the fares.

Saturday, Sept 25th, 1897

Beautiful day but dusty. Warmer than it has been. We were greatly shocked to hear that Jennie Gharky died this morning at 9.30. She has been ill about six weeks but no one thought her alarmingly so. A complication of troubles which would not yield to treatment, though she seemed better, finally resulted in death. She will be greatly missed and universally mourned by a very large circle of friends, while her Mother has lost her chief dependence.

Sunday, Sept 26th, 1897

Weather warm dry and dusty. All went to S.S. as usual excepting Jas who is still away. We had Rally-Day exercises using the leaflets of both the Pres. Board Publication, and the State leaflet.

It was Miss Coates last day as she leaves this week for Boston.

Monday, Sept 27th, 1897

Still warm, dry and dusty. Was busy at home all forenoon. Did a few errands between times. Went to see Mrs. Eck (Minnie Lehman) about fixing my dress waist.

After dinner Lizzie and I went to Jennie Gharky's funeral at her late home. House was crowded and the funeral procession was the longest I have seen. Jennie will be greatly missed in this community. Rev. Mr. Herson conducted the services, he is the new rector and could not have been acquainted with her. Wrote to Will and sent letter to J. W.

Bessie had her California party to spend the P.M.

Tuesday, Sept 28th, 1897

Still dry and dusty. Spent the forenoon sewing on white goods, underwear. Went to Foreign Missionary Society in the afternoon at Miss Comins' Present Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Barton, M. J. Davis, M.J. and M.E. Peebles; Mrs. Comins, and Sarah, and myself. It was voted to hold the meetings at the church in future since the parlor is in order again.

Wednesday, Sept 29th, 1897

Cool nights and warm days. Sewed some in the forenoon and then got ready and went with Mother to make a few calls in the afternoon. Called upon Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Persis, Mallory, Clara Pursell and Mrs. Halderman and her sisters who are visiting here. Did two or three errands and came home. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. About 10 o'clock we heard a large fire in Ironton was raging and one of our engines had been sent up. Carl and Barton went up on the 11.10 train to see the fire.

Thursday, Sept 30th, 1897

Dry and warm. The boys did not get home until about 7 o'clock. Train was delayed by burned track. Mrs. Ellison and Mrs. Smith called this evening. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting. Sewed on white work all the time I could get today. The S.S. canvassers are out today doing their work. Sallie Knowles and Carrie Hadley were the first to report their work done. Wrote to Will and Jas. today.

Friday, Oct 1st, 1897

Fine day. Nothing to tell of today but reports. Lizzie helped me all day. Mary Peebles most of the day and Carrie Hadley half of the day and still I am not done. Am thinking of going to Newark next week to the W.C.T.U. Convention. Maggie P. and Mrs. Hadley are going and want me to go also.

Saturday, Oct 2nd, 1897

Fine weather. Was busy all day with the S.S. reports and did not get the last of them in up to bed time this evening. Have had no time for any thing else but blanks and reports. Lizzie has helped me all day.

This is Charlie Ricker's birthday.

Jas came home from St. Louis on the mid night train having left there at noon today.

Sunday, Oct 3rd, 1897

Beautiful day. All went to Sabbath school.

J. W. having come home on the late train last night from St. Louis. We attended all the regular services and one extra, the Union S.S. meeting at the Second Pres. Church in the afternoon.

Monday, Oct 4th, 1897

Fine weather. Was up early and packed my telescope for my trip. Left at 10.28 on N & W train with Maggie Peebles for Newark. She will stop there. I went on to Zanesville to spend a day with Jennie before Convention opens. They met all the trains I might be expected on but I was on the other one so had to start for the Terrace alone but found Jennie on the street car and was glad to see her. John came in about bed time.

Tuesday, Oct 5th, 1897

Beautiful day. Warm enough to sit on the veranda and sew. After the children were all gone to school Jennie and I had a quiet visit all day. In the evening Laura Southard and her son Carl called. The latter only staying a few moments. Gussie Connolley is visiting Elizabeth. Saw John a few minutes this A.M. Mr. Smith called to see me.

Wednesday, Oct 6th, 1897

Arose very early and had a light breakfast before going to the train which took me to Newark in time for the morning meeting of the W.C.T.U. Convention. Met a young lady looking for the same place and we went together. Found Maggie Peebles at Dr. Granstaff's and Mrs. Hadley came later to the meeting from her place of entertainment at Mr. Manion's. Large attendance at the Convention and very interesting meeting. Lizzie began work in the kindergarten with Miss Gertrude Perkins.

Thursday, Oct 7th, 1897

Beautiful weather. Spent all day and evening in the Convention and became very tired. Heard Mrs. Lester give a good address this evening which was followed by her daughter Rose giving an exhibition of club swinging which was fine.

Friday, Oct 8th, 1897

Fine weather continues.

Father's birthday. I sent him a letter. Last day of the W.C.T.U. convention and a busy one. Went early to the church. Rec'd a telegram from Carl telling me to go to Cleveland and see Will. Decided to go and spend some time making arrangements for the trip. Sent a message to Jennie over the long distance telephone asking for my letters. they had been spent back to Ports. Spent my last night at Mrs. Larimore's. They have been very kind to me.

Saturday, Oct 9th, 1897

Arose early, very early and got all ready to go to Cleveland, then went to get my breakfast at the restaurant and to see Maggie Peebles at Mrs. Granstaff's. Dr. Larimore took me to the train and I had a pleasant journey to Cleveland where I found Will waiting for me at the depot. we spent the afternoon seeing the stores etc. Went to Carrie George's office and saw Clara, Mr. Dover called while we were there. Went to Dr D's in time for dinner.

Sunday, Oct 10th, 1897

Beautiful day. After breakfast Will and I went to Calvary church and then to Cousin George's for the rest of the day. He was at home and in the evening he and Alice, Will and I went to the church they attend on Bolton Avenue. A very pleasant church. The minister Mr. Zelig wears a robe and looks cold for a Presbyterian.

Monday, Oct 11th, 1897

Beautiful weather. Arose early this morning and watched Will prepare his breakfast and drank a cup of the coffee he made. After breakfast Mrs. Dinsmore took me to drive in the parks and then left me and my baggage at Cousin George's where I am to stay a few days. Mr. and Mrs. John Macrae of Clarksville, Tenn. came also and were with us to dinner to spend the evening. Will was there also. went to see Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Ram, Leslie Johnson and Minni T.

Tuesday, Oct 12th, 1897

Beautiful day. Went with Kate Spear to the Free Kindergarten, seven miles away from her home. Enjoyed the exercises until nearly 11 o'clock then went down street and bought a table mirror for Charlene's wedding gift. Went over to Dr. D.'s for the mail and then back to lunch at 850 Logan St. After that Miss Spear and I went to the Cemetery and visited Garfield's tomb. The day was fine and I enjoyed every minute of it. Went to Mrs. D's and then back to Cousin George's with Will who was to dine there with us.

Wednesday, Oct 13th, 1897

Still beautiful and warm. went down with Clara in the morning as far as the Arcade then she went to the office and I to walk about among the stores. Went to see Mrs. Bolton and met her on the street then to Mrs. Dinsmore's where I found some letters from home. Returned to 850 Logan St. to lunch with the girls then Will and I went to Mr. Bolton's for dinner in the evening. I going over after him. Had a pleasant evening and returned to Cousin George's.

Thursday, Oct 14th, 1897

Beautiful weather. Cleveland is delightful and I enjoy it greatly. Was over to Dr. Dinsmore's twice today. Will came over to Cousin George's in the evening for awhile. Mr. and Mrs. John Macrae of Tenn. Were here to dinner and then left for their home in Clarksville. I have enjoyed them greatly. Mr. Crane of Cin. called in the evening and we were all up very late. I have walked a great deal today and when in the house darned socks for will. This is my last evening at Cousin George's with the girls.

Friday, Oct 15th, 1897

Beautiful day. Had breakfast with Alice, Clara, Charlene and Anna Harford and Kate Spear. Later went down town with Charlene and Anna to get the lace for Charlene's wedding dress and then returned with them to lunch, after which I went to see Mrs. Bierce and Constance. Stayed there until nearly supper time when she went with me to Hough Ave. Told the H. family good-bye. Lucy Collins called to see me. Took dinner and slept at Mrs. Dinsmore's.

Saturday, Oct 16th, 1897

Awoke very early, arose early and after breakfast with Dr. and Mrs. Dinsmore, Will and I went to the Depot and I left for home. Was very lonely after leaving him. Reached Columbus at 12.40 and went to spend the afternoon with Mrs. Silcox and Janie Stewart, boarding at 46 N. 3rd St. Mr. Silcox arrived there just as I did and we all had supper together at the Busy Bee candy Kitchen after which I went to the Station, they walking down with me. It was after 11 o'clock when I got home. Carl and his father met me at the train. Was very tired and glad to get home.

Sunday, Oct 17th, 1897

Weather delightful though dry and dusty.

All went to Sabbath School and church as usual. I had a small class only three being present. Went to all the regular services and was over home in the afternoon. Have thought much of Will today, after being with him last Sunday.

Monday, Oct 18th, 1897

Still dry, dusty and rather warm during the day, tho we had fire in the sitting room. In the forenoon I wrote to Will and after dinner I went to the train with L.P. Mother and Lizzie, then to W.R.C. meeting. Mrs. Pursell was here before dinner. Mrs. Filler and Elizabeth after tea. Wrote to Jennie Fuller for Mother and to Mrs. Vanden for Relief Corp. also Mrs. McLane. Had letter from Mrs. Fanney McClellan Ure of Alleghany. Have had a busy day. Went with Mother to call at Mrs. Peebles. Maggie left today for Toronto and Buffalo to attend W.C.T.U. Conventions.

Tuesday, Oct 19th, 1897

Fine weather. Was most of the forenoon busy with crab-apples that I am going to make into jelly. In the afternoon I was out with Mother. Have been busy every moment of the time since I came home. There seems to be an accumulation of duties. Wrote letters to Mrs. Lariman, Mrs. Dinsmore and Cousin Alice Hosford. Went to see Mrs. Lancaster.

Wednesday, Oct 20th, 1897

Weather fine, but still dry and dusty. Have been busy about the house most of the day, was out in the carriage awhile with Mother. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Have been making jelly today, crab-apple.

Got our C.L.S.C. books and began on my reading. Am in the program for Friday of this week, on short notice.

Thursday, Oct 21st, 1897

Beautiful weather. Wrote to Will. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting this afternoon. Mr. E. Miller died this morning, after years of illness. Mr. Vorhees and family have been very kind and attentive to Mr. and Mrs. Miller always. They are all here now. Mary Peebles came early this morning to say that Cousin Libbie Ferguson died yesterday at Huntington. She was here while I was away so I missed her last visit. I attended a black skirt today, one Mother gave me.

Friday, Oct 22nd, 1897

Beautiful day. Mary Peebles and I went on the noon C & O train to Huntington to attend the funeral of Cousin Libbie Ferguson who died of paralysis last Wed. morning. She had a very large circle of friends and many were there from other places. The services were at the house of Jennie Adams, her only daughter. She leaves a sadly afflicted son, who has been an epileptic for nearly forty years. Cousin Libbie was one of the liveliest Christian characters I ever knew. After we came from the Cemetery, several of us had supper there at Jennie's then I went to Ironton with the Crossley family and Mary went to Ashland with Rob and Hattie.

Saturday, Oct 23rd, 1897

Beautiful weather but still dry and dusty. Slept late this morning and then had breakfast with Mame, Hattie and Florence and Harry Crossley. Gay was home but not well and sleeping late. Called to see Aunt Ad, Helen Ricker and then came home on the 10.28 train. Found all well but Father who is still in bed. After dinner Mother, Jas and I went to the funeral of Mr. Emanuel Miller. Jas was a pall bearer, Richard drove out with Mother and me. Miss Gilruth and Mrs. Oaks of Yager City and Mrs. Musser called. Gertrude La Croix were here also.

Sunday, Oct 24th, 1897

Beautiful weather. Flowers still beautiful and last week there were a few blossoms on the cherry tree in our yard. All went to S.S. as usual and then to the church services. I was over home in the afternoon. Father is sick in bed, Mother is quite well.

Monday, Oct 25th, 1897

Weather fine. Was busy at home all the forenoon. Wrote to Will and Sister Jennie in the morning then in the evening wrote to Charlene Hosford, Mrs. Ure of Allegheny, Helen Ellis and Mrs. Smith of Davenport. Florence Crossley was here to dinner after which I took her to the train, taking Mother for a ride and Lizzie to Miss Reilly's for the Kindergarten training lesson.

Tuesday, Oct 26, 1897

Weather fine but still dry. Was at home and busy all forenoon putting a new binding on Elizabeth's black skirt. In the afternoon I took Mother out in the carriage until time to go to the Foreign Mis. Soc. at the church. After which I took Mrs. Commins and Miss Sara home and then came home myself. Hem stitched awhile on Sister's work. Had a good letter from Will who is feeling better than when I was there.

Wednesday, Oct 27th, 1897

Weather still fine and dry and dusty. Have been busy all day in various ways. Went out in the morning to see Mrs. Snodgrass, Mrs. Pursell, Mary Peebles, Miss Bell and others about Relief Corps meetings tomorrow.

Thursday, Oct 28th, 1897

Fine day. Was spending the forenoon putting the house in order when a Hackman brought Mrs. Vanden to the door.²⁶ She comes to inspect the Corps and wrote that she would be here at 4.42 P.M. but came at 10.28 instead. Spent the afternoon doing a few errands, going to W.C.T.U. meeting, and then to Relief Corps inspection. In the evening Jas, the two little girls, Mrs. Vanden and I went to hear J. G. Worley the temperance speaker at the Christian church. Carl was there also and sat behind us. Wrote to Will.

Friday, Oct 29th, 1897

Beautiful weather. I spent most of the forenoon with Mrs. Vanden, finishing up the books and papers of the Corps, then gave her a lunch and took her to the train. In the afternoon I lengthened May's brown dress, putting a new binding on the bottom the "Brush Binding." Lizzie and I are doing our Chautauqua reading in Social Spirit of America.

²⁶ Hack: a carriage or automobile for hire.

Saturday, Oct 30th, 1897

Beautiful day, still dry and dusty. Have been busy as usual all day. In the afternoon Mother, Lizzie and I went out into the country to look for autumn leaves, they are about all gone. Mary and I cut down the clematis vine over home and took it to the church to use as a decoration. Carl had a letter from Will.

Sunday, Oct 31st, 1897

Beautiful day, signs of rain which however did not come. We all went to Sabbath School as usual, and attended the church services. Late in the evening the promised rain came. Frank Tappan brought home the beautiful clematis vine which I had used as a decoration at the church and I put it out in the rain, hoping to raise some slips from it.

Monday, Nov 1st, 1897

Rained all day, the first time in a long ~~time~~ while. The C.E. Society met here this evening and after the business meeting they had some halow'een games and a good time generally. Julia Tappan stayed all night with Sister. I wrote to Will as usual, also to Alice Hosford acknowledging the receipt of Charlene's wedding card.

Tuesday, Nov 2nd, 1897

Rained all night but cleared off in the morning then rained again later in the day. Not propitious weather for Republicans. Mr. Dover called early this A.M. to say he had recently seen Will and hoped to see him again tomorrow. Was busy all day, did errands until noon, then met Lizzie Peebles at the train and did more errands. Mother had a dinner party in the after noon and I assisted Margaret in waiting upon the guests. Mother and Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Cotton, and Mrs. Sam Reed, Mrs. Helfenstein and Miss Spry, Mary Ellen and Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. J. E. Miller and Mrs. Tappan, Mrs Taylor, Mrs. Kline and Lizzie P. sat at the table. Mrs. Peebles and Mrs. Lewis did not come.

Wednesday, Nov 3rd, 1897

Beautiful day. Invited Father, Mother, Mary, John, Uncle Enos, and Sam, their wives, Dr. and Mrs. Tappan to take supper with us. Father and Aunt Mary did not come but Arthur Titus happened in and we asked him to stay, so he did. Went to prayer meeting as usual and after returning a second party came in and surprised us. Margaret had planned it before I decided upon the tea party and her planning was a success. Continued in the appendix.

Nov 3^d, 1897 continued

After we came in from church, and before I had put away my wraps, Uncle Enos and his wife came saying they had returned to finish their visit. Then Miss Emma Bell came saying she wanted to see me on business. Next came Dr. and Mrs. Tappan, followed by Mary Peebles and Dell Ramsey, Dr. and Mrs. Dennis, Mother, Macy, Frances Helfenstein, and Thyrsa Spry were in Bessie's room with the door closed. RM. Taylor came alone, saying Mrs. Taylor was sick but had sent a little souvenir, it is a beautiful card which she painted to commemorate the day and I think I shall have it framed. Thyrsa had written an alphabetical poem which she read. It was quite good and I shall keep a copy of it. We had a pleasant evening and the young folks served coffee, cakes and fruit. Several others were asked but could not come. Dr. and Mrs. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Miller among the number.

Thursday, Nov 4th, 1897

Rained a little but not much. Was windy and I took more cold. Was out driving right after dinner and again after 4 o'clock. Took Mother and Macy to do a few errands, then went to W.C.T.U. meeting after which I took Mother and Lizzie and went after Miss Bessie and we all went to see Arthur Titus' green house. Wrote to will as usual.

Friday, Nov 5th, 1897

Cloudy and damp. It rained several times today. My cold is still bad. I went down street just before noon to take some clematis vine to Mrs. Helfenstein and see her and Thyrsa a few minutes. Then did an errand for Lizzie Peebles. Did some mending and put some summer underwear away after putting it in order for immediate use when mended. Made Elizabeth a new white apron for her kindergarten work. Florence Crossley came on the evening train. Barton went to Cin. at 2 P.M.

Saturday, Nov 6th, 1897

A beautiful day, though rather cool and still damp. Have been at home all day doing the usual necessary work, and finishing up a few little things. Florence and the girls have been enjoying the day together. Thyrsa Spry, Mrs. J. E. Miller and Julia Tappan were here this after noon.

Sunday, Nov 7th, 1897

Rainy we all went to S.S. and church as usual. IT was so rainy I did not go over home this afternoon. Have a cold and did not want to go out more than was necessary.

Monday, Nov 8th, 1897

Rainy all day. Lizzie had a long walk in the rain to Kindergarten this morning, and then to Miss Reilly's to the training class in the after noon. she was to have met with the C.L.S.C. Instruction Com. at Miss Jackson's this evening but had been out so much for she had headache and had to go to bed. Brother John's birth day. Wrote to Will.

Tuesday, Nov 9th, 1897

Rainy and not very pleasant. I went out today to see Mrs. Tappan and Mary Ellen about the program for prayer-meeting. Dr. Kline having asked me to get the ladies of the Missionary societies to make a program as Dr. Tappan is away. I went to see Maggie Peebles and after wards called upon Mrs. Selby and the Bride Mrs. Cora S. Dillon.

Wednesday, Nov 10th, 1897

Rained a little but most of the day was bright but very windy. It is getting quite like winter. Jas bought a new stove for the hall and now that both stoves are up we are ready for the winter weather. I still feel the effects of my cold and yet felt that I must go to prayer-meeting, having promised to read an article on missions. Dr. Kline led the meeting.

Letter from Will who writes he has been advanced in work and pay.

Thursday, Nov 11th, 1897

Rain, wind, sunshine, a little hail and a little snow made up the record for today. Was busy at home all the forenoon and then went to Mrs. Caskey's reception given in honor of the two brides Cora and Essie Dillon. A keen wind was blowing and I feared to go out lest I take more cold but Jas. took me in the carriage and called for me about 3 o'clock. The brides wore their wedding dresses and there was a profusion of flowers, the colors being chiefly pink and white. Wrote to Will today.

Friday, Nov 12th, 1897

Raw cold and windy. Have been trying to get something ready for Miss O'Connor to sew on next week. In the evening Lizzie and I attended the C.L.S.C. meeting at Bigelow Lecture Room. I as elected Vice President in my absence from town and as Mr. Fuller was away this evening I had to preside. The attendance was small.

Saturday, Nov 13th, 1897

Beautiful day, not so cold as yesterday. Was busy at home all forenoon, with usual duties. After dinner took Mother for a little drive, taking Bessie as far as Mrs. Clough's. Brought Mother home and then Lizzie took me up street to make a few calls. Mrs. Hagar was not at home. Found Mrs. Caskey in and made my party call there. Called upon Mrs. John Dillon who was not at home. Came home and got Margaret and then called upon Mrs. Geo Selby and Mrs. Ben Dillon, the latter not being at home.

Sunday, Nov 14th, 1897

All went to Sabbath School. It was a rainy day and not a good day for S.S., so many do not attend when the weather is not favorable. We attended the usual services, both morning and evening. Dr. Tappan went to Indianapolis and then to see Oella and Rev. Mr. McWilliams of Eckmanville preached for us and was well liked by all who heard him.

Monday, Nov 15th, 1897

Rained, as it has for two Mondays. Was busy at home in the forenoon with Miss Maggie O'Connor who came this morning to sew this week. In the afternoon I had to go to Relief Corps. Only six were present, M.J. and M.E. Peebles, Miss Bell, Mrs. Whitney, Miss Musser and myself. In the evening the young folks all went to Bigelow to the first of the lecture course entertainments. I stayed at home alone and worked on my books and other writings. Fanny Spry died very early this morning after several years of consumption.

Tuesday, Nov 16th, 1897

Rained all day long. Helped with the sewing in the morning and at 2 o'clock went to Maggie Peebles to hear her tell about the W.C.T.U. Convention she has been attending, the state at Newark, the Dominion, and the World's both at Toronto, Canada and later the National at Buffalo N.Y. She invited the Union and allowed each member to ask one other person. She afterwards served coffee and wafers. It was a pleasant occasion. Mr. & Mrs. Prescott called this evening.

Wednesday, Nov 17th, 1897

Still somewhat rainy, so we took umbrellas to prayer meeting. It was delightful in the afternoon. Worked at home all the forenoon then went to Fanny Spry's funeral at our church at 1.30 P.M. Jas was one of the pall bearers. Fanny was a lovely christian girl and had many friends. A large number were present at the funeral. Dr. Tappan returned from Lexington to be here for the occasion. Mrs. Spry has the sympathy of everybody in her sore bereavement.

Letter from Alice Hosford.

Thursday, Nov 18th, 1897

Fine day and quite mild and pleasant. Wrote to Will as I usually do. Was at home all day sewing, or helping with the work in some way. We are making a dress for Lizzie now having finished May's. Have many, many interruptions and do not get along very well. Cards to a reception at Mrs. J Miller's for Saturday.

Friday, Nov 19th, 1897

Beautiful day and quite mild. Carl decided finally to start on his vacation and left home on the C. & O. train at 2.08 P.M. intending to go to Kirkwood. We are glad to have him go for he needs a rest and change badly.

I have managed to sew all day except just long enough to go to the Bank and telephone a message to Carl after he crossed the river. In the evening Jas. Margaret, and I went to Dr. Cotton's to attend the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Magazine Club.

Saturday, Nov 20th, 1897

Beautiful day. Was rushed from morning until late bed time. we finished the second dress but did nothing more. I had to attend Mrs. Miller's reception with Mother, then called upon Mrs. Jones and Maggie who were not at home. Called upon Mr. J. G. Peebles who has just returned from M.Y. where his eye was operated upon. Card from Carl said he had gone to Cleveland and I am delighted. Cards to a reception and Mgt Johnson's next trick and invitation to luncheon at Mary Damarin's Tuesday. Call from Henry Tracy this eve. Alex and Mary Ricker here today.

Sunday, Nov 21st, 1897

Weather fair and bright. Attendance at S. S. good, we all went except Carl who is in Cleveland today with Will.

I went to the church in the afternoon to hear the singers practice for the Convention under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Herron of All Saint's Episcopal Ch. He is taking a deep interest in the Convention.

Monday, Nov 22nd, 1897

Weather anything but pleasant. The S. S. Congregation opened at 9 o'clock this morning, but Mr. A. H. Cross the State officer from Toledo came at 10.28 and Jas. met him at the train and took him to the church. The attendance was only fairly good but the interest was lively. Wrote to Will this morning. Had a nice letter from Carl, that is May had one.

Tuesday, Nov 23rd, 1897

Rather cold and very raw and unpleasant. The S. S. Co. Convention as very interesting and lasted until about 3 o'clock P.M. I missed Miss Damarin's luncheon as I could not leave the Convention especially when Mr. Cross was our guest. He made a most favorable impression here and did good work. He left on the afternoon train for Toledo, his house. I went up to Margaret T.'s after 4 o'clock but she was not at home. Mr. Leroy Smith was here to dinner. David and Frank Tappan came this evening to stay until Helen gets over the mumps.

Wednesday, Nov 24th, 1897

Weather still damp, and warm for the season.

I spent most of the day sweeping, dusting, and putting the house in order for tomorrow. Florence Crossley came on the noon train. I wrote to Will and Carl, one in Cleveland and the other in Kirkwood. We all went to prayer meeting except Miss Bessie, David and Frank going with us and May also as she had no lessons to prepare.

Thursday, Nov 25th, 1897

Thanksgiving day was fair and unusually warm. Carl is in Kirkwood and Will in Cleveland, but we had Frank and David Tappan and Florence Crossley and brother John with us. Macy was here but did not sit at table. Father and Mother accepted an invitation to dine with the Peebles family. Miss Bessie was up at Mr. S. O. Titus'. We all went to church and then had a good dinner when we came home. Margaret drove Andy and took Julia, Lizzie and Frank and Barton got a double team and took David, Florence and May. They drove over on the West Side.

Friday, Nov 26th, 1897

A very dark rainy day, the forenoon was like April with sunshine and shower, then all the afternoon was very rainy. Florence Crossley took May home with her to Ironton this morning for a short visit. David and Frank Tappan are still here and Julia Tappan and Julia Prichard came to stay all night with Margaret and Lizzie. Had a letter from Carl today. Alex Ricker was here to dinner today.

Saturday, Nov 27th, 1897

Cleaner but still damp and much cooler. was busy with the house work all fore noon. Put a new binding on Margaret's blue dress after dinner and about 3 o'clock went to make some calls. Found Mary Y. and Jennie Ramsey, Mrs. Scudder and Miss Damarin, Margaret and Nora Johnson, Ms. Lane and Emma Jennings all away from home. Mrs. McClure and her daughter in law, Mrs. Dukes and Miss Sue Reed were at home, also the home folks. No letter from Carl or Will. Barton went to Ironton this afternoon to visit at Florence Crossley's home. John Moore left for Grand Rivers. David and Frank Tappan went home today.

Sunday, Nov 28th, 1897

Pleasant. All went to S. S. and church as usual and nothing of special interest marked the day. No, I forgot, May and Barton were away and we missed them very much. They are in Ironton today and the house seems very lonely without them. The rest of us went as usual.

Monday, Nov 29th, 1897

May and Barton returned on the very early train from Ironton but waited at the station with Florence Crossley until the C.P.V. left for Henley and she went on it, then they came home in time for breakfast. WE are glad to have them home again.

Monday, Nov 29th, 1897

Weather fine and fair. Miss Maggie O'Connor came again to sew a week with me and I want to try to do more than when she was here last. I had a regular run of callers this afternoon. Mrs. Eugene Anderson, Mrs. Cotton, and her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Rardin, a singular coincidence was that each of them was closely related to physicians, two being wives and three daughters of doctors.

Wrote to the boys.

Tuesday, Nov 30th, 1897

Rather fair and cold. Was busy at home all the forenoon. Attended the Missionary meeting at 2 P.M. after making a visit to the photograph gallery and doing several errands. After the society I went over home to meet Mrs. Gilruth and her daughters and Mrs. Pixley who were being entertained by Mother and Mary. Lizzie P. came in and stayed all night with the folks. Mrs. Ward called and they sent for me, but I went back after she left.

Letter from Carl.

Wednesday, Dec 1st, 1897

Weather rather mild for the season. Have been busy all day and there is not much to record either. Helped Miss Maggie all I could and then went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Lizzie was not feeling very well so did not go.

Had letter from Carl, the dear boy writes about every day. No letter came from Will.

Thursday, Dec 2nd, 1897

A rainy day. I did not go to W.C.T.U. but stayed at home and sewed with Miss Maggie. Had a letter from Carl. Wrote to him and Will as usual. Miss Lucy Hall was here to tea and spent the evening playing guitar. Arthur played the mandolin but our girls did not play this evening.

Friday, Dec 3rd, 1897

Rained most of the day.

I helped Miss Maggie with the sewing, finishing up Lizzie's green and brown dress, and the black waist I was altering. It rained this evening very hard, May went to the debating society at the High School and J.W. and I went to S. S. teachers meeting at the church. Margaret had gone before and stopped at Dr. C's. There were about a dozen teachers present and the old officers were re-elected.

Had letter from Carl.

Saturday, Dec 4th, 1897

The day was very dark and short. Being Miss Maggie's last day with me, I sewed all day. We got quite a good deal done on Margaret's red silk waist but we can not finish it until she comes again.

Elizabeth Peebles was left today so came here to stay until Monday.

In the evening they popped over and made butter-scotch.

Sunday, Dec 5th, 1897

Weather indicates snow, it was colder than yesterday. All went to Sabbath School and the usual church services, all but Carl who is still at St. L.

In the afternoon J. W. and I went to Sixth St. M. E. Church to the Bi-monthly meeting of the Sunday School Association which was very well attended. Mr. Reed was unable to be present and Mr. Titus presided.

Monday, Dec 6th, 1897

A slight sprinkle of snow gives everything the appearance of winter. Atmosphere damp. Sky cloudy. Was busy all forenoon, went to see Miss Emma and Mrs. Johnson on business and to Mr. Gillett's for a second sitting. Had a note from Mr. Cross with the piece "Palestine" which he promised to send me. Spent the afternoon over home with Mrs. Haldeman and little Augusta, Ford and J.W. were there at tea time and we had a fine supper. The baby is so very sweet and interesting.

I wrote to Will and Carl after dinner.

Elizabeth Peebles went home on the early train.

Tuesday, Dec 7th, 1897

Weather tolerably fair.

Did the usual work and then went to see Mrs. Eck about the trimming for my dress. Got some silk and raid which I took out to her.

Went to see Mrs. Prescott but she wasn't at home. Lizzie and May then went for me but still she was not at home. I was out in the carriage with Mother a little while, after taking Father, uncle Enos over to Union Mills right after dinner.

Wednesday, Dec 8th, 1897

Bright and pleasant. I went after Mrs. Precut with the carriage then to the doctor's to get some medicine for colds, Lizzie's and mine. Went to the Kindergarten and stayed until noon, we enjoyed it all very much. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

Thursday, Dec 9th, 1897

Ther about 60°

Fine day and so mild we do not need fire sin the grates. Mr. Jas. Biles came today and re-set the grate and mantel in the sitting room.

I was busy at home all day, except a little while when I was waiting for the dust to settle after he left, when I went over home and visited with Macy a little while.

Wrote to Will.

Friday, Dec 10th, 1897

Bright and clear and very mild. Have had a regular house-cleaning after the work of yesterday. Mr. Sudder called in the forenoon to get the names of the S.S. pupils and get started in the Home Department work of which he is the superintendent.

In the afternoon he came and finished the work.

The cards for the marriage of Florence Hadley and Tom Dillert are out.

Saturday, Dec 11th, 1897

Weather fair.

was busy as usual with the Saturday work.

Alex and Mary were down today.

I can not tell where my time goes, am busy every moment, it seems.

Sunday, Dec 12th, 1897

Weather fair. All went to S.S. as usual and then to church.

Was over home in the afternoon. Went to church in the evening.

Monday, Dec 13th, 1897

Cloudy and somewhat rainy. Was busy all day putting the house in order as we were to have company to tea and the C.L.S. Circle in the evening. Went up to see if Maggie Peebles would come with Jennie Ramsey to tea. She said she had to feed her father and could not come until after tea. The circle met and Rev. Filler was here to preside. Maggie Peebles, Jennie Ramsey were here and we had a pleasant meeting. ~~Wrote to Will.~~

Tuesday, Dec 14th, 1897

Weather mild for the season. Was busy all day at home. Macy wants me to go to Cin. with her tomorrow for company, she hasn't been for several years and I have not been for a long time so we shall hope to have a fine time. Went to S.S. Teachers' meeting in the evening and was appointed to lead the next one as they want the Teachers to take turns leading. I do not want to do it but shall do my part as well as I can.

Wrote to Will.

Wednesday, Dec 15th, 1897

Cloudy all day but no rain. Macy and I went on the 6.05 train C.W. & V. to Cin. for a day's shopping. Found many others on the train. Reached Cin. at 10 A.M. did one or two errands then went to Covington to see Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn and found Mr. B. at home and she came before we left. We enjoyed seeing them. Bought Lizzie a jacket for 7.50 and Macy got a number of things. We had a pleasant day and found all well and happy when we came home.

Thursday, Dec 16th, 1897

Not very clear but no rain today. Was busy with the usual house work all forenoon and was out most of the afternoon. In the evening Macy had the Kindergarten teachers take tea and spend the evening with her. Lizzie Peebles and her two little boys were in to stay all night.

Miss Bessie showed me her new diamond ring which she got last evening and is very happy over it. Things seem to be going very smoothly.

Wrote to Will.

Friday, Dec 17th, 1897

Rainy and mild. Was out in the forenoon, seeing what was in the stores and doing a few errands. Find I can get what I want here when I have enough money.

There is nothing in the weather to suggest Christmas but there are numerous plans which promise pleasure when the time comes. This evening the two girls, Papa and Carl are playing dominos and enjoying it very much.

Saturday, Dec 18th, 1897

Fair and cold. Hurried through my morning work and went down street to do some errand, then spent the rest of the forenoon at the County Teachers' Institute, the time being directed to a paper on Primary work by Margaret and one on Physiology by Miss Bessie. Both were good. In the afternoon I washed my black skirt and did more errands. My new black serge dress was brought home, it was bought for an anniversary present but was a long time being made.

Sunday, Dec 19th, 1897

Fair and pleasant. All went to S. S. as usual and to the regular church services. Studied most of the afternoon.

Had a class of six this morning. Carrie Hadley was absent, being sick.

Monday, Dec 20th, 1897

Sleet in the morning, rain all day long. Heard this A.M. that Ernest Hoty died last evening so I went down to his home and saw his sisters. Then went to Hermes to get some flowers for his S.S. class, Barton being one of them said he would be glad if some one would do it for them. Went to Relief Corps meeting in the afternoon but there was no quorum and no meeting. Election was postponed. Have been out in the rain most of the day doing errands, helping the girls find X'mas presents. Wrote to Will as usual.

Tuesday, Dec 21st, 1897

Wet and disagreeable. I went down to Mrs. Hoty's right after dinner and took the flowers the S.S. class sent as a token of their regard. Found John, the other brother sick, but still sitting up. He have been busy packing boxes to send away. Sent one to Grand Rivers and one to Kirkwood, the later being principally Carl's contribution. We shall send Will a package. Called to see Carrie Hadley.

Wednesday, Dec 22nd, 1897

A bad, disagreeable day. Was busy all the forenoon and at 2 o'clk P.M. Jas. and I attended the unreal of Ernest Hoty at the Ger. Evangelical church. His mother being a member of that church, his funeral was held there, Dr. Tappan assisting in the services. I am sorry for the family the only brother left is down with the same fever (Typhoid) and could not attend the funeral. Only the Mother and two sisters there, of the family. After prayer-meeting we all, excepting Carl) went to Florence Hadley's and Tom Dillert's wedding.

Thursday, Dec 23rd, 1897

Cold and windy.

Was busy all day doing things for those who were in school and could not do for themselves. Began some nigh shirts for Carl but think I'll not get them done until after X'mas. Went up and down town several times. In the evening we had our regular S.S. teachers' meeting and it was my turn to lead. After that meeting we filled the candy bags for the school.

Friday, Dec 24th, 1897

Cold, clear and windy.

Have been very busy all day doing errands. The girls did not get out fo school until noon and that left them little time for errands. May was excused from school and went to Sister's school to see their entertainment. I couldn't spare the time to go In the evening our S.S. entertainment was given after which we came home and not having a tree to prepare we went to bed in good season Lizzie Peebles was in and lost her new gold watch. Barton went home.

Saturday, Dec 25th, 1897

Cold and clear, a fine Christmas day. We had not tree today but had our gifts piled up at our places at the breakfast table. No one got any expensive gifts but each one of us had quite a number of remembrances. I had the receipted bill for the making of my dress from Jas. From Margaret and Carl a nice silk umbrella, from little girls a portefolio and Mother and Macy made each of us, the three girls and myself, beautiful lace handkerchiefs made as no one else but Mother makes them.

Beautiful lace, embroidery and work. Bessie gave me ever welcome stationary. Florence Crossley sent me a pretty pair of bedroom slippers, her own work. I had my photos for each of the family circle and the home folks, and a few other little things, as all the pictures were not yet finished. Margaret worked on photos a good part of the day, developing, toning and finishing and made over nicely.

Saturday, Dec 25th, 1897

We all had a most delightful time and our happiness was complete when Will walked in just before dinner, having found that he could come after having sent us word that he did not think he could Carl always enjoys the day so much, because he does so much to make it pleasant for others. His gifts included the Uncle, Aunts, and Cousins besides the family and other friends. It seems to be the best part of all the year to him. Bessie had a great many pretty things. Margaret gave her a pretty cracker jar. The little girls an old blue and gold Cream and sugar, Carl a blue and gold olive dish. Margaret had from Macy a very beautiful picture of violets framed in white and gold. Hdks from Papa, an olive dish in white and green from me. The little girls gave her the C.E. Birthday book, a Daily Message by Mrs. F. E. Clark, Carl gave her an alligator travelling bag and Miss Bessie gave her violet paper for lamp-shade and a handkerchief. Amy Thompson and Raymond York Married.

Sunday, Dec 26th, 1897

Beautiful day, not so cold as yesterday as there is no wind. All went to Sabbath school as usual. I had some new pupils put into my class. Miss Cousins class, Miss Coates' and mine have been consolidated. This is the time for the rearranging classes for the new year. We were glad and thankful to have Will with us all day. It was all that we needed to make our pleasure complete. We attended all the church services.

Monday, Dec 27th, 1897

Beautiful and clear. Ground frozen and a little snow on it. Had another pleasant day with Will who left on the 4.42 train for Cleveland. Geo Dennis called here this morning and left on the same train with Will. I went out to old Mrs. Gableman's and got sister Lizzie's watching, giving her a reward of \$5.00 for returning it Prichard came at noon and got it. More Christmas packages came in the morning mail, we have had a very delightful holiday.

Tuesday, Dec 28th, 1897

Weather rather cold and clear. Lizzie Peebles came in at noon with thanks for my aid in getting her watch and for the picture I sent her. Went to the Foreign Mis Society at the church in the afternoon. Came home and had a call from Mrs. H. which gave me a great deal of trouble.

Mr. Smith came on the 4 o'clk train from Adams' Mills and Bessie Martin came on the C.P. & V. from Henley at 8.50.

Wednesday, Dec 29th, 1897

Weather fair. Have been sick all day and did not go to prayer-meeting and there was no Normal class Dr. Tappan having a wedding after church. Letter from Will, only a few lines to say he was back safely, no I am ahead of time, the letter did not come, but was written today.

Thursday, Dec 30th, 1897

Cold and raining.

Have not been well but went out this A.M. to see Mrs. Filler about the C.L.S.C. as I can not go tonight. Bessie Martin went home after dinner Mary Ricker was here to dinner as was also Bessie and Mr. Smith. Went over home to tea in the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. And Mrs. Dupree and little Mary. Was almost too sick to remain. Mrs. Silcox and Miss Julia Silcox called, the former is very much better.

Friday, Dec 31st, 1897

Cold and clear. The event of the day was a reception at Uncle Enos, yester being their 24th Anniversary and this evening they gave a large reception. I was unable to go but all the other went including Bessie and Arthur and Bessie Martin who returned for the purpose.

Carl and I spent the evening at home, Mr. Smith retired early and Carl and I remained up and talked until the other all came home and we heard the bells ring the old year out and 1898 in before we went upstairs.

Wrote to Will.