

## **Friday, January 1, 1909**

Portsmouth, O.

Cold and clear again.

The new year finds some changes in our household, and surroundings. James who was ill at this time last year has been gone nearly nine months, and we miss him greatly. Will is still in New York, + Carl in Cin. The three girls are at home + today we had the Mannings + Mrs. Dennis, here to dinner, also Willard Greene. In the evening I went with the young people to the Nickelodeon for a few minutes, then Willard + I went over home to see Helen who has just come from Columbus, O. Enos being engaged there now.

## **Saturday, January 2, 1909**

Cold, but not severely so. Helen has been visiting today and telling of her trip home and experiences in Columbus.

We had hoped Margaret would come home today but she did not. She and Miss Cramer are taking a good rest in the country, it does them both much good.

The particulars of the great earthquake in Italy show a greater calamity than was first reported.

## **Sunday, January 3, 1909**

The first Sunday of the new year found us all in Sunday School excepting Margaret who did not return from the Bear Creek farm until this evening. Willard was with us, and school was held upstairs in the audience room, where the special meetings are to be held. Contributions were taken at the evening service for the sufferers from the great earthquake in Sicily, where several towns have been destroyed. Mr. Scudder gave me a new class.

## **Monday, January 4, 1909**

Falling weather is indicated. The holidays are over and schools re-opened this morning. Elizabeth going to the Jefferson St. kindergarten and Margaret to the High School. Willard went around and said his good-byes preparatory to an early start in the morning. Was with us until after supper then went to stay all night with Lewis Brown on Market St.

We went to prayer-meeting this week being the week of prayer.

Went out to do some visiting among my new S. S. pupils.

## **Tuesday, January 5, 1909**

Rainy and dismal all day. Miss Minta Edwards and Mr. Albert L. Wilhelm were married at noon today and left for Florida. Mary was asked to go and see the gifts but did not stop as there were so many guests still there. She went on to Mrs. Manning's.

Willard left on the early train from Louis Brown's home so they return together to Wooster.

## **Wednesday, January 6, 1909**

Cloudy but no rain.

Home in the forenoon.

Went to Ethel Schwartz' at 3:30 to the Kindergarten Board meeting, Messers. Herron + Scudder, Miss Ross, Ethel and I made the forum. Finances are in arrears. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening and always come home too sleepy to do the writing which I should.

## **Thursday, January 7, 1909**

Fair, not very cold.

Home in the forenoon. Went to W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon, and from there to Reilly's on an errand. Mrs. Rowe came home with me to make out W. R. C. reports and was here until late.

We went to prayer-meeting in the evening as usual.

Miss Cora Betts came today to visit her sister Mrs. Manning.

## **Friday, January 8, 1909**

Pleasant for the season.

Had letter from Willard and sent him the Northfield calendar which he forgot to take with him.

Have tried to write my Christmas letters but always seem to end in writing to the boys instead.

The new Union Bible Study Class was opened at 8 PM at Trinity M. E. church with Dr. Elder as instructor, and all the other ministers + their bible students present somewhere between 500 or 600 present this evening. Helen, Mary Moore, Mary Ricker + I went after our own meeting.

## **Saturday, January 9, 1909**

Pleasant. Was busy at the usual housework in the forenoon, Margaret + I sweeping then I dressed for the afternoon and went with Elizabeth, Mary, Mrs. Manning, the children and Miss Cora Betts to see Lyman Howe's moving pictures which are fine.

In the evening the girls went to the Shakespeare Club meeting at Miss Avenel Cadot's home on East Second St. P. P. S. plant was brought in by Mr. Labold for \$6,500 today. Wrote to the boys.

## **Sunday, January 10, 1909**

Cloudy but did not rain during the day.

Went to S. S. as usual and we had school upstairs where it will continue to be held until after the special meetings close.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery was present at all services today, having charge of the chorus choir.

Attended a woman's meeting in the afternoon which was large and interesting.

## **Monday, January 11, 1909**

A dark, rainy, dismal day.

Went over to the Court House two or three times, paying Mary's taxes for her property.

Did not succeed in doing much else.

Helen Peebles was here just before supper to engage milk for her baby.

Went to church in the evening. Rev. W. W. Montgomery is assisting Dr. Elder in the services. Letter from Miss Sherwood.

## **Tuesday, January 12, 1909**

Snow this morning so deep that Margaret did not come home at noon. Cleared off and was bright in the afternoon. I went to pay a small bill at the Hibbs Hardware Co., + Blade office, then spent the rest of the afternoon with Mary Peebles. We had a long talk about various family matters, particularly Lizzie's affairs. In the evening Elizabeth + I went to church + Mary to the Clover Club where E went later. Wrote a long letter to Lizzie P. and short one to the Federal Pub. Co. in Madison Wis. Paid School Tax on all three lots.

## **Wednesday, January 13, 1909**

The deepest snow we have had this season, ther 20° this AM but it moderated, and rained in the afternoon. Letter from Will. Went to church through the snow, Macy + Helen, the two younger girls + I. Weather prevented large attendance. Mr. + Mrs. Geo. Mason have come to visit Mary Peebles + were with her at church. On our way home we stopped to speak with Mary cotton who just arrived today, bringing with her two small pet dogs, regular Chinese. Ching and Vallah.

## **Thursday, January 14, 1909**

Moderating and the slush is very deep. I went to pay Mr. H. Prescott a part of his account, \$100.00 by check. Did some other errands then called to see Maggie Mason at Mary Peebles'. At 2 o'clock Macy and I went to Mrs. Dennis' to a woman's prayer-meeting to pray specially for some in whom we are interested in spite of the bad walking, eighteen were present. I had to go again to see Maggie Mason as Macy wanted to go, found her + Mr. M. at her brother's. Had letter from Carl. Sent letters to Mrs. Boyd + Miss E. V. Ricker + calendar to Mrs. Fuller.

## **Friday, January 15, 1909**

Snow going off with rain + streets very slushy and bad. Was home all forenoon + out all afternoon. Went to Mrs. David Thomas to women's prayer-meeting, being leader. Fourteen present. Macy + I went from there to see Mrs. Manning + family a few minutes. Had letter from Will + wrote him. Church in the evening but I did not go to the Bible class as Mary was not very well + would have gone had I done so.

## **Saturday, January 16, 1909**

Rainy all day and very dark. Still patches of snow, and much slush.

Home all day, mending a skirt for Sister and a waist for Elizabeth. Wrote to Carl, and Mr. Wyman thanks for the book he sent X'mas. The girls went up to Mrs.

Manning's, but Margaret came home to supper, the other girls did not. I wrote a note to Helen Ricker.

Mattie Wood is at Mary Peebles' for a visit and will go from here back to California soon.

## **Sunday, January 17, 1909**

Wet underfoot, walking bad. We went to Sunday School as usual. My new class are good for attendance, but do not study much. The girls are Margery Stokely, Marcia Storck, Edna Copenhaver, Mary Wallace, Grace McGill, Laura Legler, Amanda Marste + Bessie Hill. School still upstairs and hard to teach when so crowded.

Attended all the usual services. John is not well + I was over to see him. Little Robert Hopkins died this AM. Mary + I went to the house today.

## **Monday, January 18, 1909**

Weather not very cold.

This was W. R. C. day and the officers were installed by Mrs. Evans. The meeting took all the afternoon.

Was busy at home in the forenoon.

I am again the sec'y of the W. R. C. and Mrs. Johnson is President with Mrs. Rowe as Treasurer.

The woman's prayer-meeting was held at Mrs. Cross' this afternoon, but I could not go.

## **Tuesday, January 19, 1909**

Bright, pleasant, still muddy in places.

Was busy at home in the forenoon then went with Mrs. Dennis + sister Mary to the prayer-meeting at Mrs. Rowe's in the afternoon. Attendance good. Mrs. Evens leader. The funeral of little Robert Hopkins was held at his late home this afternoon but I did not go knowing the house was small and the relatives + close friends were many.

Mr. + Mrs. Mason here this AM.

## **Wednesday, January 20, 1909**

Fine day, but rather cloudy in the morning. Mary and I went on the 7:10 train to Ironton to see Aunt Ad, Helen, Elizabeth Roebuck + her baby. They expect to leave Friday for Montana to live at Butte. We had a pleasant day. Helen, Mary + I went across the street to see the handsome new Court House, and after inspecting the interior went to the top and saw the city from the roof. It was quite a sight. Got home in time to attend the evening work and go to prayer-meeting, or rather the evangelical services.

## **Thursday, January 21, 1909**

Very pleasant day.

Was busy at home, and over home with John in the forenoon, then went to the W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon.

The prayer-meeting was up at Mrs. Molster's on New Fifth and I could not go both places so went to the nearest one.

Church in the evening.

## **Friday, January 22, 1909**

Very nice. Am busy all the time but scarcely know what to do.

Went to church in the evening then from there to Trinity church to the Bible Study Class. There were 522 present this evening and the lessons seemed well learned, at least the recitations were excellent. Dr. Elder makes a fine teacher.

## **Saturday, January 23, 1909**

Weather mild for the season. Was busy with the cleaning and other household work. John does not improve any and seems to be paralyzed on the left side which renders him helpless as he depends wholly upon his left hand. Dr. Harry Schirman says he cannot expect to improve very fast and the outlook is very discouraging. Mary Peebles and Mattie Wood were here to supper.

## **Sunday, January 24, 1909**

Beautiful day. All went to S. S. as usual. Attendance the largest we have had in years, 332. At the Communion service 47 united with the church, and in the evening two more men Mr. Chas. C. Rowe, and Grover Hacquard declared their intention of uniting next Sunday.

The services today were very impressive. The oldest person to be received was Mr. Jas. Molster and the ages ranged from his, past seventy, to children of ten or less.

## **Monday, January 25, 1909**

Rained and was cloudy and unpleasant.

Letter from Will which I answered. Have been cutting out a night shirt for John. He is in a very bad condition physically and mentally. I went over home after supper and sewed on Carl's vest which I have been fixing. Took the lining out, washed, mended, and put it in again. The girls have had letter from Kirkwood acknowledging X'mas presents, also a letter from Margaret Peebles. Relined a vest for Carl.

## **Tuesday, January 26, 1909**

Bright and pleasant. Colder in the evening. Finished Carl's things and sent them to him, a suit of clothes + some photos. Finished off the first night shirt Mary + I made for John and he put it on. Frank Alger was with him quite a while. Wrote to Carl. Went to W. M. S. meeting at Mrs. Elder's. The two girls went to Rowena Drew's to a Clover Club meeting. I had a letter from Agnes on board the train for Vancouver.

Mary Peebles and Mattie Wood were here, before dinner. Wrote to will, having had letter from him yesterday.

Sent Carl his suit of clothes + letter.

Letter from Agnes en route to China.

## **Wednesday, January 27, 1909**

Fine day but rather windy. Went over home in the forenoon, after going to try more muslin and cut out a third night shift for John, which Mary and I made. After dinner went to Dr. Ruggles' and he finished his work on my teeth. Then I went to see Mrs. Freund, and Mrs. B. W. Hopkins. Went to prayer-meeting and Social at the church. There must have been nearly, or quite two hundred present. Mrs. Manning + Mrs. Betts + the children here to supper.

## **Thursday, January 28, 1909**

Cloudy, sprinkled in the evening. Was over home most of the day and did what I could to make John comfortable. Helen, Elizabeth + Mary went to the Misses Firmstone's for the afternoon. I had intended going to the Calvary Kindergarten Mothers' Social but could not leave Mary alone with John. She is too nervous to do anything for him. After supper Elizabeth went to spend the evening with Mrs. Blake's string orchestra at Bessie Hudson's.

## **Friday, January 29, 1909**

Stormy, rain, wind and a little snow. Was over home to do what I could for John in the forenoon + after dinner. He is still helpless.

In the afternoon I went to see Miss McClain, but did not see Beatrice Belle Brooks as they say no one would recognize her. Went from there to see Clara Pursell, to Mary Peebles', but neither she nor Mattie Wood were in. Then to see Mrs. Dennis, to Mrs. Prescott's and to see Julia Morgan who has been in our S. S. but not lately. Helen, E. M. + I went to the Bible Class and came home in a real blizzard of snow + wind. Did some K-G collecting.

## **Saturday, January 30, 1909**

Ther 19° at 8 AM. Snow storm still on. Worst day of the winter thus far.

Was over home to do what I could for John who does not improve much. Did not go to the funeral.

Wrote to Carl.

Mattie has not yet decided how long she will be here.

## **Sunday, January 31, 1909**

Very cold. Ther near zero. We had two small pipes frozen but Margaret thawed them out before breakfast. All went to S. S. as usual but the attendance was small. Margaret had only eleven, and last Sunday she had fifty-two. Received two more members into church, Messers. Rowe + Hacquard. Had service in basement in the morning because the upper room was too cold. Spent most of the afternoon with John. He had several callers.

## **Monday, February 1, 1909**

Ther -1° in the morning. We kept gas burning in the hall + kitchen, turned low, all night. Sun came out and thawed snow a little in places, but it grew cold again at night. I wrote letters to Helen Ricker of Kirkwood. Elizabeth + Mary went to the C. E. business meeting at Bessie Smith's this evening. Mr. Frank Alger spent an hour or so making

John comfortable this afternoon. I worked some on the new K-G book, the subscription list.

Sent Marcia Storck a birthday card.

## **Tuesday, February 2, 1909**

Very cold in the morning but moderated during the day. Spent most of the day on the new subscription book of the K-G Association.

John is about the same, perhaps a very little better in some respects.

Had a busy afternoon. Mrs. Manning, the children, Miss Betts, Mrs. Pratt, + Mattie Wood were here about the same time.

## **Wednesday, February 3, 1909**

Beautiful day, still slushy underfoot but mild and pleasant. Was over home in the forenoon, then went to Mrs. Manning's to Robert's birthday party the three girls + I. He is two years old today.

Wrote to Will in the morning, and had a letter from him at noon. Letter from Carl.

Went to All Saints' Chapel to the Annual meeting of the K-G Asso'n but there was no quorum so the meeting was postponed.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Good attendance.

## **Thursday, February 4, 1909**

Beautiful day.

Mrs. Manning, the children + Miss Cora Betts spent the day with us, were here to dinner and supper, also.

I wrote to Carl. Was over home a few minutes to see John. Did not go to W. C. T. U. Washed and mended my waist.

## **Friday, February 5, 1909**

Rainy. In the evening it was stormy and interfered with the Bible Study Class, only 291 being present. Grace Cotton + I went on the car, Mary went after Miss Betts + we walked home after the orchestra practice which was held after class.

Jennie Adams, + her daughter-in-law, Mamie Adams, came down from Huntington + spent the day. Mattie Wood was here in the afternoon. They took supper with Mary Peebles.

## **Saturday, February 6, 1909**

Cloudy and unpleasant. Was home all day, excepting for a short call on John in the afternoon. Have a severe cold. Wrote to Will. No letter from him today, one from Frank Ricker containing \$35.00 interest money. Girls went to Shakespeare Club at Edith Fulton's.

## **Sunday, February 7, 1909**

Rather cloudy with rain in the evening.

Went to Sunday School as usual, had all present but one in my class, general attendance very good.

Dr. Elder preached a memorial sermon in the evening for Lincoln's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday which occurs Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and will be duly celebrated all over the country.

I coughed so I had to leave before the sermon was ended.

## **Monday, February 8, 1909**

Pleasant. Was busy with Kindergarten work most of the day opening a new subscription book and making a call on Mrs. Pearl Selby. Was over home in the forenoon and saw Mary Peebles who read us some letters from Elizabeth + Richard Peebles. After supper I went to Dr. Kline's office to the final Com. meeting which has arranged the Lincoln Da celebration.

Wrote to Will.

## **Tuesday, February 9, 1909**

Began raining in the night and has kept it up steadily all day. I have had my pen in use nearly all day. Wrote to Carl. Vernon Halliday came this afternoon to stay until tomorrow. Mr. J. B. Folsom called in the afternoon and after he left I went to the High School to see Margaret, thence to Mrs. Manning's and then to Mrs. Sam Johnson's, to consul him about the Fargo business. The girls and Miss Halliday went to the Clover Club meeting at Edna Davis'. I went to see John. Cousin Eliza C. Boyle died in New York today, was taken to Rock Island, Ill. For burial. She was Mother Ricker's niece + bridesmaid.

## **Wednesday, February 10, 1909**

Rainy, dark and unpleasant. Turned very cold late in the day. Miss Halliday left at 11:47 for Ironton, Mary went with her to the train then went Mrs. Manning's and did not return until bedtime. I went to prayer-meeting and coughed so I had to leave, and returned later. The K- G meeting was held at Ethel Schwartz' and four new vice presidents elected, Dr. Elder, Mrs. Schleifer, Mrs. Pear Selby and A. A. Wilson. Think we will be sure of a quorum at Board meetings here after.

## **Thursday, February 11, 1909**

Beautiful day, cold and bright. Letter from Will which I answered at once. Was over to sit awhile with John who seems rather discouraged. Went to Bendure sale and bought forty yards of fine white matting for the sitting room, at Margaret's suggestion. In the afternoon Mrs. Hattie Johnson came down to do a little W. R. C. work. Mary kept Dorothy + Robert while Mrs. Manning + Miss Betts made calls, then they came here to supper. Later they all went to the H. S. debate at the Christian church.

## **Friday, February 12, 1909**

Rained very hard again today, late in the afternoon. Was wet all day. This being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, it was celebrated all over the country, great preparations had been made by the Patriotic Instructors by G. A. R., Dr. Kline + W. R. C. Mrs. Puntenny. I went to the Kindergarten at Jefferson St. in the morning, to



the Irish Catholic School in the afternoon + the mass meeting at the Christian church in the evening.

## **Saturday, February 13, 1909**

There was a little sunshine today but not much.

Margaret Peebles arrived today from California to make her Aunt Mary Peebles an indefinite visit which will be pleasant for both of them. She came here for a little while then went with Mary and Miss Betts to spend the afternoon at Helen Peebles' who is entertaining for Harriet Peebles.

Wrote to Carl this morning.

## **Sunday, February 14, 1909**

Another wet Sunday and a small attendance at S. S. but not so small as we have had. Attended the usual services, and was over home awhile. Mattie Wood came home to dinner, with us and made a good visit, the last she will make at this time as she returns to Cal. Tomorrow. She is a remarkable little woman, is seventy-three years old, or will be her next birthday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and goes back and forth across the country alone, without any hesitation.

## **Monday, February 15, 1909**

Rainy and dark all day.

Went over to see John who is improving slowly. We all received valentines from Carl today, and I had one from Spencer Schwartz I think.

Helped Mary with her waist which she cut out herself this morning.

Margaret Peebles was here this afternoon, I went to Relief Corps meeting but there was no quorum, so no meeting. Mrs. Dennis went with me. The girls went to a concert at Trinity, Mary played in the orchestra. Had fine long letter from Bessie Titus. Mattie Wood left for California.

## **Tuesday, February 16, 1909**

Rained nearly all last night, and most of the day then began to grow colder. Storms over the country interfering with travel, and telegram work. Helped Mary with her black satin waist.

The girls went to Mrs. Manning's for supper.

Letter from Carl which I answered.

## **Wednesday, February 17, 1909**

Bright and pleasant, rather cool. Sleet storms in some places. Earthquakes reported in Telegram. Persia with great loss of life + property. Wrote to Will, Mary Bailey, and Mattie Sturtevant Sawyer, now living in Dover, N. H. Home all day except when I went to see John, and help Mary with her new black silk waist. Mary had a committee meeting here, E. had her class, Mary Peebles + Margaret were here. Margaret gave me a beautiful picture of Melrose Abbey which she + Williams together enlarged + painted from a postcard. Mrs. Silcox was here. I did not go to prayer-meeting on account of my cold. Mrs. Betts came to say good-bye. Wrote to Oella Lawman.

## **Thursday, February 18, 1909**

Beautiful day, crocus is up and in bloom, the river is high and spring seems near at hand. Was over home before and after dinner. Went to W. C. T. U. meeting and then came home again. Mailed the letter to Bessie Titus, which I wrote last night.

Miss Clara Betts left this afternoon, having been here about six weeks. Margaret Peebles was here. John seems better.

## **Friday, February 19, 1909**

Rained most of the day, with a little sunshine at intervals. Wind, and colder at night. Margaret + Miss C. got ready and started to the country then came home, for which I was glad.

Wrote to Virginia. E + M went to the Bigelow Concert, Helen + I went to the Bible Class, the weather concert + other things reduced the attendance to 217, the smallest we have had so far. River high and rising.

## **Saturday, February 20, 1909**

Beautiful day somewhat windy but it will dry up the mud. Margaret and Miss Cramer left after breakfast for the farm to stay until Monday.

Mary had a committee meeting in the forenoon. I swept and put my room in order, after dinner Mr. Gustin came to see us and after he left I went + spent the rest of the afternoon with John. Had letter from Will which I will answer tonight. Girls went to Margaret Schirrman's to the Shakespeare Club.

## **Sunday, February 21, 1909**

Rained again, with just a few gleams of sunshine in the afternoon. Attendance at S. S. 293. No church service as Dr. Elder has gone to Pikeville, Ky to attend some college service. Went to 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. with Elizabeth and heard the new pastor Rev. Robertson.

Went over home in the afternoon to see John. He had several callers, Dr. Ruggles and Schirrman, Mr. Prescott, Frank Baker + Scott Todd.

Stayed at home in the evening and studied my S. S. Bible lessons.

## **Saturday, February 22, 1909**

Fair most of the day.

Helen and the girls were occupied all day preparing for the entertainment at the church this evening.

Margaret Peebles + Harriet O. were here at noon then came again in the evening after they were dressed.

Margaret + Miss Cramer returned from the country this evening to be ready for school in the morning.

Sent papers to Carl.

## **Sunday, February 23, 1909**

Rained in the night, and all day today, most of the time rained hard. Was over to see John a little while before dinner.

Missionary meeting held here today, and in the hard rain. Mrs. Micklethwait, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Helen Moore, Mary Peebles, Miss McClain + Mrs. Evans came. The latter presided at the request of Mrs. Johnson who had to go to Cin Election of Officers resulted in the choice of Mrs. Evans as Pres. Mrs. Young, V. Pres., Mrs. Micklethwait as Sec'y and Mrs. Dennis as Treasurer.

Letters from Carl. Girls went to Mrs. Herr's to Clover Club.  
Henrietta Stahl, + Gertrude Elliott brought money from their K-G.

## **Wednesday, February 24, 1909**

Another rainy day and the papers are filled with reports of high water everywhere in the Ohio Valley.

Sent Jane Ricker a birthday card. Wrote to Carl. Had a letter from Will from Washington.

Did not go to prayer-meeting on account of my cold which is still troublesome. Grace Cotton came to tell us herself before rumors got out. Had a letter from Cousin Josie Lang, written for Mattie Sturtevant.

## **Thursday, February 25, 1909**

Beautiful day, clear, bright and clean after the rain.

The river is reported 48.2 at 4 o'clock this afternoon and still rising. Was home all forenoon, then went to Mrs. Dammort's funeral with Mary Peebles, then called to see Mrs. Little and Miss Mary, and also Mrs. J. H. Morgan.

Margaret and Harriet Peebles were here to supper.

Went to see John just before supper.

Wrote to Miss Hart, Will, Miss E. V. Ricker. Received the Round Robin letter from the C. L. S. C. Class of 1900.

## **Friday, February 26, 1909**

Fine day, which is most welcome. The river is still rising and is nearly up to the Park on Front St.

The girls went over on the hills with Grace Cotton after arbutus, found a little. She was here to supper and then we all went to Bible Class. I stopped on my way at Capt. Little's residence + he gave me 5.00 for the K-G work. Letter from Carl which I answered. Was over to see John.

## **Saturday, February 27, 1909**

Fair again today. River 51.3 in and nearly on a stand. Was home all day, worked in my room in the forenoon. In the afternoon a few members of the C. L. S. C. of 1900 came to hear the Round Robin letter sent out by members of the class, started by Mrs. E. V. Ricker. Mrs. Dever, Mrs. McColn, Mrs. Trenthart + Alice, and Alice Connins were here. After supper I wrote the letter to send on with the Round Robin to Mrs. D. E. Bolt of St. Louis, then wrote Miss Ricker. Made a tie for Mrs. Campbell's birthday tomorrow.

## **Sunday, February 28, 1909**

Beautiful morning but rather gray day after all.

We all went to Sunday School as usual, and remained to church excepting Mary who came home to get dinner. She had asked Grace Cotton to come home to dinner with us, which she did.

Enos came last night and stayed all day with John who seems to be improving slowly. Ate his dinner without help today for the first time since he was taken sick.

We went to church in the evening and Dr. Elder told of his work at Pikeville Ky. where he helped his friend Dr. Record last week.

## **Monday, March 1, 1909**

Rained again in the night then was cloudy until late in the afternoon when it rained and blew. Had a letter from Will this morning. Enos returned to Columbus. I went to see Mabel Cramer, and Mrs. Webb, then to the Musical with Mary, on the transferable ticket Elizabeth had. Margaret Peebles was here all the afternoon. Mrs. Schleifer came to see me on K-G business + took the 2<sup>nd</sup> St. list to collect for the K-G work. Girls went to C. E. at Bertha Wilhelm's home.

## **Tuesday, March 2, 1909**

Weather uncertain. Not very promising for Taft's inauguration. Wrote to Will. Margaret Peebles was here all the forenoon. Mattie Dover + daughter came this afternoon. Was over to sit awhile with John.

## **Wednesday, March 3, 1909**

Rainy again, and cold and disagreeable. Spent part of the morning with John. After dinner went to see Mattie Dover + Mary Elizabeth at Mary Peebles' where they are visiting. Had been to Labold + Scudder, Mrs. Schleifer, Mrs. Schwartz, Miss Ross + I being present. Went to prayer-meeting. Dr. Elder sick, Mr. Scudder led the meeting. Mary stayed all night at Mrs. Manning's.

## **Thursday, March 4, 1909**

Rainy and cold. Regular inauguration weather in Washington, where Wm. H. Taft took the oath of office. Great preparations had been made and high prices paid for front windows where the parade could be seen.

The retiring President Theodore Roosevelt has finished a fine administration and leaves the county in good hands. Mary and I went to Reilly's and selected papers for the small bedroom. Pension day, I took my papers to the Court House. Mr. Scudder entertained the S. S. teachers. We went.

## **Friday, March 5, 1909**

Fair and pleasant, with signs of rain. Wrote to Will and Carl. Had letter from Will. He did not remain in Washington for the inauguration, preferred being out of the crowd. Margaret and Miss Cramer went to country right after school.

Was over to sit awhile with John who improves, though very slowly. Helen, Mary, E + M and I went to the Bible Class but Dr. Elder is sick in bed and Mr. W. J. Henry taught the lesson. About 250 present.

## **Saturday, March 6, 1909**

Rained in the night and all forenoon. Finished and sent letter to Carl. Home in the forenoon, went to see Blanche Selby on Kindergarten work in the afternoon. Then to see Mattie Dover but she was at her father's, saw Mary who had just returned from industrial school.

E + M spent the afternoon with Grace Cotton, and went to the Shakespeare Club at Mr. Searl's in the evening.

Letter from Carl.

Thundered hard this evening.

## **Sunday, March 7, 1909**

Pleasant. Margaret + Miss C. came home at 5:30. Mary, Elizabeth + I went to Sunday School. Dr. Elder still sick and unable to be out. Mary + I went to the Christian ch. in the morning, and in the evening we went to the Trinity M. E. and heard Mr. Hartinger.

## **Monday, March 8, 1909**

Rained again last night and all day, today. Letter from Will enclosing one from Kate Speare + one from a Mr. Glasscook to Carl. Mary and I made a beginning on the house cleaning today. Took up the rug, tore off the ceiling paper and washed the paint in the dining room, made ready for the paper hanger tomorrow.

## **Tuesday, March 9, 1909**

Rained hard again, and kept it up all day + evening. Mrs. Lang came and began on the sitting room while Mr. Cunningham papered the dining room and after dinner he began on the sitting room paper.

The girls went to the Clover Club meeting at Lollie Anderson's home.

## **Wednesday, March 10, 1909**

Rained, but the house-cleaning went on all night. Mr. Klingman cleaned the carpets and Tom Potter put down the sitting room carpet and Mr. Will put the chair rail back on the dining room wall.

Mr. Cunningham finished the papering in the sitting room by 10 o'clock and by supper time the room was all in order again. We went to prayer-meeting as usual.

## **Thursday, March 11, 1909**

Fair. The painters and Mrs. Lang came early and we put in a good day. Mr. Cunningham grained the kitchen, and Mary put a coat on the dining room floor, a boarder.

E + M spent the afternoon with Grace Cotton and her party.

Wrote to Will and Carl. Had a letter from Will containing check for \$20.00.

## **Friday, March 12, 1909**

Sunny in the morning, but it soon clouded up and rained lightly all day.

We worked at the house-cleaning. Mrs. Land cleaned the library and finished the hall. I mended carpet nearly all day.

The kitchen painting was finished by Mr. Cunningham + I paid him \$10.00. St. looks fine. Had a letter from Mrs. Dennis. The strikers have become very threatening and the settlement is farther off than ever.

My cold was too troublesome to admit of my going to the Bible class, so some of us went.

## **Saturday, March 13, 1909**

Rained all day and still Margaret worked in the yard and did what she could towards putting the ground in order. It cleared off a little late in the afternoon and Ethel and her children came to see me a little while.

We have most of the house in order downstairs.

## **Sunday, March 14, 1909**

Pleasant weather and we went to Sunday School and the usual services. Spent most of the afternoon with John.

## **Monday, March 15, 1909**

Fair and pleasant.

Had a busy day. Worked at home all forenoon then went to Relief Corps in the afternoon.

There are services disturbances on the streets as the few workers leave the factory, the strikers follow and annoy them, trying to prevent them from working.

Wrote to Mrs. Dennis.

## **Tuesday, March 16, 1909**

Clear and colder. Light snow on the ground when I got up. Mr. Cunningham papered the west bed-room before noon. Mary did not come home from Margaret Peebles' until about 3:30 and then Margaret and Dr. Harold Hunt came this afternoon.

Went to see John after supper.

Letters from Carl and Miss E. V. Ricker.

## **Wednesday, March 17, 1909**

Beautiful weather. We have finally gotten the new yard all ready for grass seed, and it improves the place very much. Mrs. Lang put the west bed-room in order and then cleaned my room + the back hall. We went to prayer-meeting as usual. Harold Hunt was there with Margaret and her Aunt Maime Peebles. They were here calling today. Dorothy Manning is four today. I made her a new white bib.

Wrote to Carl.

## **Thursday, March 18, 1909**

Fine day. The girls had Margaret + Harold Hunt here to dinner at noon, then all three of my girls took supper with Mrs. Manning and the children, in honor of Dorothy's

birthday which was yesterday. I went to the cemetery in the afternoon + called at Mrs. Grady's on my way home. Later I went to see John who is still in his room.

Stephen B. Riggs died at his home in Emporia, Kan. Today. Previous to his removal there his home was in Portsmouth.

## **Friday, March 19, 1909**

Fine weather. Have been busy as usual, finishing up about the house, + making button holes in Margaret's aprons. She went to Chillicothe at 1 PM with a large crowd of PHS + other people to debate. I wrote to Will and sent him papers about the strike which is far from a settlement. Helen + Mary, E + Mary + I went to the Bible Study class. I was too tired to tell what I knew which was not much this evening. Ethel + Spencer were here.

## **Saturday, March 20, 1909**

Another beautiful day with all the signs of spring.

Mary came home from Margaret Peebles' in time to get dinner which was fortunate as Alex + Mary were here. Sister said the excursion of the debate in Chillicothe was very enjoyable, the weather was fine, the crowd numbered about 300, and the debate was won by the PHS the decision of the judges being unanimous. M. + Miss C. went to the country after dinner. She had letters from Will and B. F. Thomas of Kirkwood in regard to the property there.

I wrote to Will.

## **Sunday, March 21, 1909**

Rained a little in the night but cleared off and was fine all day. Went to S. S. and the usual church services. Mrs. Young came home to dinner with us, spent the afternoon and then went to supper. Went to see John, Mr. Prescott and Mr. Scudder were there also.

## **Monday, March 22, 1909**

Beautiful day, rather cool.

Was busy at home all forenoon.

Rec'd St. Joe dividend of \$20.00 Margaret gave me on the house cleaning, painting and so on.

After dinner I went first to the Security Bank, then to Dr. Elder's, later to the N + W depot + from there to the Freight Office at Gallia + Lincoln in a vain search for the lost box of goods which went astray when Lizzie moved to Cal. E + M went on a walk with Grace Cotton, Gertrude Moore and Mary Reed, after arbutus.

## **Tuesday, March 23, 1909**

Another beautiful spring day. Was busy in the kitchen all forenoon cleaning windows. After dinner John came over, rested awhile then I took a short walk with him, it being the first time he has been dressed and out of his room for about nine weeks. Had a letter from Carl + card from Margaret. Wrote each of them. Girls went to Maime

Alger's to the Clover Club. Home alone all evening. Was up to see Mrs. Manning + Prof. Appel this afternoon.

### **Wednesday, March 24, 1909**

Rained. Mabel Moulton came home from the Club with the girls and stayed all night. She was here until after dinner when the girls went to the station with her. Letter from Will. Mr. + Mrs. Will Pursell + Sue went to Rochester, Minn. to consult the Mayo Brothers in regard to Will's stomach troubles. His care seems serious. I wrote to Clara as I had not called before she left. Went to prayer-meeting as usual.

### **Thursday, March 25, 1909**

Rained part of the day. Letter from Margaret and sent her some mail. Home all day excepting the time I spent with John who is now able to be out when it is pleasant.

Worked on the carpet rags.

Mrs. Lang and Mary cleaned the east bedroom today.

### **Friday, March 26, 1909**

Raw and cold. Snow in the air. Pleasant later in the day.

Mary has had a busy day and was too tired to go to the Bible Study class this evening.

Attendance small for the number enrolled.

John Folsom brought me a note from Margaret. The strike situation does not change much.

### **Saturday, March 27, 1909**

Fine day so M. + Miss Cramer stayed at the farm to get as much done in the garden as possible.

I was busy all day as usual.

Paid Mr. Plummer for C. C. Bode \$25.00 today for the granite marker at the cemetery for James' grave.

### **Sunday, March 28, 1909**

Fine day. Went to S. S. and the regular church services as usual.

Went to see John awhile, then he came home with me and we found the Manning family here.

Margaret and Miss C. came home about 5:30 this evening.

### **Monday, March 29, 1909**

Quite cool, pleasant later in the day.

Letter from Carl.

School opened again so both Margaret and Elizabeth returned to their regular work.

The "strike" which has been on for five or six weeks is as far from a definite settlement as ever, apparently, though many are quietly returning to work. C. E. business meeting held here. Went with Mary to the Musicale.



## **Thursday, March 30, 1909**

Snow in the air but it cleared up later and was quite pleasant.

Busy at home in the forenoon then called to see John before going to the Mis. Soc. meeting at Mrs. Young's. Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Wilson met with me. Had good attendance and interesting meeting. My topic was Africa and Helen's was Time, Talent + money. Had letter from Will. Went down to see Mr. Prescott about a business matter for Margaret.

## **Friday, March 31, 1909**

Cloudy but no rain.

Home all the forenoon, except for a short visit over to see John. After dinner Mary took Mrs. Young over to see Mrs. Dennis who is sick, and Elizabeth went with Grace Cotton to Munn's sun after arbutus. Mrs. Young was here to supper and she + I called for Mrs. Wilson who went to prayer-meeting with us. I wrote to Will and Carl.

## **Saturday, April 1, 1909**

Rather cloudy but no rain. Went up street and got street and got some Easter postals, took some to Mrs. Young, called to see Mrs. Peebles and Maggie Coles. They were out but came here later. Took Elizabeth's money, 9.00 to Mr. Frank white Treas. Of the church. Went to W. C. T. U. in the afternoon.

Mary went to an aid society Social at Inez Wagner's and then stayed all night at Mrs. Manning's. She and the children were here to supper. Margaret + Marguerite Peebles were here, came home from Ashland today.

## **Sunday, April 2, 1909**

Changeable, but so pleasant in the evening that we went to the Bible Study class without umbrellas and were caught in the rain.

Margaret took Mary an umbrella and remained until the orchestra practice was finished.

Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Wilson called. Have had a continual run of calls at the telephone or door all day.

## **Monday, April 3, 1909**

Rain mingled with snow this morning, but it soon stopped. Very changeable all day. Letters from Edith Moore Lore, and Mr. Wyman, both coming next week. Edith and her husband are on their way to London, and may take the Mediterranean trip.

Margaret went to Franklin Furnace this morning, back this evening. Girls went to the banquet given by the gentlemen of the Shakespeare Club. New York Giants were here but could not play because it was too wet.

## **Tuesday, April 4, 1909**

A little cloudy but was warm and bright after all.

Enos came last night and was here early.

We attended S. S. and the regular services. Went to the Bi-monthly S. S. meeting at the U. B. church in the afternoon. Heard Rev. Geo. L. Geilings, a returned missionary

there, and again at our church in the evening. He was a student at Wooster with Dr. Elder, and in Chicago with Rev. Mr. Freund.

### **Wednesday, April 5, 1909**

Quite warm, wraps are too heavy for comfort. Letters from Will and Miss Ricker, or rather a postal. Wrote to Will and also ordered the Friendship Calendar that we are going to make for Virginia.

Lucy Moore Carpenter took dinner with us. I had to go to a prayer-meeting at Mrs. Molster's at 2 o'clock, having promised to do so. She has been shut in a long time and appreciated it. Mrs. Spry was here to thank us for her birthday remembrances.

### **Thursday, April 6, 1909**

Warm and bright. Thunder lightning and rain in the evening. Rec'd letter from Willard Greene. Went up street on an errand, and stopped to see Mary Peebles who gave me a photo of her sister Margaret, copied + enlarged from one taken several years ago, the work was done in Syria. She also gave me a beautiful handkerchief the work of her mother, which Maggie left to me, also a fine set of gray combs. Which she asked Lottie Stewart to purchase for me in Los Angeles. I prize these gifts very highly.

Wrote to Carl.

### **Friday, April 7, 1909**

Fine day. Mrs. Addie Hughes came and put new ceiling paper on the east bedroom and my room so I was at home all day helping get those rooms in order.

Went to church in the evening and the annual congressional meeting was held. Dr. Ruggles was re-elected as trustee, Harry Johnson and Will Richardson being the other two. Mrs. Dennis was there having come home yesterday.

### **Saturday, April 8, 1909**

Rained quite hard this afternoon and evening. Was busy at home most of the day. We had service this evening after which Elizabeth and Mary went to call on Edith + Will Lore, who came this afternoon.

### **Sunday, April 9, 1909**

Fine day. Went this morning to see Elizabeth + Will Lore who came yesterday from Honolulu and stopped at Arthur Moore's until this afternoon when they went home with Lucy Carpenter to Malden West Va. They expect to sail for London on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We went to the Bible Study Class at Trinity for a half hour lesson then went upstairs to the service as this is the week of the dedication services.

### **Monday, April 10, 1909**

A most beautiful day. In the afternoon Mr. Wyman and the girls went after arbutus in the afternoon and found some very beautiful bunches. He sent three boxes East, one to his wife, one to Bessie Titus and one to Grace Hall Head. Margaret + Miss Cramer came in from the farm about 9 AM. This is a postal card Easter and we have

received a generous share of the pretty cards. I went and got an Easter lily to take to the church in memory of James.

## **Tuesday, April 11, 1909**

Easter Sunday and an ideal day from beginning to end. Attendance at S. S. 321. Communion service, and three additions to the church. Mr. Wyman went with us to all the services and enjoyed them.

Was over to see John awhile.

Trinity M. E. church was dedicated today and the debt of \$23.00 more than provided for as they raised \$25.40 in pledges in a little while at the morning service.

Mr. + Mrs. Hopkins sent white tulips to church in memory of dear little Robert who died in Feb.

## **Wednesday, April 12, 1909**

Beautiful day and rather warm. Mr. Wyman left on the 7:30 N + W train for Columbus having made us a nice visit. Had a letter from Will and answered it. Received and Easter card from Mrs. Denning and one from Mrs. Phebe Curtiss.

Was over home and began on the dining room paper which I want to clean for them. Mary spent the afternoon with Mrs. Manning + will remain all night. Mrs. Young was here.

## **Thursday, April 13, 1909**

Cloudy with light rain.

Flowers are coming on quite rapidly. Letter from Carl, which I answered.

Went to the Court House to see about having the deed to the new lot recorded. Mary came home from Mrs. Manning's in time to get dinner. After dinner I went to Mrs. Schwartz' and other places looking for a man, or boy to do our chores. After supper John Keilman came to apply for the place and we agreed upon terms and he will try it.

Cleaned the paper in the dining room over home this afternoon. Presbytery meets at Manchester today.

## **Friday, April 14, 1909**

Pleasant. Have been very busy all day. Margaret Peebles was here sewing with the girls. Dr. Elder, Mr. Scudder, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Young and others are at Presbytery at Manchester, O. and Mr. Coe led the prayer meeting this evening. He makes a good leader. Mrs. Manning and the children were here to supper.

## **Saturday, April 15, 1909**

Fine warm spring day but rather windy. Very busy all forenoon. Went in the buggy with Mary after dinner to see Mr. McElmurray about the cons. Later went to James Milstead's funeral. House crowded and many could not get in. He was a popular young man. Could not attend the W. C. T. U. meeting but spent the carpet ball dime for servicing, or rather took it before time for the meeting.

Letter from Carl.

## **Sunday, April 16, 1909**

Fine day. Letter from Will which I answered + wrote to Carl also. Wrote to Barton Greene and sent him 36 calendar leaves to have filled out for Virginia's calendar. Sent also to Lizzie Peebles, Letter from V. M. G. Heard of the sudden death of Mr. Geo. L. Mason of Cin. and wrote at once to his wife. They visited Mary Peebles this last winter and spent one forenoon with me. He was a fine man. Went to Bible Study class in the evening. Margaret + Miss C. went to the farm.

## **Monday, April 17, 1909**

Beautiful day and warm as summer. Have been very busy at home all day getting some work finished up about the yard and other places as Wm. Leaves this evening and the new boy, John Keilman, Jr. is getting ready to begin doing the work. He is a most promising young man, who has almost finished his H. A. course and done much outside work at the same time. Letter from Lizzie Peebles saying the long lost box has been found among her things in Cal. Girls spending the evening with Grace Cotton + the Shakespeare Club.

## **Sunday, April 18, 1909**

A beautiful day. We went to Sunday School as usual and to the usual church services. Brought Mrs. Dennis home to dinner and she spent the afternoon with us. She and I did some studying on our Bible Study lesson. Was not over home, because when Mrs. Dennis went it was time for the evening work.

## **Monday, April 19, 1909**

Beautiful day but rained in the evening with thunder and lightning. One year ago today James died and I went at noon to the cemetery to attend the funeral of Mr. Geo. L. Mason. Maggie and her sons, Emma Williams and her son Earl, Davy, John + George Hones came from Cin, Mary Peebles had them go to her home from the cemetery where I called on them later. Margaret Peebles + Mary Moore went with me to the cemetery. I went again in the evening to take flowers. Mary + Bess Pixley drove Maud to the Folsom farm + returned on the Greyhound. Letter from Carl.

## **Tuesday, April 20, 1909**

Rained today and the grass is beginning to grow in the new yard.  
The tulips, jonquils and hyacinths are gorgeous.

## **Wednesday, April 21, 1909**

Beautiful spring weather. Margaret Peebles came and spent the day. Mary is helping her make some waists, she is also doing some work for Grace Cotton and is very busy. We went to prayer-meeting as usual.

## **Thursday, April 22, 1909**

Rained some, but was pleasant. Mary and I were very busy all day, with the housework, but I spent some time on the calendar.

After supper I went to see Miss Ball and asked her to fill some leaves and she will see one or two others. Dorothy Manning went to see her Grand-mother Betts for a few days.

### **Friday, April 23, 1909**

Pleasant after the rain. Spent most of the day at work on the calendar leaves, sent letters and leaves to Mary Y., Fannie Geiger, Willard Greene, Lizzie Peebles, and (blank space here).

After supper Macy, Elizabeth and I went to Trinity to the Bible Study class. Had short lesson as Jennie Smith the Railroad Evangelist was to hold a meeting there at 8 o'clock. We were tired and came home. Mary went to spend the afternoon and stay all night with Mrs. M.

### **Saturday, April 24, 1909**

Beautiful spring day, but a little fire was needed for comfort. Margaret Peebles here all morning. I sent Carl his black suit + wrote him a letter. Also wrote to Jennie Fuller and sent four leaves for the calendar.

Heard this afternoon that my friend Mrs. Alice Smith died last night at the hospital in Duluth where Fannie is head nurse. It is a shock to hear of it and I am sorry she could not have spent a few years with her daughters, far from care and hard work.

### **Sunday, April 25, 1909**

Rained in the night but was beautiful all day. Went out to Mrs. Harry Bannon's with Mary Peebles in the morning to see Ida Brown and Fannie Smith. Did not see Fannie as she was busy with Mr. Herron + others arranging for the funeral which took place in the afternoon at All Saints' church at 2:30. Mary + I went. I came home. All the above is a mistake and should be written in Monday.

Today we attended the usual services. Dr. Elder was at Wheelersburg + a Syrian talked at our church. Mrs. Manning + Robert spent the day here.

### **Monday, April 26, 1909**

Rained hard in the night. Was beautiful today. Mary stayed all night with Mrs. M. I went to take Miss Bell a book then called for Mary Peebles and we went out to Harry Bannon's to see Fannie Smith + Mrs. Ida Brown. Did not see Fannie. Went over to Mrs. Smith's funeral at All Saints' church. Had letter from Will. Helen Peebles was here.

### **Tuesday, April 27, 1909**

Another rainy day. Was bright awhile then rained. In the afternoon I went to Mrs. Lena Thompson's to the Mis. Soc. and we had a good meeting though the rain kept some away who would have otherwise been there.

This is Father Ricker's birthday and I never fail to think of him on this date. Wrote to Will, and Carl.

### **Wednesday, April 28, 1909**

A fair, pleasant day.

Mary and I are getting the calendar leaves out and some of them are returned already.

I have worked some in the yard. Had the inside of the alley fence white-washed. Will have the outside done later.

### **Thursday, April 29, 1909**

Very bright, but very windy also. Was busy at home in the forenoon.

After dinner Blanche Selby took me out to the Children's Home K-G Social. Her two girls went with us. Miss Jennie Smith the R. Road Evangelist was present and talked to the mothers and children. Dr. Elder + family moved from John St. to East Second St. today and will enjoy the change. They now occupy the I. Lesi home.

Virginia + Barton reached home today from Las Cruces, N. Mex.

### **Friday, April 30, 1909**

Rained very hard and the wind blew very hard. Blew the chimney over on the library roof over home. Margaret + Miss C. got started to the country late and then came back, very wisely, as it was too strong for such a long drive. I swept and dusted my room, taking all forenoon to the job. Went to Bible class in the evening. Letter from Will. Sent Carl his gray suit and a letter. Ed Scofield was here.

Elizabeth + Mary went after Maud at Franklin Fce.

### **Saturday, May 1, 1909**

Weather unusual and most disagreeable. Wind, rain, and a little snow. The river is rising rapidly too, on account of the heavy rains.

Margaret and Frances Peebles were here this afternoon, Mary had gone up street and Elizabeth was here.

Sewed some today.

Margaret and Miss Cramer left about daylight for the farm. It was wet and cold, not good for their work.

### **Sunday, May 2, 1909**

Rather pleasant, though still cold, and windy.

Rained in the night.

Went to Sabbath School as usual. Margaret + Miss C. did not come home until after eight o'clock PM. The morning Times-Star had an account of the death of Esther Johnson Whitelaw's husband in Cin. Killed yesterday noon while trying to cross the street by passing through between freight cars. Esther has seven small children.

### **Monday, May 3, 1909**

Cold rain again today with a little sunshine between rains. Had a good dozen calendar leaves returned by Lizzie + Elizabeth Peebles from California.

Sewed all day on the three little gowns I am making. Had letter from Frank Ricker containing \$35.00 in interest money, and telling me of their new son George Noble, born April 7<sup>th</sup>. Wrote him at once. Shall write Lizzie Peebles also.

The two girls went to C. E. meeting at Mr. + Mrs. Brekham's.

## **Tuesday, May 4, 1909**

Windy and clear. Mary and I started early and drove up to Folsom farm where we left Maud and came home on the Greyhound which came along just as we reached there so I did not go in the house at all. Came home in the rain, from the wharf-boat when Margaret met us with umbrellas. Found Mrs. Weller here. Rained afternoon + evening. Girls went to Edith Stateh's to the Clover Club.

## **Wednesday, May 5, 1909**

Pleasant. Was home all day excepting the hour spent at the Kindergarten Board meeting at Miss Anna Ross' in the afternoon. Small attendance, Messers Herron and Scudder, Miss Ross, Mrs. Selby and myself.

It was decided to continue the four Kindergartens next fall, the same directors were re-elected and upon motion of Mr. Scudder the pay of the three directors, Misses Smith, Stahl + Elliot was increased to 30.00 a month.

Went to prayer-meeting. Mrs. Manning + children here to tea. Letter from Will.

## **Thursday, May 6, 1909**

Quite warm and clear but the atmosphere feels like rain in the near future. Wrote to Carl. Letter from Mary Bailey in reply to one I wrote. I finished the little slips, four, which I have been making for Miss C. Planted moss seed. Mr. Will finished shingling the stable and I paid him 10.00 for his work. Elizabeth + Mary took dinner with Mrs. Manning and then went to Mary Peebles' to say until tomorrow.

## **Friday, May 7, 1909**

Beautiful day, throughout. Was out in the forenoon to do some errands, after Mary returned from Mary Peebles'. In the afternoon went with Elizabeth, Mary, Helen + Mary M. Mrs. Manning + the children + Mrs. Dennis on the Island Queen up river on an excursion. It was delightful and we reached home by 5:30. After supper Elizabeth + I went to Trinity M. E. ch, and took the examination. Mrs. M. + the children were here to supper. Wrote to Carl. Margaret + Miss C. went to the farm.

## **Saturday, May 8, 1909**

Another beautiful day in which Mary + I have worked hard, I in the yard and she in the house.

Letter from Carl.

The workmen began putting the large clock in the tower of the Catholic church on 5<sup>th</sup> and Market.

Margaret Peebles was here.

## **Sunday, May 9, 1909**

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## **Monday, May 10, 1909**

Rained. This is Uncle Sam Moore's 76<sup>th</sup> birthday. I called him up to wish him many happy returns on the day.

I saw the new Vacuum Cleaner in operation at my neighbor's and had Mr. Klingman come and clean the library carpet and couch, which was well done at a cost of 2.45 ds then Mary + I finished the room every easily.

## **Tuesday, May 11, 1909**

Fine day. Robert Manning has been very sick today so Mary went to help Mrs. M. then went to stay all night with Margaret Peebles and see her off in the morning. After supper I went to see Robert then walked around to tell Mary how he was. Came home very tired.

The cows went to pasture for the first time this year.

## **Wednesday, May 12, 1909**

Clear and pleasant.

Letter from Carl asking for \$35.00 by wore, which I sent. Margaret Peebles left this Am for a visit to Newtonville, Mass. I was up to see Mary Peebles later in the day and we planned to go to Lucasville to the S. S. rally. Also went to see Mrs. Dennis and asked her to go, which she was glad to do.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Wrote to Carl. Sent box of old ambrotypes (sp) to Mary Bailey of Rock Island.

## **Thursday, May 13, 1909**

Warm and bright, a beautiful day. I went to Lucasville with Mary Peebles, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Young to attend a County S. S. rally preparatory to the State Convention. Dr. Elder the County President, Mr. Coe the Sec'y and several Portsmouth ministers were present. Mary P + I ate our lunch in the church but went to Mrs. Chan Mouton's for supper, Mrs. Dennis and Mr. Scudder were there also. Came home on time. Elizabeth and Mary went to Mr. Folsom's and drove Maud home for sister. Letter from Carl.

## **Friday, May 14, 1909**

Fine day. Busy as usual about the house and in finishing over for everyday wear. Mary stayed with Mrs. M. last night and reports Robert better and Dorothy not very well but she went to kindergarten this morning. Margaret and Miss Cramer drove to the farm this afternoon.

## **Saturday, May 15, 1909**

Clear, but still sultry with indications of rain in the evening. Letters from Carl, Will, Mattie Wood and Elizabeth Peebles. Spent the forenoon working in the yard set out geraniums and planted English Ivy in front of the house. The sun was so hot I got too tired and warm to do anything in the afternoon but rest and try to write something for Mr. + Mrs. Robinson's Golden Wedding.

The Shakespeare Club met here.



## **Sunday, May 16, 1909**

Beautiful day. Went to S. S. and remained to church to the Mothers' Day services though it was all I could do to sit through it. Came home and went to bed. Dr. Elder's sermon was fine, and the abundance of white carnations, + white flowers about the pulpit added much to the service.

Dr. + Mrs. Elder leave tomorrow for Denver, Col. To attend the General Assembly.

## **Monday, May 17, 1909**

Not able to get up this AM so spent the day in bed, trying to recover from the effects of Saturday's work in the sun. Did not call a doctor. Had a letter from Barton Greene saying Bartie is failing fast and they had notified Elizabeth in Portland, Oregon, and Willard at Wooster, O.

Helen came and spent the afternoon with me, bringing her work as E + M were out.

## **Tuesday, May 18, 1909**

Fine day. Was in bed most of the day. Sat up long enough to write Carl and Virginia, which I felt I must do.

Had calls from Mrs. Dennis and Mary Peebles, at different times today. Margaret had letter from Will in regard to a new business in which he + his company are interested, the Vacuum Ash Handler.

Mabel Moulton came at noon to attend the closing meeting of the Clover Club + stay all night.

## **Wednesday, May 19, 1909**

Beautiful day, rained a little in the evening. I got up and dressed this forenoon, feeling better but not well. Mabel Moulton went home on early train. I wrote to Will, Sisters Elizabeth + Virginia. Made some button holes for Mary.

Could not go to prayer-meeting, but Elizabeth and Mary went. They spent the afternoon at a musicale given by Mrs. F. H. Williams.

## **Thursday, May 20, 1909**

Pleasant. Have felt better today and began to do something again.

Wrote some letters, one to Virginia yesterday which went today.

## **Friday, May 21, 1909**

Pleasant though rather cool. Mrs. Lang came and cleaned Margaret's room today. After school she and Miss C. went to the farm, on the train to Lucasville. Mary and I went to a D. A. R. kensington in the afternoon, at the Federation rooms.

Wrote to Will.

Got the Golden Wedding Song printed in gold on cards, 50 of which I gave Helen, also made a transparency for the window and sent to Mrs. R. Mary Peebles was here again to see me + told me some of her plans in regard to a long trip.

## **Saturday, May 22, 1909**

Fine day, cool enough for a little fire.

Did a full day's work, much of it in the yard. In the afternoon Mary Moore and I walked up to Mrs. Elder's and spent about an hour with Mrs. Neely, the friend who is staying with James + the house girl while Dr. + Mrs. Elder are away. Alex + Mary here.

Letter from Will.

Helen started to Boston today. The bog clock was lighted tonight for the first time.

## **Sunday, May 23, 1909**

Beautiful day and pleasant. Went to Sunday School and remained to service.

Anti-saloon speaker occupied the pulpit, Rev. Eldridge. Dr. Elder being in Denver in attendance on General Assembly.

In the evening Mary and I went to Trinity M. E. and heard Rev. W. C. Hartinger. Margaret and Miss Cramer came in late as Maud was quite lame.

## **Monday, May 24, 1909**

Fine day, clouds but not rain in the evening.

In the forenoon I went to the Security Bank and made arrangements so as to pay the taxes + street assessment, also the water rent. Paid W. J. Gims \$82.23, and 9.00 for water rent. Stopped to see Mary Peebles. After dinner I went to see Mr. McElmurray about the cows. Received wedding cards to the marriage of Elizabeth K. Dimock to Edgar Alfred Knapp June 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoon.

## **Tuesday, May 25, 1909**

Mary and I drove to Mr. Folsom's this forenoon, it began raining about the time we started and rained all day. We reached the farm a little before the Greyhound came down and got on board in the mud and rain. Rained hard when we reached Portsmouth and I was too wet and tired to go to Mrs. Rowe's up in New Seventh, to Mis. Society. Mary had to go to an orchestra practice in the evening.

## **Wednesday, May 26, 1909**

Rained some in the evening. Mr. Scudder led the meeting in Dr. Elder's absence.

The days seem very full and yet when they are gone I can scarcely remember what has been done. Vernon Halliday came today noon to be here a few days while attending to some business. Prayer-meeting was held in the small room, Mr. Scudder being the leader.

## **Thursday, May 27, 1909**

Mr. Folsom and Nancy brought Maud home today but I was not here and did not see them.

Went to the 11:47 N + W train from Columbus to meet Mrs. Curtiss who left again on the 2 PM for Seaman to speak at a County S. S. meeting. I went with her to the train. Had a pleasant little visit.

## **Friday, May 28, 1909**

Fine growing weather and I spend much of the time in the yard trying to put it in good order.

Margaret and Miss Cramer went to the country, as soon after school closed as possible.

The girls were busy getting ready to go to Lucasville in the morning.

I bought a new pair of shoes at Weber's today, and paid Alumni dues for Will and myself.

## **Saturday, May 29, 1909**

Pleasant. I worked in the yard awhile and in the afternoon Mary Moore and I went to the Cemetery as I wanted to take some flowers and do a little work there. Elizabeth and Mary went to Lucasville on the 7:35 AM train with Mabel Moulton, then in the afternoon they went to Wheelersburg with the Shakespeare Club to spend the evening with Avenet Cadot, the last meeting of the season. Vernon Halliday left this AM.

## **Sunday, May 30, 1909**

Beautiful in the forenoon, rained in the afternoon. We went to S. S. as usual. The Memorial Day Service was held in Trinity M. E. ch. this morning, so several of the Relief Corps members did not attend, feeling that it was our duty to be in our own church, especially as we had a visiting minister Rev. Walter Houston of the Synodical Home Mission work in Dr. Elder's place. Sorry to miss Mr. Hartinger's home address. Margaret did not come.

## **Monday, May 31, 1909**

Beautiful day and did not rain until in the night. Went early to the cemetery with all the flowers, Charlie Neilman, Ray Bybee + I could carry. Assisted in the decorating but did not remain to the address, was very tired and warm.

Was home all afternoon and tried to rest.

Had letter from Lizzie Peebles saying she has engaged passage for herself, Elizabeth + Richard for Cambridge, Eng. July 17th. Mary Peebles spent part of the afternoon with me and said she had engaged passage for herself + Margaret for a trip around the world sailing from San Francisco Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Tuesday, June 1, 1909**

Rained some. Have worked in the yard most of the day, training vines and pulling weeds.

After supper sister Mary went with me to see two S. S. scholars who have been absent. We stopped and made a call upon Mr. + Mrs. Prescott on our way home.

Mary Moore + I attended Mrs. A. Knittel's funeral this morning.

## **Wednesday, June 2, 1909**

Beautiful day. Elizabeth and Mary drove up to Alex Ricker's to stay until tomorrow. Rec'd invitation to Mary Moore Geiger's High School commencement, also letter from Mary Bailey, Rock Island. Went to prayer-meeting as usual, and Mr. Coe led

the meeting. I was asked to play the piano which I did. Small attendance. Paid part of Mary's taxes for her, she having given me the money. Went to see Prof. Appel + then wrote Dr. Holden of Wooster, for catalogue, for Jno Kielman. Letter from Mary Bailey. Commencement cards from Mary Geiger.

### **Thursday, June 3, 1909**

Light rain most of the day. In the morning, after the work was done I went to the cemetery to take the roses Maria Keer brought for James. Went in the rain, as I had promised to go. Was home all afternoon. Mary Moore + I pulled the weeds in the new yard, we have taken out more than a bushel of small weeds, the clover which I sowed a week ago is up. Letter from Will. After supper I went to call on Mrs. Dennis and her niece, Mrs. Glancy. Elizabeth + Mary returned from Alex this evening.

### **Friday, June 4, 1909**

Fine day. Mary did the sweeping and had a busy day. I wrote to Enos this afternoon, and then Mary Moore and I went on the B + O to Sciotoville to make a call on Ethel Schwartz. Returned at 5 o'clock.

Margaret + Miss C. went to the country.

### **Saturday, June 5, 1909**

Cloudy in the forenoon and a very hard rain in the afternoon. I had worked all morning in the yard and in helping the neighbor children make a flower bed beside the old library building.

### **Sunday, June 6, 1909**

Pleasant. S. S. and church as usual. It was good to have Dr. Elder home again but Children's Day exercises were held in the morning. In the afternoon Mary + I went to Trinity + heard Dr. McElfresh talk to S. S. workers.

Church in the evening.

### **Monday, June 7, 1909**

Pleasant. The event of this day is the Bible Study Class Commencement at Trinity M. E. church when the one hundred and fourteen diplomas were awarded to those who took the examination, Dr. Elder giving them, as Mr. Moniger could not be here. Dr. McElfresh, International Supt. of Teacher Training made the address. The members of the class presented Dr. Elder with an easy chair.

### **Tuesday, June 8, 1909**

A perfect day so far as weather is concerned. This is the day for Mr. + Mrs. Robinson's golden wedding and I hope they will have a fine day. Have been very busy and am having a siege of hives.

### **Wednesday, June 9, 1909**

Rained. I worked in yard some, and was busy all day.

Went out in the afternoon on an errand + went to see Mary Peebles but she was not at home. Went to prayer-meeting, which was well led by Mrs. Young. I declined to do it for good reasons, also declined to respond to a toast of the alumni banquet tomorrow evening.

### **Thursday, June 10, 1909**

Rained some but I managed to work in the yard awhile. The girls went up to Mrs. Mannings in the afternoon and I set out a row of vasturtienes (sp) in the front yard. Margaret and Mary went to the commencement. John Kielman graduated with distinction having worked his way through school, intending to go to college in the fall. I have the hives badly and went to bed early.

### **Friday, June 11, 1909**

Beautiful day, cloudy enough to make it pleasant and the event of the day was the magnificent parade of the Public Schools under the direction of Prof. Frank Appel and the teachers. It was had today instead of the 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day, because this is the day the schools close and it was deemed best to have it before schools closed + the pupils were scattered. It is thought 3000 were in line and the sight was inspiring. After supper Margaret took me for a little drive. Letter from Carl. E + M went to Alumni meeting, Margaret + I did not go.

### **Saturday, June 12, 1909**

Another busy day in the yard and Margaret worked nearly all day too so we got a great deal done, putting up wire, transplanting, weeding and so on. Elizabeth Dimock and Mr. Knapp were married this evening at her home in Elizabeth New Jersey. Will will represent our family.

### **Sunday, June 13, 1909**

Fine day. Went to S. S. as usual and Margaret was there also. Mr. Scudder is away and Mr. Morgan the Ass't Supt conducted the school. Dr. Elder + Mr. Coe gave brief reports of the State S. S. at Springfield.

Dorothy was here to dinner. In the afternoon Mary M. + I went to Trinity to the Bi-monthly meeting to hear reports from Springfield. Am miserable with hives. Sent paper to Fannie Geiger, it being her birthday.

### **Monday, June 14, 1909**

Fair and warm. Was out all morning doing errands, finished paying Mary's taxes for her. Saw a dressmaker + called upon Clara Waller and Mrs. Draper+ Eleanor Wright.

Had letters from Will + Carl + wrote both of them, a postal from Mrs. Allen + wrote her. Went to the Cemetery with the W. R. C. in the afternoon, then to Millbrook Park to meet the girls +Mrs. Manning + her sister where we had supper.

Margaret + Miss Cramer left after dinner for the farm. Girls went to Dr. Elder's to the C. E. meeting.

## **Tuesday, June 15, 1909**

Beautiful weather.

Enough rain to make things grow and keep fresh + green. This is Carl's birthday and we all wrote him letters.

The girls went to Wheelersburg again to an affair given by Avel's management to Dr. LeBaron was announced. Arthur Moore took the girls in his new auto, and brought them home, making the trip each way in about thirty minutes.

## **Wednesday, June 16, 1909**

Rained, a part of the day. I went down to see Mrs. Schwartz about a cow, then to Mary Peebles' and did several errands.

John was over and did some work for him. Called to see Margaret Miller but she was not seeing callers. Her mother's death was not unexpected and yet it was sudden.

Went up to walk down to church with Mary Peebles, Mrs. Young being out of town and Margaret Peebles did not return until almost 2 o'clock PM. She is just back from a visit to Boston.

## **Thursday, June 17, 1909**

Rained, cleared and rained again. Was out in the morning and also in the afternoon. Went to see about a new cow. Deposited pension money in bank. Wrote to Will, + sister E. Attended session of S. S. Institute at Central Pres. then went to Mrs. Ella Ward Miller's funeral at her late home. Mrs. Manning + children, Mrs. Celia Betts + Mrs. Cadot were here to tea. Later Mrs. Young + Virginia Berndt then Mrs. Dennis + Mrs. Martha Carter called. Wrote to sister E. F. P.

## **Friday, June 18, 1909**

An ideal day, rather cool for the season but delightful. Have been busy as usual, went to see Mrs. Jones about making my voile skirt, and making over one for Elizabeth, which Macy gave her. Girls went to Margaret Williams' afternoon reception given for Martha Dever. After supper Macy + I walked up to Mrs. Connins' with some sweet peas for Miss Lizzie. Mr. Horace Leet died today at the advanced age of 91 years. Wrote to Mr. O'Brien about a cow.

## **Saturday, June 19, 1909**

Busy day. Margaret and Miss Cramer did not get home until bedtime and I had given them, up. John Kielman finished his work here and turned the job over to his brother George, then got ready to leave for Williamson West Va. Monday evening.

## **Sunday, June 20, 1909**

Warm but pleasant.

Went to Sunday School and the usual church services. Dr. Elder preached two very strong sermons today.

Mr. Scudder still away and Mr. Morgan acting in his place.

Margaret and Miss Cramer returned to the farm this afternoon. It rained late in the day.

## **Monday, June 21, 1909**

Rained again, but not all day. Went to W. R. C. in the afternoon, Mary Peebles invited me to take dinner with her tomorrow evening with some others.

Letter from Will which I answered at once.

## **Tuesday, June 22, 1909**

Very warm and close. Rained again. Worked in the yard and beside the old library in the morning. Went to Mis. Soc. at Miss Evans' in the afternoon. Mary Peebles talked of her trip to Alaska, very interesting. Went to 5 o'clock dinner at her home, Dr. + Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Neely, Mrs. Young, Mary Moore, Jno Nettie + Mrs. Lloyd, Margaret P. + Mary P. made just twelve at table. Had a pleasant time.

## **Wednesday, June 23, 1909**

Rained several times, heavy showers. Margaret Peebles was here all forenoon working on a picture for Frances Peebles' wedding present. Virginia L. Greene is to be married this evening at her home in Bazar Kansas, to Mr. Lafayette Parish of Metropolis, Ill.

We went to prayer-meeting as usual. Took sweet peas to Mrs. Nichols + Mrs. Lust, calendar pages to Clara Waller. Deposited 53.90 St. Joe lead dividend. Letter from Carl. Wrote him + Mrs. Scudder.

## **Thursday, June 24, 1909**

Rained. Worked in the yard between showers. Put up six pints of cherries in the afternoon with some help from Sister Mary. Cherries are scarce and not very good.

The girls were out all the afternoon.

In the evening they went out to see Bess Pixley, and Mary M. spent the evening with me.

## **Friday, June 25, 1909**

Clear in the forenoon, but there was a very hard rain in the afternoon, in the country it was very hard and do much damage to the roads. Margaret + Miss C. came in and were late as they had to stop for two hours on the way. I spent most of the day, and all the evening helping write Grace Cotton's announcement cards. Hazel Drew, Mrs. Cadot, Kate Reilly, +I helped her, Elizabeth worked all evening with me. Mary went to spend the night with Mrs. Manning. Letter from Carl.

## **Saturday, June 26, 1909**

Hot + clear. Letter from Carl + wrote him + Will today. Have been busy at home all day. Uncle Sam Moore was here, also John. Sent Carl his hand-bag at his request.

## **Sunday, June 27, 1909**

Pleasant in the forenoon, stormed in the afternoon. We were all at Sunday School and church, then Margaret + Miss C. left for their country home.

We went to church in the evening, as usual.

## **Monday, June 28, 1909**

Rained very hard, stormed in fact and delayed Margaret and Miss Cramer, no it was yesterday they went, but it rained all the same here and the lightning killed a horse and did other damage. Heard this morning that Mrs. Lowes died last week and was buried at Oxford, O. beside Prof. Lowes. She was operated upon for cancer a year, or more, ago and has been ill at Lucy Carpenter's, in Malden for more than two months. Wrote to the boys.

## **Tuesday, June 29, 1909**

Rained hard, and the thunder + lightning were unusual.

The girls and I sewed but I was too miserable from the medicine I took last night to do much.

Went to Miss Lizzie Connins' funeral in the afternoon. She died probably with cancerous trouble, having been operated on for that disease some months ago.

## **Wednesday, June 30, 1909**

A beautiful day but very warm. The girls were busy all forenoon preparing some of the refreshments for the wedding breakfast. They + I went to Mrs. Cotton's at 11:15 and at noon Dr. Elder performed the marriage ceremony for Dr. Stephen Edward Care, + Grace Gaylord Cotton. Guests were limited to relatives + intimate friends. Frank Moulton + Martha Dever were present + then were married themselves in the evening, Grace + the Dr. being among the guests there after which they left on the C + O. The girls, Miss Ross, Mrs. Sparks, + Ethel + Mrs. Schwartz saw them off. Went to prayer-meeting.

## **Thursday, July 1, 1909**

Very, very warm. Was busy at home all forenoon and then went to W. C. T. U. at 2 PM came home from there.

Margaret Peebles was here, having returned late this afternoon from Ashland where she went to Frances Peebles' wedding, now Mrs. John Woods.

Was at Mrs. Cotton's a few minutes. She + Ethel Sparks leave tomorrow for Wis. Then Ethel Schwartz will close the house.

## **Friday, July 2, 1909**

No rain today but a very heavy dew. Rained in the night someone said.

Have been busy mending all day, working on some of Elizabeth's and some of my things.

Wrote to both the boys, having had letters from each of them.

Will wrote in regard to E's trip.

After supper I went to call on Mrs. Scudder and Margaret Miller, did not get in there. Mrs. Manning + children were here.

## **Saturday, July 3, 1909**

A most beautiful clear, cool day. I worked in the yard, all forenoon because it was cloudy and pleasant.



Elizabeth is almost ready for her trip to New York. We have had a letter this AM from Agnes saying she was married on June 7<sup>th</sup> in Shanghai China.

## **Sunday, July 4, 1909**

Beautiful day and not very warm. Cold in fact. We all went to S. S. including Margaret and remained to church.

Nothing special occurred. Went to church again in the evening.

## **Monday, July 5, 1909**

Thermometer dropped quite a little today, so wraps were needed. This is the legal 4<sup>th</sup> of July and there is considerable noise. Sister + Miss C. went to the farm this morning, Elizabeth left on the C + O 2:48 for New York. Margaret P., Mary, Uncle Sam + I went over the river with her. Lena K. Reed + Evelyn went on the same train. Mary went to the Mannings after supper to see the children + their fireworks, I went later in the rain to come home with Mary.

Letter from Carl.

## **Tuesday, July 6, 1909**

Rained all day, steadily, part of the time quite hard and it is so cool that fires and wraps are comfortable, though we have had no fires. Went to the Bank in the morning and took the \$82.00 which Elizabeth had + for which I gave her checks. I had a postal from Margaret but no letters. Wrote to Elizabeth and Carl.

Swept my room, Mary was busy in the trunk room putting it in order.

Will sent me a telegram saying E. got there safely and he met her.

## **Wednesday, July 7, 1909**

Rained in the night but cleared off and was bright + warm during the day. Hot some medicine for hives as I am still troubled. Letter from Virginia asking that I get Bartie's church letter for him, got it and wrote her. She says he will probably never be able to present the letter in person, but he wants it sent to the Cottonwood Falls church. Went to call on Mrs. Elder's mother, Mrs. Alexander.

Went to prayer-meeting. Mrs. Manning + the children here to supper.

## **Thursday, July 8, 1909**

An ideal day, bright, breezy and clear. Busy at home all forenoon. Letter from Elizabeth saying she was pleased with the tip and Whittier Hall, thus far. Will had met her and they dined together. Mary + I went to the S. S. picnic at Millbrook in the afternoon.

The new cow from Henley, a black + white one, Holstein, came this morning + I paid 35.00 for her.

## **Friday, July 9, 1909**

Warm again, bright and clear. Letters from Carl and Elizabeth, the latter to Mary. Letter from Mary Bailey. Mary swept + I was busy in the kitchen all forenoon. She went

to Bess Pixley's Kensington in the afternoon. I stayed at home. Wrote to Carl. Margaret Peebles was here in the forenoon.

## **Saturday, July 10, 1909**

Very warm. Busy as usual.

Margaret + Miss Cramer came home this morning to help Mrs. Manning and the children get ready for their trip up to Ronceverte, after they left she went over to Mrs. Albert Wilhelm's for a call.

Margaret Peebles was here with me until tea time.

## **Sunday, July 11, 1909**

Warm and rather like rain. We all went to S. S. as usual and remained to church.

Nothing unusual took place. Margaret + Miss Cramer drove back to the farm. It looked like rain and probably did rain in the country.

## **Monday, July 12, 1909**

Very hot and close, all day with a hard thunder shower in the afternoon and evening.

Letters from Will + Elizabeth in the forenoon. Wrote to Will. Margaret Peebles is gone to Columbus. The girls spent the afternoon at Mrs. Cadot's who was entertaining for Mrs. Smith and her sister Mrs. Church. Two boys died here today from lockjaw, the result of toy pistols. Ralph Stokely being one, the other I did not know.

## **Tuesday, July 13, 1909**

Very warm, rained in the night. I went up to see the Stokely family today, Mr. Scudder went on the same car. It is a pity that some action is not taken to suppress the manufacture + sale, and use of toy pistols when so many lives are sacrificed every year and Dr. Kline brought me down town in his buggy.

## **Wednesday, July 14, 1909**

Rained very hard, so hard the streets were almost flooded.

Did not go to Ralph's funeral the house being small.

Mrs. Silcox was here in the forenoon.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual.

## **Thursday, July 15, 1909**

Warm and bright. Busy at home in the forenoon. In the afternoon, sister Mary R. and Margaret P. + I went Mrs. Smith's on 4<sup>th</sup> St. her sister Mrs. Church gave a very enjoyable reading to a small audience of invited guests. I went to the cemetery in the forenoon to take some flowers, + do a little work this being James' birthday. It was very warm

## **Friday, July 16, 1909**

Weather warm and pleasant, suitable for the season. Mary and I keep busy in, and out of the house. Hear from Elizabeth nearly every day, someone gets a letter and she reports having a fine time both in her classwork and in her little visits with Will.

## **Saturday, July 17, 1909**

Fair and warm.

Busy at home in the forenoon.

In the afternoon Mary Moore + I, and Mary Ricker and Margaret Peebles made our calls upon Mrs. Smith and her sister Mrs. Church, after supper I went to take a book to Mrs. Church + stopped to make a call upon Mrs. Lake Lewis, on her porch. Margaret came in this afternoon alone, Miss Cramer having to remain with her guests who are there.

## **Sunday, July 18, 1909**

Bright and pleasant. Went to Sunday School as usual. It was Communion day and our family was represented by Mary and myself, attendance smaller than usual, so many are away. I forgot that Margaret was home today and attended the morning services then went back to the country.

## **Monday, July 19, 1909**

Letter from Elizabeth.

Quite warm. Busy at home in the forenoon, went to W. R. C. meeting in the afternoon. It was the last time Mary Peebles will meet with us before tasking her trip around the world, and we shall miss her very much. Mary + Bess Pixley went to a ball game in the afternoon. I wrote to Enos+ we took the letter to the office at bedtime. We are much concerned about John. Wrote to the boys. Went to the Cemetery before dinner.

## **Tuesday, July 20, 1909**

Quite cool, early + late in the day. The papers report storms + high winds in various parts of the country.

I have work in the yard much of the day, trying to get the weeds out + the place looking neat. Had a postal from Margaret written while she was on the way out to the farm. Letter from Carl which I answered at once.

## **Wednesday, July 21, 1909**

Quite cool early in the morning but it got warm enough by noon.

Worked in the yard nearly all forenoon, weeding the rose beds. The whole yard now looks quite orderly.

Letters from Margaret and Elizabeth and a postal from Miss Ross at Pomeroy, also letter from sister Elizabeth at Quebec, just as she, Elizabeth, Robert + Richard were about to sail for England. Went to prayer-meeting.

## **Thursday, July 22, 1909**

Very warm, cloud and other indications of rain, but only a sprinkle fell in the evening. Was busy in the kitchen and yard all forenoon. Went to see Mary Peebles and Mrs. Dennis after dinner, then came home and took some sewing + visited with sister Mary. Came home + found Mrs. Cadot + Miss M. Firmstone here. Had long letter from Mrs. Cotton who is at Ephraim, Wis.

## **Friday, July 23, 1909**

Very cool and damp.

We have been doing some general cleaning today. A rain last night made it a good time for such work and as we hope to see Will home soon we want to have everything ready for his coming. Mary went to Mrs. Pearl Selby's party in the rain this afternoon, but did not get wet. I went to the cemetery and sat out more ivy.

## **Saturday, July 24, 1909**

Warm but breezy and very pleasant. Margaret came in today and brought Damie Crabtree, about thirteen years old. She had never seen town, nor any of the things common, or uncommon to be seen in a town so Margaret spent the afternoon doing her errands, and showing Damie the sights. She crossed the river on the ferry boat, went to Millbrook on the street cars, rose in the little Brownie Car automobile went to the nickelodeon and to the ice-cream parlor. It was a great day.

## **Sunday, July 25, 1909**

Pleasant though rather warm. We went to S. S. and church as usual, taking Damie who never was in a church before, and yet through all the strange scenes and sounds, she says nothing unless asked a question. Margaret went back to the country about 4 o'clock. We went to church in the evening. Heard that Mrs. Bower is very sick, with typhoid fever.

## **Monday, July 26, 1909**

Cloudy, and rained in the night. Will and I went up street in the forenoon + did some errands, then down to see the wreckage after the fire, when Reitz Stone Saw Mill and other buildings burned. Home all afternoon. In the evening we went to see Sam Johnson about some papers which the Board of Review brought me today.

It rained and we stayed quite a while. Mrs. Bower died late this evening and I am sorry I had not been to see her. Mrs. Elder + Mrs. Nelly called.

## **Tuesday, July 27, 1909**

Cloudy and delightful for the drive to the farm. Will got a surrey and team and took Mary Moore + me out to see Margaret + Miss Cramer. We had a pleasant day and reached home about 7:30. Mrs. Dennis called about that time and Grace Cotton Cone came soon after to stay all night. It was late when we got through the evening work and went to bed.

## **Wednesday, July 28, 1909**

Very hot and close. Will left on the 7:33 N + W for Cin. Grace went to her old home to do a day's work packing, and will return for the night. Wrote birthday letters to sister Virginia and Elizabeth Ricker, and a postal from Mrs. C. S. Bond. Went to prayer-meeting. Dr. Kline led. Taking cold today. Grace came to supper and will be here all night.

## **Thursday, July 29, 1909**

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## **Friday, July 30, 1909**

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## **Saturday, July 31, 1909**

Pleasant day, which was spent as usual. Margaret came in the afternoon, without Miss Cramer who has to stay because of her guests. There were the usual errands a pouring rain kept them housed in different places while Charlotte Prichard surprised me with a call and was pretty wet when she came in. The girls finally reached home before she left and walked with her, up to her brother Stanley's.

## **Sunday, August 1, 1909**

Fair. My cold is a very little better, so I went to Sunday School as usual but as our own church is closed, I stayed at home and had a call from Dr. Margaret Fulton who will see what she can do for the hives.

Margaret went back to the cemetery in the afternoon. In the evening Mary Moore, Mary R. + I went to Trinity Ch. Enos was here this afternoon.

## **Monday, August 2, 1909**

Rained before the day was over.

In the afternoon the girls, Mary, Bess Pixley and Margaret went to the ball game.

Cheng, the cow, was sick and I had to call Dr. Lake to see her this evening. I am to try a prescription from Dr. Margaret Fulton for hives. My cold is a little better but I am still far from well.

Enos returned from Columbus.

## **Tuesday, August 3, 1909**

Warm and bright.

We were home, and busy all forenoon, then after dinner Mary, and Margaret Peebles took a lunch and went over on the Ky hills to spend the afternoon. I was home alone all afternoon and wrote some letters. After supper Mary + I went to see Charlotte Prichard. Mary Peebles made me a farewell call this afternoon. She had made several.

## **Wednesday, August 4, 1909**

Warm and fair.

I had a letter from Aunt Helen Ricker which needed an immediate reply in regard to street improvements on the Kirkwood property, so I wrote her and then enclosed her letter, in one to Margaret, having already written + mailed her a birthday letter.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual, Mr. F. L. Johnson began to lead the meeting but was taken ill and Mr. Scudder took his place.

Letters almost daily from E. tell of the happy time she is having.

## **Thursday, August 5, 1909**

Very warm and close with a thunder + hard rain storm late in the afternoon. Mary and I were busy in the kitchen all forenoon preparing for the three guests, Margaret Peebles, Charlotte Prichard and Helen Moore were here to supper.

Margaret stayed all night it being her last chance before leaving on her long trip next week.

Went to W. C. T. U. meeting + walked up street with Mary Peebles afterwards.

## **Friday, August 6, 1909**

Fair and warm but with a pleasant breeze most of the time. Mary is not feeling well today, and I am better. Worked all forenoon in the yard and shed. Mrs. Long swept. This is Margaret's birthday and I hope she has the letters I sent her. I received a long letter from Sister Elizabeth, the first one written from Cambridge England. She, Elizabeth, Robert + Richard are there now but Robert will return Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. I wrote to Carl. Sent postals to Lucy Carpenter, Helen Ellis and Mrs. O. S. Bond.

## **Saturday, August 7, 1909**

Warm, and yet pleasant. Busy as usual on Saturday. Margaret came in late this evening with a large supply of garden produce. Fine corn, beans, cabbage, cauliflower etc.

We all then went out after supper to do some errands and get some ice-cream.

## **Sunday, August 8, 1909**

Warm but fair and pleasant. Went to S. S. and then Irma Rardin's husband, a returned missionary from China. In the evening I went alone to the Second Pres. church and heard Dr. Watson from Cin. He gave a fine talk on the first verse of the 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm. Margaret went back to the far early in the afternoon, after planning Mary's trip to New York to join Elizabeth.

## **Monday, August 9, 1909**

Pleasant. Mary + I have had a busy day, she getting her things ready to pack and I helping her, and preparing the meals. Wrote to Uncle Drew for his birthday which will be tomorrow.

## **Tuesday, August 10, 1909**

Fine day, warm but a good breeze.

Busy helping Mary get ready for her start to N. Y. on the C + O train at 2:48. Mary Moore + I went over the river with her. Margaret did not get home until late in the

evening. She will stay most of the time in town while the girls are away. Mary Peebles and her three nieces left on the early C + O on their trip to Yellowstone Park.

### **Wednesday, August 11, 1909**

Cool and comfortable. Margaret and I have been busy about the house all day.

Card from Mary said she had a nice visit with Mrs. Robert Peebles on the way, the Peebles party going as far as Talcot.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Mr. Morgan led.

Wrote to Lizzie Peebles.

Letter from Jane Ricker for Margaret.

### **Thursday, August 12, 1909**

Cool and pleasant until evening when it became very warm again.

Margaret and I drove out to the hill-top and cemetery in the afternoon, made calls upon Mrs. Mathiott, + Mrs. Jackson. Did errands also. Wrote letters in the evening to the girls and some others, took them to the office then went to bed. Mrs. Silcox was here in the morning.

### **Friday, August 13, 1909**

Margaret arose and started about 5:30 to drive to the farm. Soon after she left a hard rain storm came up and she telephoned me from Feurt's that she was under shelter, but it rained again so she must have had a hard trip. Letter from Will saying Mary arrived all right in N. Y. I wrote to Mary Y. Moore, this being her birthday, also wrote to Elizabeth and sent papers, + postal to Mary. Wrote to Mrs. O'Brien about the cows.

### **Saturday, August 14, 1909**

Fine weather and still quite warm. The rain storm of yesterday was very destructive. Margaret + Miss Cramer came in this evening to stay on Sunday.

George Keilman finished up his work here this evening and Hezekiah Redmond will begin again, and stay awhile to see what he can do for the cows.

### **Sunday, August 15, 1909**

Pleasant in the morning, and we went to S. S. as usual. There being no service Mary and I went to Bigelow and heard Dr. Smith of Ada, who preached in Dr. Jackson's absence. Heard a fine sermon.

### **Monday, August 16, 1909**

Rained again. We have these rainstorms very often but they do not usually last long. Margaret + Miss C. made an early start out to the farm again + M will return tomorrow. Letter from Elizabeth. She and Mary are having a most delightful time together, though Elizabeth's mornings are all taken up with her work.

I wrote several letters.

## **Tuesday, August 17, 1909**

Pleasant. Having slept over home last night I arose early and came home to get breakfast for Hezekiah, and attend to the milk. Had my own breakfast with Mary. Margaret came home again this evening. She is getting plenty of fresh air driving back + forth these days to take Miss Cramer out, and go after her again. I am busy as can be all the time and yet hardly know what to record.

## **Wednesday, August 18, 1909**

Weather cloudy with some rain and thunder.

This was "jelly day" for us and with Mary's help I made thirty glasses of grape jelly.

Letter from Will from N. Y. Went to prayer-meeting and Margaret came when it was about time to close. She had had an exciting time about Maud, her horse which was out + the carriage house doors open, but no one knew how they came to be open. After a chase in which Geo. Schirman helped she was secured and the stable carefully locked up. We wrote letters to the girls + took them to the P. O. after church.

## **Thursday, August 19, 1909**

Another fine day, which Margaret and I have used industriously. I have been preparing, and cooking grapes for jelly, and she helped me. As I gathered more than a bushel, part of which I gave to Mary, it was a big job.

Letters from Elizabeth + Carl. Margaret + I went after supper to call upon Uncle Sam + Ada in their new home 380 New Fifth St. where they are nicely settled and very happy.

Maud got out again in the night so we found she had opened the doors herself.

## **Friday, August 20, 1909**

Fine day, as nearly perfect as possible. Margaret left very early, before I was up, to go to the farm after Miss Cramer. I was busy all forenoon and after dinner Mary, Helen + I went to the Park for a little while. The car ride was delightful. Letters for both M and myself from Lizzie Peebles, also a postal from Miss Ricker at Chautauqua for me.

Wrote birthday letters to Enos + Will. Helen, Mary + I Mr. + Mrs. Scudder + Mr. S. entertained us with the graphophone. Letters from E. F. P.

Mrs. Silcox + family took Mary + me riding.

## **Saturday, August 21, 1909**

Fine day and quite cool. Have been busy as usual. Went over home for dinner, having stayed there last night, but had supper at home. Margaret returned from the farm soon after seven o'clock and after she had some supper we went up street to do the errands. No letters from anywhere today. Telephone message to me from Enos said he would be home at midnight. Had a funny experience getting into house, having lost my key.

## **Sunday, August 22, 1909**

A most delightful day.



Margaret + I went to S. S. as usual. I then went to Bigelow M. E. and sat with Uncle Sam Moore. Margaret + I had dinner at home alone. She then went to take Miss Cramer back to the farm and I lay down to rest awhile.

In the evening Mary M. + I went to Trinity M. E. church. Enos returned to Columbus on the 3:47, of the train that leaves about that time. I did not see him while here.

## **Monday, August 23, 1909**

Fine, cool, clear day, which I spent sweeping my room in the morning, and going over home to dinner. Letter from Elizabeth who writes that they will start for home this afternoon, taking the steamer for Norfolk + Old Point Comfort. Will stop at Ronceverte.

Mrs. Scudder sprained her ankle last evening and Helen will spend most of her time there now.

## **Tuesday, August 24, 1909**

Warm and clear. M + I have been about the house all day. Worked in the China closet and put away the jelly. Have seventy glasses on the shelves.

Margaret, Mary + I took a car ride after supper. Mrs. Dennis called before I had my supper, and we met Mrs. Young coming as we went to the car.

## **Wednesday, August 25, 1909**

A very warm day. Margaret left again this forenoon for the farm + I have had dinner + supper with Mary, will sleep there tonight. Wrote letters to Venetia Ramsey and postals to Carol Moore + Jennie Fuller asking about the calendar leaves.

Wrote to Carl, also.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Mr. Scudder was the leader. Took leaves to Mrs. Spry, + Miss Lewis. Mrs. Casky was here this morning.

Wrote to Mary Peebles at Oklahoma.

## **Thursday, August 26, 1909**

Very warm again, with slight indications of rain. Card from E. mailed from Fortress Monroe Tuesday PM. They had a fine trip from N. Y. to Norfolk.

Went up street this morning to take calendar leaves to Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Connins + Mrs. Drew, + Miss Newton. Had dinner over home with Mary + John. After supper Macy + I went to see Maggie Mason who is to leave tomorrow.

## **Friday, August 27, 1909**

Said to be the hottest day of this year, and atmosphere very trying. Have not felt very well but have been busy, went at noon time to mail some letters that I wrote + wanted to go at once. Then stopped to see Maggie Mason and give her two leaves to write for the calendar. Came home + found Elizabeth waiting to get into the house, very warm + tired. In the evening Macy + I went to see Bertha Gillilam + Mrs. Wilson.

## **Saturday, August 28, 1909**

An intensely hot day and I have not been able to do much, hive and other troubles having disabled me.

Elizabeth and I have done just as we could.

Margaret did not come home.

## **Sunday, August 29, 1909**

A most delightful day after the kind we have had lately. A rain storm in the night broke the heated spell.

We two went to S. S. this morning, Margaret did not return until 9 PM or it was that late when she got in bringing a lot of things. Did not go to church in the morning, but went in the evening, to the Central Pres. with Mary.

## **Monday, August 30, 1909**

A most delightful day. Breezy and cool.

Have been feeling better in some ways. Been home all day, so far. Wrote to Will in answer to a letter from him, had one from Miss Ella Ricker also.

Paid the ground tax 21.04.

Institute opened today, so M will be in all week.

After supper I went to call upon Mrs. Scudder, then up to Sue + Sallie Reed's to see Mrs. Inez Spry.

## **Tuesday, August 31, 1909**

Cool. Elizabeth has taken a severe cold and is miserable.

I went to Mrs. Young's to the Missionary meeting. The main subject of the conversation, after the meeting was the probable change which Dr. Elder may make, going to Denver, Col. where we shall be sorry to lose him but hope there is still someone left to look after this part of the Lord's work.

## **Wednesday, September 1, 1909**

Pleasant, but rather warm. Yes, it was hot.

Margaret has been in Institute all day, E + O have been at home and in the evening I was the only member of the family able to go to prayer-meeting. Dr. Elder has been gone six Wednesdays and the prayer-meeting is very small.

## **Thursday, September 2, 1909**

Was up early to be ready for Helen Ricker + Winifred Morton who came from Ironton to see the Public Library. They made a short visit then went with M on her way to Institute, + were introduced to Miss Newton. Spent the afternoon driving, it was a most beautiful day, and we enjoyed being out. Elizabeth has a cold and does not feel well at all so she stayed at home and Mary Moore went with us. I went to Institute in the evening + heard Prof. Willis talk on Jean Valjean.

## **Friday, September 3, 1909**

Cold, raw and unpleasant. So cold that in the afternoon I lighted the gas stove to warm a poor chilled woman who came to the door, made hot tea and fed her she seemed so cold + miserable. Rained all day. Institute closed and Margaret went to call on Roberta Spry Whitelaw but she was not in.

Miss Cramer will sleep here tonight. Mr. Scudder came to talk over a change in S. s. lessons, with M + E.

## **Saturday, September 4, 1909**

Rained hard in the night and then turned warmer, much warmer, so it has been very oppressive all day.

Margaret + Miss C. arose and left early for the farm, before we were awake.

Went and had my pension papers signed up this morning, got some money to fill church envelopes and pay the weekly expenses.

Letter from Will.

## **Sunday, September 5, 1909**

Fine day. Margaret is in the country but E + I went to Sunday School, as usual and were glad to have De. Elder in the pulpit again, though we know now that he will not be there much longer. He told us of his call to Denver, and how long he has been declining, but it seems they will not give up and he will probably go.

## **Monday, September 6, 1909**

Labor Day. Fine day as to weather. Quiet in town as all the celebration is at Millbrook Park where some of us went. Margaret + Miss C. drove in this evening telephoning for E + me to meet Margaret Jackson at the station this evening, as she is coming in to attend the High School. The girls brought a big load of vegetables.

## **Tuesday, September 7, 1909**

School opened today with fair weather and a large attendance. Margaret hardly knows where she will be as yet, but has her work assigned, mostly history. Margaret Jackson, from Bear Creek started in at the High School and for the present will stay here and help out of school hours for her board + we will help with her clothes.

## **Wednesday, September 8, 1909**

A beautiful day and in the evening I gathered flowers, (?), clematis, roses and ageratum for Gertrude Moore's luncheon tomorrow. She gives it in honor of Avel Cadot and Elizabeth is going. I began a letter to Virginia in reply to my birthday letter from her rec'd today, but did not get it finished. Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Dr. Elder was present after an absence of six Wednesdays. Miss Cramer gave me red table mats, Margaret a 97 ct stamp book E. cake + ice-cream for supper. Mary sent me a letter as did Will + Carl + Helen a postal. Sister Mary gave me a quilt.

## **Thursday, September 9, 1909**

Very warm, and then there was a hard thunderstorm + heavy rain fall from 11 PM to 1AM. Mary came over this morning and told of her experience with John which seems to be the climax of what has seemed imminent for months. It has upset us all and we have spent the day trying to find out what we ought to do. Mr. Prescott and his wife came down to wait for Enos who did not come so they stayed all night, he over there + she here. No one slept much at either house. Rained at night.

## **Friday, September 10, 1909**

Pleasant weather, after the rainstorm in the night. Mr. Prescott has been wiring + phoning to Columbus this AM until he reached Enos who came on the evening train and with Mr. Prescott made arrangements for an inquest in the morning, then Enos went to the hotel, and will return to Columbus in the very early train. He decided after coming down that the only course to pursue would be to send John to Athens. It is very hard on us to do it, but there seems to be no other way. Mary went to Mrs. Elder's to stay all night. Margaret went to the farm.

## **Saturday, September 11, 1909**

Warm and pleasant.

The forenoon, or until 10 AM was occupied with the necessary legal proceedings which were required to put John under treatment again at Athens. It was hard to go through with but the physicians, Drs. Schirman + P. J. Kline, and Probate Judge Thos. Beatty said it was absolutely necessary, so after he was examined, Mr. Gillen took him home where Mrs. Gillen will care for him until the papers are returned for his admission to the Asylum. The line papers this morning tell of the death of Dr. John Goddard + Dan'l Coach at Shanghai of Asiatic Cholera, only 2 1/2 hours apart, Mary Zinniker was here to ask about K-G classes. Wrote to Enos, Virginia, Will, Carl, Mrs. Clyde + a note to John.

## **Sunday, September 12, 1909**

Pleasant. Went to S. S. + church as usual. At the close of the morning service Dr. Elder announced that he had accepted the call to the First Am. Pres. ch, of Denver, Col. + asked for a congressional meeting to release him next Wed. evening. Margaret + Miss C. came home this evening.

## **Monday, September 13, 1909**

Very warm. This morning we had to get John's things ready for his trip, and Mr. Prescott went to see him before he left. We feel very sorry, but know that we have done all we could and must make the best of it.

Mary came home in the afternoon from Ronceverte having been gone nearly five weeks. After supper Mary M. + I went to Mrs. Helfenstein's, Mrs. Anderson's + Mrs. Ruggles.

## **Tuesday, September 14, 1909**

Fair and warm. Had a letter from Carl, + one from Helen. Was busy all day at home, until evening when I went over and read a book to Mary, the story of a little dog, stricken, that went with John Muir when he made the exploration + report on the Muir Glacier in Alaska. I went to see Mr. Gillen and learned from him that John went cheerfully to Athens, probably realizing himself that it was the best thing that could be done.

## **Wednesday, September 15, 1909**

Rain this afternoon after a very hot spell. I went up street to do some errands, then to Mrs. Elder's but she was not at home. Stopped on my way home + got Mary a dish for her birthday. Two letters from Will today.

Washed and pressed a skirt for Margaret Jackson today. Went to prayer meeting and Dr. Elder called the congressional meeting which released him a pastor so we shall have to begin the search for his successor.

## **Thursday, September 16, 1909**

Pleasant, but pretty warm. Uncle Sam Moore was here this morning. This is his anniversary.

Mrs. Behrens is sick and I have to stay there at night and go back and forth during the day.

## **Friday, September 17, 1909**

Fine day, just delightful for the drive which Elizabeth and Mary took after dinner, to Lucasville, then Margaret + Miss C. went on the train after school. Mary Moore had Dr. + Mrs. Elder + Mrs. Campbell to dinner, then added Mrs. Young and me to the party for supper. Little Paul was with them. Had letter from Virginia Greene, wrote her and sent one of Jimmie's air conditioners to Bartie.

Wrote to Carl.

## **Saturday, September 18, 1909**

Beautiful day and very comfortable. Was busy all forenoon washing windows + using the hose. Went to the Bank at noon and got 5.00. After two o'clock Mary M + I went to Mr. Prescott's but he had gone fishing. Called at Mrs. Ball's but she was not at home. Had calendar leaves from Venetia Ramsey + Carrie Swim.

E + M went to the train to meet Miss Sadie Roberts and met Vernon Halliday, unexpectedly and she came home with them.

## **Sunday, September 19, 1909**

Fine day. Went to S. S. as usual and had our two visitors with us. Margaret Jackson went with me besides, but Margaret Ricker was in the country, she + Miss C returned in the evening. Dr. Elder preached two very fine sermons today. We all feel very sorry that he must leave here and wonder who will succeed him.

## **Monday, September 20, 1909**

Fine day. No rain here but storms and tidal waves in the Gulf of Mexico which did great damage.

Vernon left at 2 o'clock and Sadie Roberts at 3:43.

I was at Relief Corps meeting all afternoon. Mary's birthday was very quietly observed. Macy gave her a beautiful Masonic pin. We had given her her trip and had nothing else ready for today.

## **Tuesday, September 21, 1909**

Beautiful day. Mrs. Curtiss came at noon, I went to meet her with the surrey. Spent the afternoon visiting together, took a drive before supper. Went with her to her meeting with the colored Baptist people at their church. Mrs. Dennis went with us. She gave a most excellent address which was appreciated by her audience.

## **Wednesday, September 22, 1909**

Warm and pleasant. Indications of rain which were not realized. Mrs. Curtiss left on the 7:28 for Columbus. Put up plums. Spent the afternoon on the calendar, wrote six letters, to Will, Venetia, Mattie w., Gay Crossley, Edward Greene + H. P. S. Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Dr. Elder is at the meeting of Presbytery at Eckmansville where the pastoral relation will be dissolved and we shall be without.

## **Thursday, September 23, 1909**

Warm with signs of rain in the morning. Rec'd in morning mail calendar leaves from the Fuller family with pictures of Mrs. F. + Jennie.

## **Friday, September 24, 1909**

Beautiful day. Elizabeth + Mary drove to Lucasville this afternoon to have the horse + buggy there for M + Miss C who went by train. Margaret Jackson went to visit her brother + family until Sunday noon.

I have been writing and working on the calendar.

## **Saturday, September 25, 1909**

Cloudy but no rain today. Quite cool, so that we had fire in the library this evening.

The two girls and I were over to dinner with Mary, and she insisted upon our going back to supper. Mrs. Dennis was here when I came home, and Mrs. Young came later to speak about doing something in the way of a farewell for Dr. + Mrs. Elder, Wednesday evening after prayer-meeting. Margaret + Miss C. will come in tomorrow.

## **Sunday, September 26, 1909**

Fine day. Went to Sunday School as usual. Dr. Elder preached his last two sermons today, and made his closing address in Sunday School. There was a large attendance at church, especially in the evening, people from other congregations being present, besides the three Pres. churches holding a Union Service.

## **Monday, September 27, 1909**

Beautiful weather but cool enough for a little fire. Was down street in the forenoon doing errands, then after dinner sister Mary + I went out in the buggy and did more errands. Took some jellies, pickles, sauces to Mrs. Elder to be packed with her goods. Things Margaret + Miss Cramer made at the farm. The packers are rapidly doing the work and the family will soon be gone to the new home in Denver Col. Wrote to Will.

## **Tuesday, September 28, 1909**

Beautiful day.

The missionary meeting at Mrs. Dennis' was the event of today with me.

There were not many present but the meeting was good.

## **Wednesday, September 29, 1909**

Fair and cool. Busy at home in the morning.

After dinner went to the church to help Mrs. Young and Miss Bell arrange for the informal farewell reception given Dr. + Mrs. Elder after prayer-meeting this evening. There was a large attendance at the meeting this evening and many came in later. There is universal regret over their departure from Portsmouth.

## **Thursday, September 30, 1909**

Beautiful day. Busy at home in the forenoon. After dinner I drove Maud, took Macy and did some Home Dept. visiting. Went to see Mrs. Elder in the empty house, nearly everything being out of it.

Finished the center piece which I am going to give Mary as her belated birthday present.

Mrs. Manning, the children and Mrs. Betts came this afternoon from Ronceverte.

## **Friday, October 1, 1909**

Foggy in the morning so no frost, though it is cool in the morning.

Dr. Elder and family left today for Denver Col. And we greatly regret our loss. They stayed at Mrs. Coe's last night. The girls drove to Lucasville in the afternoon + had supper with Mabel Moulton. Margaret + Miss C went on the train.

Mary Moore + I went to hear Louis J. Beauchamp at Trinity on the Sunny side of life. It was good. Wrote to Mary Peebles + Carl, calendar leaves from Oella L.

## **Saturday, October 2, 1909**

Warmer, and pleasant. No frost in town. Have a little fire mornings + evenings. Was busy at home all day, in the kitchen and cellar in the forenoon, at my desk most of the afternoon.

Went, just before supper, to take some Home Dept. supplies. The girls went to Mrs. Young's and Bertha Wilhelm's. Macy made ice-cream and the girls froze it, fine peaches made it excellent.

Sent calendar leaves to Miss Fogg in Zanesville.

Mary had a letter from Carl. Mrs. Wilhelm brought Mary the 45.00 for her violin sold back to the person she bought it off of.

## **Sunday, October 3, 1909**

Beautiful day. Elizabeth, Mary and I went to S. S. it being Rally Day in all schools, there was a good attendance everywhere. Dr. S. F. Vance preached for us both morning + evening, fine sermons. He made a marked impression on our people and the evening congregation was larger than the one in the morning. His wife, married Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1909, it a daughter of Dr. Douglas Purtam at one time assistant pastor of our church with Dr. Pratt.

## **Monday, October 4, 1909**

Another delightful day, mild and bright, though dusty.

We had some interesting mail today, not all good. Virginia wrote that Edward is having hemorrhages of the lungs and must give up his position and go home to the farm, with his wife. We fell deeply sorry for him and them.

A letter from Bessie Titus says Cousin Mattie Sturtevant Sawyer wants Mary to go and make her a visit of two months, from Nov to Feb + if mutually pleased she wants her to return and spend the summer with her in travel, providing everything needful for her.

Wrote to Will, Bessie + Carl.

## **Tuesday, October 5, 1909**

Pleasant. Have had a busy day, at home in the morning, and then Macy, Elizabeth, Mary + I went to a musicale at the Elk Parlor given by Mrs. Hagar and Mrs. Marconnett.

Have been writing letters and getting calendar leaves distributed.

This is West End Carnival week but I've not seen any of it.

## **Wednesday, October 6, 1909**

Fine day, warm but pretty day and dusty. Had a fine bunch of mail this morning. Cards to Geo L. Johnson's wedding in Columbus to Miss Esther Sharp on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. A long letter from Lydia Johnson, one from Will, one from Mrs. Dennis and a card from Miss Fogg of Zanesville.

Went to prayer-meeting which was well-led by Mr. G. L. Pake.

The girls went to Lucasville this afternoon to the Clover Club meeting, the first of the season. Put up plums + Macy will put up pears for me tomorrow. Bessie Smith was here.

## **Thursday, October 7, 1909**

Pleasant and warm. Heavy fog in the morning. Gathered a lot of walnuts in the yard. Washed the curtains, ready for ironing tomorrow.

Went to Mrs. Wells Hutchins reception where the rooms were crowded with ladies in handsome clothes. The flowers were beautiful, and everything well arranged.

Postal from Miss Fogg asking for more leaves for the calendar. Am so glad I sent her the first ones, sent her about ten more.



## **Friday, October 8, 1909**

Beautiful day. Busy at home in the forenoon. At one o'clock, started, with Mary Moore to drive to Lucasville to leave the horse + buggy there for Margaret. Took a little lunch and after supper made a call at Mabel Moulton's. Were an hour late coming home. Orchestra practice here tonight.

## **Saturday, October 9, 1909**

Pleasant. No frost, as yet, in town. I had a very busy day with housework, and wrote letters to both Will and Carl.

Saw two balloon ascensions this afternoon, a part of the West End Carnival program. Saw them from our back yard where I was gathering nuts. Elizabeth and Mary went auto riding with Laura Halderman + Bes Pixley.

## **Sunday, October 10, 1909**

Fair and pleasant, though dusty. Went to S. S. as usual. Dr. S. F. Vance preached for us both morning + evening. He is much liked by our people.

Margaret + Miss Cramer came home this evening.

## **Monday, October 11, 1909**

Rained in the night and was delightful today. Washed + ironed the lace curtains for the library. Had a very busy day and among other things I gathered nearly two thirds of a barrel of walnuts, to be hulled. Went to make a payment to Mr. Prescott but he had gone fishing. Mary finished the new black silk waist which Lizzie Peebles sent me from Los Angeles. Helen came from Columbus.

## **Tuesday, October 12, 1909**

Beautiful day and pleasant. Went to Ironton on the noon train and found a crowd on the train, many others going to the Synodical meetings. Found Helen at the station waiting for me, and other guests. Spent the afternoon in the S. S. meeting. Went to the opening of Synod in the evening. Mrs. Jose Ellison called to see me at supper time and was prevailed upon to remain and have supper with us.

## **Wednesday, October 13, 1909**

Beautiful day but rather cold. Frost has killed many vines + plants. Spent the entire day and evening in the Synodical meetings. The Womens meetings are held in the Methodist Church, and the men's in the Pres. Have met a number of ladies whom I have known and several who know Virginia, and Lizzie Peebles. Took dinner with Miss Lydia Hart and her sister Mrs. Nixon.

## **Thursday, October 14, 1909**

Cloudy but only a sprinkle of rain. Spent the entire day in the Synodical meetings. Had fine speakers and heard much that was interesting. Went to Addie Morton's for supper, then to the Foreign Missionary meeting at the Pres. ch. Had three good speakers, a member of the New York Board, made the closing address. Good music, large audience, and a fine meeting in every way.

Letter from Mary Ricker and wrote one to Bessie Titus.

### **Friday, October 15, 1909**

Cloudy, light sprinkle but no rain. Arose early and after breakfast with Aunt Ad, Helen and Mr. Tilton, went to the station and came home on the 6:49 AM train. Had a busy day. Went to see Mrs. Conger about the Mis. Meeting next Wednesday. Stopped to see Mrs. Silcox who has returned from California bringing Janie Stewart for a visit. Wrote to Carl, and Helen. Girls out tonight.

Margaret went to the country.

Mr. Reiser put cement floor in the frame stable, where it was unfinished.

### **Saturday, October 16, 1909**

Beautiful mild sunny, breezy day. Was very busy all day washed John's bathrobe, and will sent it soon. Sent, yesterday, a package of underwear and other things he needs. Dr. Clark came on the evening train to stay over Sunday and fill our pulpit tomorrow.

Wrote to Helen Ricker.

Have received some fine leaves for the calendar from Miss Fogg of Zanesville who asked for more when I sent her.

### **Sunday, October 17, 1909**

Cloudy with light rain we went to day School as usual. Dr. Clark was to speak at Trinity M. E. ch. at 9 o'clock so Mr. Breece caked for him with his auto and insisted upon taking us all to S. S. as we were just ready to start. Dr. Clark conducted our communion service, as he did once before Dr. Elder came. I was too sick to go in the evening so retired early. M came home about 7 PM.

### **Monday, October 18, 1909**

A rainy, dark dismal day. I was feeling too badly to get breakfast this morning so Mary did it, and Dr. Clark left without my seeing him.

I came down later in the forenoon and wrote the paper on the Home Mission Board of the Women's Societies, for the meeting to be held Wednesday at the 2<sup>nd</sup> church. Had a letter from Carl and wrote him a card.

### **Tuesday, October 19, 1909**

Beautiful bright day after the rain of yesterday. Am better of my cold and able to be at work again. Wrote to Mrs. Dennis and was busy all forenoon. The girls went to Mrs. Barton's to a social in the afternoon, taking Mrs. Betts.

### **Wednesday, October 20, 1909**

Beautiful day but I should not be out if it was avoidable. Mrs. Proston missed her train so we did not have Corps Inspection today. Went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> church at 2 PM taking Mrs. Betts. The District Presbyterian met with a member of Ironton + New Boston ladies present. My paper "a brief history of our Home Mission Board" was first on the program. The whole session was interesting. We remained to supper at the church, and

after that the evening meeting was held, Miss Kiel, from Puerto Rico being the speaker. Was very hoarse, and coughed a great deal this evening.

## **Thursday, October 21, 1909**

Rainy. A few of us went to the Hall for Inspection this AM. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Boyer and myself, with Mrs. Poston, the Inspector/ It was impossible to hold a regular meeting but the books had been examined and it was all we could do. My cold is worse again.

## **Friday, October 22, 1909**

A most beautiful day which I have spent out of doors, Mrs. Gregory called for me this AM with Mrs. Hall, + Mrs. Cook + I, we drove to the cemetery, + then about town. In the afternoon Mrs. Hall took Anna Ross + me in her carriage to the Belli obsequies at the Cemetery. Major John Belli died nearly 100 years ago and his remains have been buried now three times. Capt. Enos was the master of ceremonies. Mrs. Gregory's husband O. U. Jastine was a son-in-law of the Major's. They were early settlers here.

## **Saturday, October 23, 1909**

Rainy and dismal as it can be. Thundered in the night and is somewhat cooler today. We have had a busy day here at home. I received in the morning mail a letter, and calendar leaves from Carol in Liverpool across the Atlantic, and also the leaves from Mary Y. Moore across the Pacific. Shall acknowledge them today. Wrote to Carol + Mary Y. Moore.

## **Sunday, October 24, 1909**

Pleasant, though we carried umbrellas to S. S. and church. Mr. Scudder is gone to Indiana, to hear a preacher, so Dr. Ruggles acted as Superintendent. Dr. Edward Mack of Lane Theological Seminary preached both morning and evening.

## **Monday, October 25, 1909**

Pleasant. Bright and breezy, still have a bad cold. Busy at home all forenoon then after dinner went to call upon cousin Caroline Gunn who is visiting her sister Anna Cook.

Wrote to Will.

Mr. Wyman came on the afternoon C + O train, this being his last trip west. Hereafter he will be in the Boston office. In the evening he went with the girls and me to a Musicales at All Saints' ch. the Song Cycle.

## **Tuesday, October 26, 1909**

Another beautiful fall day. Mild, and quite warm in the sunshine.

Mr. Wyman spent the forenoon with his customers and then after dinner the girls took him for a drive before going to the train, which was late. The Missionary Society met here with a dozen present. Mrs. Evans, the President in the chair. Mrs. Dennis stayed to supper. Had letter from Will. Mrs. Weller is expected on the evening train. Mary went to Orchestra practice.

## **Wednesday, October 27, 1909**

Fair and pleasant.

Had letter from Carl and write him.

Went to Jefferson St. K-G in the afternoon to a Mothers' meeting. Was out in the morning with Ethel Schwartz to collect for the Kindergartens.

Elizabeth has had a busy day and was too tired to go to prayer-meeting with the rest of us.

## **Thursday, October 28, 1909**

Bright and breezy. Went down street in the forenoon then stayed at home all afternoon. Had letter from Will. Mrs. Lang swept and cleaned. Had a carpenter here to do some work in the frame stable, some repairing.

Still have a cold and feel badly.

Finished crocheting the skirt Elizabeth began three or four years ago when Maude Clark was here.

## **Friday, October 29, 1909**

Quite cool this morning, thin ice on a bucket of water. Went up street in the forenoon to do some errands and see Mrs. Selby.

Letters from Will and sister Lizzie Peebles.

Wrote postal to Lucy Carpenter. Had calendar leaves from Will Moore now in Bruges, Belgium. Margaret and Miss Cramer went to the country.

## **Saturday, October 30, 1909**

Mild and pleasant.

Worked in the yard all the forenoon and was very tired the rest of the day.

Mrs. Betts, Mrs. Manning and the children were here. Girls went to Lonnie Small's to the Shakespeare Club.

## **Sunday, October 31, 1909**

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## **Monday, November 1, 1909**

Cloudy with light sprinkles but no real rain.

The public schools were all out for a big parade this forenoon in the interest of a new High School. The kindergartens were invited to join in the parade, and citizens furnished enough autos to take all the children and the directors.

It was quite a sight.

## **Tuesday, November 2, 1909**

A little cloudy but mild and pleasant. Election day was the occasion of a new feature in school work on account of the need for a new High School. School was dismissed for the day and the pupils of the High School were sent to the polls in organized squads to work for the Bond Issue and while neither party got all they wanted, the Bond Issue carried. I had letters from Mary Y. Moore and Will, he sent me a check

for 15.00 which I took to the bank and traded the red cow, Cherry, for a small brown one with a calf and gave 15.00 besides. Went to the Cemetery in the afternoon.

### **Wednesday, November 3, 1909**

Beautiful day, bright and mild. Had a letter with a check for 135.00 from Frank R. which will enable me to pay off some debts.

This being my anniversary the girls invited Mrs. Young and Mrs. Dennis, Macy + Helen to supper. Helen was at Mrs. Scudder's for the night so did not come. Margaret got me some beautiful white roses, and we had a fine supper. We all went to church. Mr. Coe led the meeting.

Attended K-G Board meeting at Mrs. Schwartz this afternoon.

### **Thursday, November 4, 1909**

Pleasant and mild.

In the forenoon I went to the Security Bank and deposited 1235.00 which Frank Ricker sent me, wrote him + sent receipt and old note, he having sent me a new one, for \$27.00. Paid gas and water bills.

Repotted three poinsettias from the group Elizabeth gave me last Christmas, put them in single pots. All at home this evening. Helen went to Columbus this afternoon.

Letter from Robert Peebles.

### **Friday, November 5, 1909**

Pleasant in fact an ideal day.

Elizabeth and Mary drove to Lucasville and Margaret + Miss Cramer went on the train, then drove to the farm, and the girls came home in time to attend the Sunday School Social which Mr. Scudder gave, furnishing the entire entertainment with the help of some of the girls. Had the gramophone from his home, which is a fine one.

### **Saturday, November 6, 1909**

Beautiful day and quite warm and pleasant. I have been very, very busy all day and did not get dressed up at all. Worked all day.

Wrote to both the boys this evening and also to Virginia. The girls were out and I spent the evening alone.

### **Sunday, November 7, 1909**

Fine day. Went to Sunday School as usual.

Rev. McDonald preached for us morning and evening. He came as a possible candidate, from Monessen. Pa. Good attendance at both services.

Margaret + Miss Cramer came in early this evening.

### **Monday, November 8, 1909**

A most beautiful, and delightful day. Was busy at home awhile then after dinner, I went up to Margaret Fulton's and paid my bill only \$1.00 for some most excellent treatment and results.

Went to see Maggie Murfin who is visiting her family here. Stopped at Mrs. Helfenstein's and Mrs. Drouvillard's to see about calendar leaves. Helen came from Columbus today to see about taking some of her things, as she found a house and will go got housekeeping soon.

## **Tuesday, November 9, 1909**

A very dark, rainy day. Was busy at home all day. Had no letters and wrote none. After supper Mary Moore helped M and me divide and carry in the last bit of the fruit etc. which was packed in night boxes and left in the stable until it could be opened and divided. They have a fine lot of fruit, pickles, sauces, jellies and so on which they put up out on the little farm in the summer + fall.

## **Wednesday, November 10, 1909**

Warm and pleasant after a little rain in the morning. Mary and I worked all forenoon at the housework then after dinner she went to Dr. Ruggles to have some work done, and Elizabeth + I went to the Mothers' Social at Mrs. Gotts' It was largely attended and being embroiled with a birthday party for little Frank, there were many children. Letter from Mrs. Curtiss who will be here tomorrow. Went to prayer-meeting which was led by Dr. Ruggles. Margaret took Miss C's share of the fruit + pickles to her.

## **Thursday, November 11, 1909**

Fine day. A little cloudy in the morning but cleared off. Letters from Will and Sister Virginia. She says the Doctor pronounces Edward's trouble to be tuberculosis of the lungs. Barton's is the same disease, only of the glands. County S. S. Convention met this evening in the Ger, Evangelical church. Rev. Freund pastor. Mrs. Curtiss came on the evening train.

## **Friday, November 12, 1909**

Fine day. Went back and forth to the S. S. Convention without wraps. Spent the day and evening in the Con. and heard some good talks. Mrs. Curtiss has given four, since she came, Mrs. Betts was here to supper and went with us in the evening.

Mary and Helen took dinner with us today to meet Mrs. Curtiss.

Had no letters today. Margaret + Miss C went to the farm. Margaret Jackson went to her brother's.

## **Saturday, November 13, 1909**

Beautiful day and warm as spring. Mrs. Curtiss left on the morning train for Columbus, and Helen went also, hoping to begin house-keeping in a small house, furnished on the corner of Linwood + East Fulton Streets. Dr. + Mrs. Vance are to be at Mary's over Sunday and mailed a letter to Mary Peebles, + Postal to Margaret for X'mas. Sent for to Rangoon, India.

## **Sunday, November 14, 1909**

A most beautiful day. Went to Sunday School as usual and Dr. Vance was present. He preached two good sermons today and several people who remembered Dr. Douglas Putnam, were glad to meet Mrs. Vance, his daughter. Elizabeth had dinner over home with them, and Mary was there to supper. Margaret got in before church time, but not soon enough to dress and go with us.

## **Monday, November 15, 1909**

Pleasant. Was up early and went over home to say good-bye to Dr. + Mrs. Vance who left on the morning train for Cincinnati.

It was the day for the regular corps meeting so I was there most of the afternoon, then came directly home. Wrote to Will.

## **Tuesday, November 16, 1909**

Pleasant. Worked a little in the yard, but more in the house.

We are trying to get Mary ready for her trip East, and there seems to be many other things to be done. Mary had a letter from Helen who is finally settled at house-keeping in Columbus and is very happy for which we are all glad.

## **Wednesday, November 17, 1909**

A gray, gloomy cheerless day, with a little sprinkle of rain and a few snowflakes. Had a letter from Aunt Helen Ricker inviting me to Kirkwood for Thanksgiving. Letter from Will also.

Went to W. C. T. U. meeting which has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday as an experiment. Afterwards went to see Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Scudder, + Mrs. Taylor.

Went to prater-meeting in the evening, Dr. Kline being the leader.

## **Thursday, November 18, 1909**

A gray day, with occasional fitful gleams of sunshine. Was busy at home in the forenoon. After dinner Mary went with me to have some penny pictures made, as I want one for calendar. I also made short calls upon Ethel Schwartz, Anna Ricker, Anna Ross + Mrs. Scudder + did an errand for Margaret Jackson at the store. Came home and went to work again. Had letter from Will and answered it, sending back a check, which I signed for him. The girls went to Trinity to a turkey supper but came home without any, as there was such a crowd. Mr. Scudder told me the K G would have to vacate Cavalry ch. The Portsmouth Magazine Club met at Mrs. Cotton's + she resigned as Sec'y after nearly fifty two years, as she will be away most of the time here after Mrs. Margaret Fernando was elected Sec'y.

## **Friday, November 19, 1909**

Another beautiful, bright cool day, a contrast to yesterday. Have been at home all day except for a while I spent with Macy over home, sewing.

Wrote to Carl, and Aunt Helen Ricker to say that I cannot accept the invitation to spent Thanksgiving at Kirkwood. Margaret + Miss C went to the country. After supper

Mary went to Miss Blake's to orchestra practice and Elizabeth went to Mrs. Manning's to wait for her. Dr. Clark called this morning on his way to the 7:35 train to speak about Mr. Harter whom he recommended to Mr. Scudder as a good man for our church.

## **Saturday, November 20, 1909**

Warm and pleasant. Doors and windows open. Sweet peas and vasturtienes come up from the seed dropped, and it seems much like spring.

Cavalry Chapel has been sold to W. P. Herr and our Kindergarten has to move to Union St. Public School Building which will be a gain in some ways.

## **Sunday, November 21, 1909**

Warm and pleasant.

Ther 60° this morning. We went to Sabbath School and remained to church.

Dr. Vance preached good sermons, morning and evening. Mr. + Mrs. Prescott took dinner with us.

## **Monday, November 22, 1909**

Warm. Ther 60°. Rain after supper. Warm wind all day. Letters from Carl and Willard Greene this morning.

Wrote to Mrs. E. E. Hall of Washington DC about her calendar leaves. Have been fixing over two of my black waists.

In the afternoon Mary Moore + I called on Mrs. Lieut. Wm. Ball but she was out, so we did not meet her. All spent the evening at home.

## **Tuesday, November 23, 1909**

Quite cold.

The Kindergarten was opened in the Union St. Building this morning, having been moved from Calvary Chapel which was sold last week. Mrs. Cadot, Misses Sarah and Margaret Firmstone and sister Mary were here to supper, also Mrs. Manning and the children and Macy went home with Mrs. M for the night.

I sent the usual letter to Uncle Drew for Thanksgiving.

## **Wednesday, November 24, 1909**

Cold and raw, seems like snow. All busy as usual. Margaret with school work Elizabeth with closing of Kinder-garten and Mary preparing for dinner tomorrow.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Mr. G. D. Scudder led.

Wrote to Carl.

## **Thursday, November 25, 1909**

Beautiful Thanksgiving day. No service at our church and I did not go anywhere. Sister Mary had dinner with me and my three daughters, as small dinner party, we had hoped Carl would get here but he did not.

Thanksgiving Day will always remind me of the first day of James' long, last illness, it being the first day that he could not go to the table with us, and he never again sat with us. Dr. + Mrs. Elder were here with us that day.



Margaret went to the farm.

### **Friday, November 26, 1909**

Beautiful bright and clear, not so cold as yesterday, but frosty in the morning. I was invited over to Macy's to dinner with Mrs. Young + Eleanor Wright. We had a very pleasant day together. Wrote to Carl + sent postal to Margaret. The girls had Mrs. Manning and the children here to dinner. Mary went to orchestra practice at Thos. Currey's out on the hill.

### **Saturday, November 27, 1909**

Pleasant. A very busy day. Mary did her packing and I helped her in several ways. In the evening she and E went to the Shakespeare Club at Marguerite Schirman's. I mended the trunk tray while they were away.

### **Sunday, November 28, 1909**

Fine day. Went to S. S. as usual. Rev. Otis Harter preached morning and evening. We liked him very much.

I had hoped Carl would be there today but he did not come.

### **Monday, November 29, 1909**

Beautiful day and we were all up early to get Mary started on her journey to Dover, N. H. Margaret and Elizabeth went to the train with her and saw her well started. She will see Helen at the station in Columbus. We shall miss her greatly.

In the evening Macy, E and I went to the first of the Bigelow Lecture Course entertainments, a concert by the Hungarian Orchestra led by Schildkret.

### **Tuesday, November 30, 1909**

Fine day. Busy at home in the forenoon and then went to Women's Mis. Soc. at Mrs. F. L. Johnson's.

Went with Mrs. Manning to the Second Pres. church and witnessed the marriage of Mr. Jay Lee Cross and Miriam Peebles. It was a fine affair, a profession of flowers and handsome dresses and all that goes to make a beautiful ceremony.

### **Wednesday, December 1, 1909**

Beautiful day, and a very busy one. After dinner Miss Anna Ross + I went to Mrs. H. T. Bannon's reception, then came home to meet with the K-G Board, Messrs. Herron + Scudder, + Mrs. Selby. We arranged for the X'mas preparations.

Went to prayer-meeting, and after that the C. E. business meeting was held here. Hot chocolate + cake being served.

Wrote to Carl.

## **Thursday, December 2, 1900**

Milder, cloudy and rain late in the day. White frost in the early morning. Went to the Banks before dinner and cashed some checks, one for myself + one for Mary Peebles. Letter from Will today enclosing check for \$15.00 + letter from G. cards from Mary, from Newtonville Mass.

In the afternoon went to see Mrs. Mickelthwaite, Mrs. Drouvillard's, Mrs. Helfenstein + Thyrza Spry, Mrs. Peebles, Mrs. D. L. Wilhelm and Mrs. Anderson, who was not in. Elizabeth went to Mrs. Manning's for supper. Wrote to Mary and sent her a paper, + enclosed letter from Margaret Peebles.

## **Friday, December 3, 1909**

Cloudy but no rain. Mild and pleasant.

Margaret had letter from Mary from Newtonville. She had been met by friends there. Elizabeth went to Lucasville to see Mabel Moulton, with Louise Sprague. I attended the reception given by Mrs. Lodwick and Mrs. Corson for Mrs. Weston Corson and Mrs. Lieut. Wm Ball. It was a beautiful reception in a beautiful old home, I called on Mrs. Scudder but did not get in. Entertained some of my S. S. class.

## **Saturday, December 4, 1909**

Fine day and very mild. Went to the Court House and certified for my pension, then did several errands. Letters from Carl and sister Lizzie.

Was at home most of the day, but Mary + I went to call at Mrs. Lodwick's and Mrs. Ball's.

Gertrude Elliott and Henrietta Stahl were here. The former brought \$35. 10 the result of the sale + the Social given at the Children's home K-G yesterday.

## **Sunday, December 5, 1909**

Fine day, remarkable for the season.

We went to Sunday School and the usual church services. Dr. Vance of Cin. preached morning and evening.

Was over home awhile in the afternoon.

## **Monday, December 6, 1909**

Pleasant, bright and mild. Letter from Mary telling of her safe arrival at Cousin Mattie Sawyer's in Dover, and her prospects for a nice visit. Wrote to Carl and Barton Greene.

The house work and letter writing takes about all my time.

## **Tuesday, December 7, 1909**

Rain storm in the night, and stormy all day, much colder. Snow storms until late in the afternoon when I went to Mrs. Lodwick's with some calendar leaves, and to Frank Vincent's office, then up to Mrs. Manning's. Read a letter from Mary to Mrs. M describing the house where she is from visiting. The girls are busy with X'mas.

## **Wednesday, December 8, 1909**

Bright and pleasant but colder weather is coming from the west.

Mrs. Cotton took me as her guest to the D. A. R. Kensington at Mrs. Drew's this afternoon. It was very pleasant.

Went to prayer meeting as usual. Mr. Scudder appointed a committee of three to try to increase the attendance. Miss Bell, Bessie Smith + I were the committee for the rest of the month.

## **Thursday, December 9, 1909**

Ther  $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  this morning, the coldest day we have had this winter.

I worked out in the yard and stables trying to fix things so the pipes would not freeze, and doing such other things as were necessary,

Elizabeth's S. S. Class were here to practice their songs. Mrs. Lang was here to sweep. I wrote to Mary.

## **Friday, December 10, 1909**

Still cold though not quite so cold as yesterday. Ther about  $10^{\circ}$ .

Letters from Mary tell of the fine time she is having. Is in Boston today shopping and probably will attend the Grand Opera. I was out doing a little shopping and some errands. Mabel Moulton came to stay all night, she + Elizabeth having some Clover Club plans on hands. Mary sent me some X'mas cards and letters.

## **Saturday, December 11, 1909**

Cold and damp, a sprinkle of rain all day that froze on the streets. Was out both morning and afternoon doing errands. Mrs. Cadot was here in the afternoon to get Elizabeth to show her about some work. Margaret + Miss C intended going to the country but the weather and M's bad cold changed their plans. Mabel Moulton left after breakfast. Wrote to Carl.

## **Sunday, December 12, 1909**

Somewhat cloudy and rainy, in fact in the evening it rained hard. Went to Sunday School and church as usual. Dr. Vance of Cin preached morning and evening. He and Mrs. Dennis took dinner with us, as did Sister Mary.

## **Monday, December 13, 1909**

Very cloudy and rainy and dark, raw and chilly. Was busy with home work all forenoon and wrote four letters after dinner. To Will + Carl, Sister Virginia and Bessie Titus, who sent me the calendar leaves. Cracked walnuts all the evening and picked them out to send a box of them to Cambridge Eng. For R. and the others if they can eat them.

## **Tuesday, December 14, 1909**

Moderated a little and did not rain. Was up street in the forenoon, no it was afternoon. Mabel Moulton came at noon to spend the night with Elizabeth and go to the

Clover Club meeting at Rowena Drew's. I went to the Bank and cashed a check from Mrs. Dillon, and deposited 36.00 pension money.

Mrs. Hattie Johnson was here. E had a good letter from Will. Uncle Sam was here this morning.

### **Wednesday, December 15, 1909**

Cold with a little flurry of snow.

The days go flying past and I cannot tell what I have done that keeps me so busy. Did some mending for Margaret Jackson, and some from Margaret Ricker.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Dr. Ruggles led. Mabel Moulton went home on the morning train.

### **Thursday, December 16, 1909**

Cold and windy.

Wrote to Mary and then wrote some other letters and some calendar leaves. Miss Wright was here in the afternoon. E had class, then her S. S. class that has part in the Christmas doings were here to practice.

### **Friday, December 17, 1909**

Cold, and a few flakes of snow. All busy as can be. School work, house work and X'mas work. Much of my time has been spent on the calendar which is nearly done.

Alex and Mary were here after dinner.

Elizabeth had her class then went out. Margaret drove Maude awhile.

### **Saturday, December 18, 1909**

Quite cold and clear, again. Margaret and Miss Cramer went to the farm to attend to some matters. Mrs. Lang was here to sweep. Elizabeth and I worked on X'mas preparations. I finished the calendar and put it together, Elizabeth did the last leaf, the last rec'd from away was Daisy Hollingsworth Kreer! Letter from Carl with penny pictures which are good. Macy got hers also to put in the calendar. The 100 copies of the Motte Calendar came today. Letters from Mary, Carl, Carol Moore and card from L. Peebles. Took the calendar up to Miss Ball after supper, she was so much interested in seeing the leaves.

### **Sunday, December 19, 1909**

Went to Sunday School and church as usual.

Dr. Vance preached for us and was here to dinner as was Mary Moore, also. We still have no prospect of a pastor and am getting very tired of the unsettled condition of things in the church. I did not go in the evening owing to a bad cold.

### **Monday, December 20, 1909**

Weather changeable. Mrs. Weller came at noon today and we were very glad to see her. She went right to work to help tie up things and do errands.

I added to my cold this AM because Peter was so very late I thought he was not coming at all.

Willard Greene came this evening from Wooster for his X'mas vacation.  
Mrs. Manning and the children will spend X'mas in Lafayette Ind.

## **Tuesday, December 21, 1909**

A miserably dark, cloudy, unpleasant day.  
Everybody very busy with Christmas work.  
Mrs. Weller has been very helpful, in many ways and is a most welcome guest.

## **Wednesday, December 22, 1909**

Was not able to get up this morning to do my usual work. Have a very bad cold.  
Mrs. Weller left in the afternoon for Chillicothe and will spend X'mas at Catlettsburg.  
Could not go to prayer-meeting.

## **Thursday, December 23, 1909**

Very fair sort of day for the season, but began turning colder in the afternoon.  
The Kindergartens had their closing exercises today and had a good time.  
The public schools closed also, today, and Margaret Jackson went home on the afternoon train.

## **Friday, December 24, 1909**

Cold with light snow. Will came this afternoon from New York and will be with us several days. We are all busy trying to finish up our preparations for X'mas. Willard has been very helpful about getting packages mailed.  
Eleanor Wright came just at dinner time to bring her X'mas gifts to us. We were all asked over home to dinner. Margaret and Elizabeth are out of school today and have the time for their shopping and X'mas preparations.

## **Saturday, December 25, 1909**

Our ideal Christmas day for this region, everything covered with a fresh fall of snow, the sun shining, air crisp and cold. Carl came at noon and was one of the number at the dinner table, all home but Macy who is at Poland Springs, Maine. Mary Moore, was the only guest, Mrs. Behrens having prepared the dinner for us with some help from Margaret and Elizabeth. Willard Greene, of course, was with us as he was last year. The Manning family being at Lafayette Ind. for Christmas leaves us without any children and we miss them.

Did not go to the Christmas exercises of the S. School.

Mary Moore + Elizabeth went. The school gave Mr. Scudder a picture.

The postman left thirty-two pieces of mail at the morning delivery, and eleven, at the next. Asked us as a favor to send to the P. O. in the morning, as it would help him out Monday.

## **Sunday, December 26, 1909**

Snow about two inches deep. Did not try to go to Sunday School because I coughed so hard, but when church time came I went with the three boys, Will, Carl and Willard

Greene. It was a mistake, however, for I was obliged to leave before the sermon began owing to a hard coughing spell.

Mr. Geo. R. Davis preached both morning and evening, a Methodist missionary who was available, and so was engaged for the day, Carl left in the afternoon for Cin. where he said his business required his presence. Will stayed at home in the evening.

## **Monday, December 27, 1909**

Fine winter day, for those who like snow. Mary has sent us illustrated booklet from Poland Springs Hotel where she and Cousin Mattie spent Christmas. It is a fine place, as popular in winter as a resort, as in summer. A few X'mas cards, and belated gifts are coming in, showing that we have been well remembered by friends near and far.

## **Tuesday, December 28, 1909**

Cold, with light snow all day. Will left today on the N + W 4:42 for Cleveland to spend a day or two and have Dr. Dinsmore do some work on his teeth. We have had a good visit from him this time but it always seems very short. I could not go to the Mis. Soc. at Mrs. Evans' today. Mrs. Denning was here on her way to the meeting.

## **Wednesday, December 29, 1909**

Snowed in the night, and is cold. A few Christmas presents are still coming in, Cousin Mattie Wood sent each of us a handkerchief, and we sent Mary's on to her. Mrs. Bess Nelson came in just before we sat down to supper and stayed until nearly 8 o'clock, when we began again on our supper.

## **Thursday, December 30, 1909**

Bright, clear and cold.

The thermometer registered the coldest night of the season so far. I ventured to go to the musicale at Mrs. P. E. Selby's, given by her and Mrs. Marconette, but found I should not have gone as I coughed very hard and could not remain in the room but sat near a door where I could get out. The program was very good. Did not wait for refreshments.

## **Friday, December 31, 1909**

The last day of the year is very unpleasant, the snow is melting and the streets are slushy.

My cold is much worse and I cough very hard. Elizabeth went to see Mrs. Manning and the children in the afternoon. I wrote to Carl.

The C. E. Society held a watch night meeting here again this year with about sixteen people here. I was so miserable that I went to bed early.

Eleanor Wright was here today.

Margaret had a fine new Equity Gas Range put into the kitchen today, as a Christmas gift. The arrangement is very convenient, the ovens being high so one can stand when using the range instead of stooping, to light, or look into the ovens.