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LOUISIANA MOORE RICKER  
DIARY

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*Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Another new year is begun, the first day has been very mild and spring like. J.W. went to the office in the morning and spent the afternoon driving. Had us all out a different times. Mother and I went as far as the upper end of Jackson street. It was the longest ride she has taken. Bessie Martin spent two or three hours with the girls between trains as she returned to Ironton to school. Mrs. Crossly did not come down town but made calls in the vicinity of the depot. C.E. Soc. held a business meeting here in the evening then adjoined to the "Y" meeting at 6<sup>th</sup> St. Ch.

*Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

A pleasant day but not at all like winter. Beautiful and bright. Mary and I attended the Reception at Mrs. Irving Drew's after which we called on Carrie Greene whom we found at home. Met Gussie Halderman as we left there so all walked down together. She will be leaving soon for Indianapolis and Cleveland. Spent the evening mending as J.W. had a Board Meeting to attend. Sewed until 9 P.M. Called to see Mrs. Row this afternoon. It is one week today since Nettie Row Black was buried.

*Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Damp and uncomfortable so warm and close.<sup>1</sup>

Lizzie Peebles came in this noon but went out again on the next rain. She was doing a few errands. Brought me a note from Margaret who is busy making her X'mas candies, too late for the date but quite as good now. Dr. T. was at prayer meeting but had such a severe cold he did not attempt to lecture. Had a kind of congregational meeting. Very good. Will was back to school today from his visit to Elizabeth.<sup>2</sup>

*Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather mild. Wrote to Will and sent him papers as usual. Clara Ricker's birthday. Several letters went to Mother R. for her birthday tomorrow. I wrote last evening and finished this morning.

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<sup>1</sup> Close weather: warm and humid or stuffy.

<sup>2</sup> Will began attending Cornell in the fall of 1892.

Went with Mother to make a call at Uncle Enos' this afternoon. It is the first time she has gone so far, since her long illness.

Went with Mrs. Silcox to W.C.T.U. meeting at 2.30.<sup>3</sup>

Have not done much at my dress yet. Mrs. S. and I went to see Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Tewksbury. It rained in the evening. Spent the evening with Prof and Mrs. Lowes.

### *Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Mild as spring, unusual weather for the season. Sewed on my dress, but did not finish it. After dinner, Margaret returned from Henley with a large quantity of fine candy which she has been making this week. Had twenty kinds when she was done. Made some this afternoon. Mother, L and M. and I took a round trip on the Electric car and Mother and I stopped to see Mrs. Dennis then walked home. It was Mother's first trip down street for more than two years. Prof Pratt and wife spent the evening here. We did not go to Teachers Meeting.

### *Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy and a little cooler than yesterday. Have been busy all day at various things. Margaret put up several boxes of her fine candy to send to friends. Sent Will about 5 pounds and we also sent him a pair of new pants, a week-tie from Grandma, some hdkfs and a calendar from the two little girls. I wrote to Lizzie Dimock and Bessie Hall. J.W.'s new suit came home this evening.

Lizzie took her music lesson. I went to see how Mrs. Dennis was. Oella was here. Did not get my dress done.

### *Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. All of us went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Louise Greene was present as a visitor in our class, having been gone more than a year to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. S.S. Dr. Tappan is almost sick with cold. Spent the after noon as usual having the girls' lessons, reading with them and making a call upon Father and Mother. Margaret brought out a dish of her good candy for the afternoon treat.

Week of Prayer

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<sup>3</sup> Woman's Christian Temperance Union: one of the first organizations of women devoted to social reform. Originally organized on December 23, 1873 in Hillsboro, Ohio the group influenced the temperance movement and supported the 18th Amendment.

*Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather still mild and pleasant. Began the day by writing to Will who has returned to Ithaca. Also wrote a letter of thanks to Cousin Lizzie for his entertainment. This being the week of prayer we went to church in the evening. I was not feeling well today and made several attempts to get a nap or at least a little rest. Had done some washing in the morning, stockings and flannels as I usually do and was hardly well enough for such work.

*Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather fine for the season. Have not felt at all well today but have kept about and did some mending and other work.

Richard came home with us from church in the evening and remained until about half past nine. He and J.W. were much interested in conversation about Hawaii and Colorado and I put in the time on my mending.

*Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Mild and pleasant. Was over home much of the day. Sewed on some pillow slips for John.

The World's Fair Buildings in Chicago were burned down sometime between Monday and Tuesday. Most of the American exhibits had been removed but many of the foreign goods were lost either by fire or water.<sup>4</sup>

Oella Tappan was here to tea this evening and went with us to church.

Venus was visible to the naked eye this afternoon at 3 o'clock. We forgot to look for it until after four o'clock but saw it and the new moon plainly there.

*Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Mild and somewhat cloudy. Rained some before daylight. Wrote to Will, Lizzie Dimock, Helen Moore, and Mother Ricker. Took my dress waist over home in the afternoon and spent the rest of the day ripping and altering it.<sup>5</sup> Did not go out anywhere. It was very windy all afternoon. The community was shocked to hear of the death of Mr. George Davis which occurred about 3.30 this afternoon. His death will complicate business affairs in Portsmouth, very much. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

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<sup>4</sup> George Davis was president of the Farmers' National bank and the street railway at the time of his death, according to the Portsmouth Times, January, 20, 1894.

<sup>5</sup> Waist was a common term in the United States for the bodice of a dress or a blouse or woman's shirt from the early 19th century until around 1910.

*Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Colder but clear and pleasant. Our first news this morning was that Mattie, Father's and Mary's pet cat died last night. He had been with them since he was a young kitten brought home from Winona Furnace by Margaret 13 years ago, the 20<sup>th</sup> of last July, I think. He will be missed very much.

Spent the forenoon altering the color of my dress. Shall now try to wear it. Sent a letter to Mother R which was written yesterday.

*Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm and pleasant.

Was busy all forenoon at home. Julia Johnson called in the morning. After dinner I was going to the Gymnasium with the girls when Mrs. Silcox called and joined us. Margaret went also. After spending a little time there M., Mrs. S., and I went to call upon Mrs. Drew, then to Neil Johnson's to see the picture of Jennie which she is making for M.E.M. We afterwards called upon Haddie Scudder, M. went home and we called upon Mrs. E.B. Moore and Mrs. Whitney.

*Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant and mild. A strange kind of weather for January. All went to S.S. and church as usual. It was communion day. Two were received into the church, one by letter, one on profession. Maggie Peebles led the Teachers' prayer-meeting again for three months in all probability as they leave this week for Bermuda Islands.

Mrs. George Davis was buried from his late home. The Funeral was probably the longest ever seen in Ports.

I did not go.

*Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rained in the forenoon but not in the afternoon, though it began again later.

Father is sick in bed and Mary willing to have the Dr. for herself which is unusual. Was over home part of the forenoon. Went to W.R.C. in the afternoon and installed the officers, I am still sec'y.<sup>6</sup> Wrote to Will in the forenoon. Have been sewing a little. Have nearly finished a pair of pillow slips for John at his request.

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<sup>6</sup> Woman's Relief Corps, recognized in 1883 as the official women's auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

*Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Fair and mild. Father is sick and Mary hardly able to keep up. I have been over home much of the time today. Lena Kline and her friend Miss Curtis came to return Margaret's call. I was up to Miss Bell's to make out some papers and afterward went to pay 10.50 on a bill at W.A.C.'s.

Had a letter from Grandpa R. saying Grandma is not well enough to write. Margaret had one from Uncle Drew.

*Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Mild as April, Indications of rain. Was over home in the forenoon. Father still in bed. In the afternoon Mrs. Cotton and Mrs. Cone called. After they left I went to see Miss Bell on an errand then called upon Maggie Peebles, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. J.J. Padan, Mrs. Wall, and Mrs. McCollouch. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

*Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Mild and changeable. Rainy and sunny by turns. Went over home both before and after dinner. Father still in bed but better. Mother and Mary better. Sewed and mended. Wrote to Will and sent him papers. Went to W.C.T.U. but was too late for the meeting. Maggie Peebles was just starting down street to do a few errands and I went with her. She, her father, and John G., Jr. leave tomorrow for Washington to meet the others and go to the Bermuda Islands. John Peebles and his father were here this evening. Mr. Peebles called today to say good-bye to Father and Mother.

*Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather mild with indications of rain which were not realized. Father still in bed and Mother not feeling well. Mary better. Wrote to Will again. Have been renovating my red wrapper.<sup>7</sup> Was over home several times. Was up to see Miss Emma Bell who fell yesterday and is badly hurt. Mr. Peebles, Maggie and John G., Jr. left at noon for their trip to Bermuda Islands. Will meet the others in Washington.

Went to Teachers' Meeting.

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<sup>7</sup> Wrapper: a loose robe or gown, a sort of Victorian version of a housedress.

*Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Mild and pleasant. Rose bushes are putting out new leaves and sap is running in the maples. Father is somewhat better. Mother not so well. Finished fixing my wrapper. Lizzie took her lesson. Mrs. Miles gave May a pretty pair of knit slippers. Went to see Miss Emma, Mrs. Dennis, Carrie Stearns and to pay Dr. Van Tine in the afternoon. The first bad accident by the Electric car occurred today, a little boy being run over and his foot cut off, no blame to the motorman. The boys are very troublesome.

*Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Mild and pleasant, a beautiful small halo around the moon this evening. Mother was quite sick this morning and I could not leave her to go to S.S. or church in the forenoon. Father still in bed and each of them had a doctor in the house at the same time. Dr. Dennis was also absent owing to Mrs. D's illness so J.W. had a full school on his hands, 291 in all. Miss Bell was about also and Margaret had both classes, 80 in all.

*Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Rained in the night but was clear today. The sick are somewhat better but I spend most of my time over home and Margaret stays there nights.

I wrote to Will as usual and then took my mending over home. Mrs. Titus and Mrs. Farnum called but I was not in so missed seeing them.

*Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful and pleasant. Was over with Father and Mother all the forenoon and at my own home all the afternoon at work in the closet. Formed the autograph letter which I have been sewing nearly four years to put in Mr. Chidlaw's book when I get a copy. Shall paste the newspaper accounts of his death in the back of it also.

*Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather has turned very cold. Everything frozen hard. Was occupied about as usual today, spending much of my time over home with Father and Mother who are better, but not yet up to their usual condition.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Was to have a S.S. Committee meeting but could not for good reasons so another was appointed at our house for Saturday evening.

*Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very cold. The poor will suffer greatly if this lasts. Margaret sent me two little girls who were in great need of stockings. I washed their feet and put new warm stockings on them, gave each a clean handkerchief and an apple and sent them back to school.

Wrote to Will this morning and sent him papers.

### *Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still cold. Nothing unusual by which to remember the day. Do a little mending, a little writing, and spend some time over home each day. Went to Teachers' Meeting this evening alone as sister was not here and Lizzie could not go. Dr. Tappan and Oella came to the gate with me.

### *Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cold. Did up the Saturday work and went over home. The children went to the Gymnasium.

Margaret was home all the afternoon and had company so did not accomplish what she had intended. Miss Lena Bowman was here then Oella, and lastly Mary Pursell. After tea Prof. Pratt and Mrs. Dudley came to finish making out the list of prize books for the S.S. pupils, for attendance.

### *Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Clear, cold and beautiful. We all went to S.S. and I attended Teachers' Prayer-meeting then went up stairs to church. During service I became so ill that I started home, with May for company. Got as far as the church parlor and think I must have fainted. George the sexton got Dr. Tappan's carriage and brought me home.<sup>8</sup> I was very ill for awhile and when the folks came home they sent for the doctor. Was in bed all the afternoon.

Prof. Straus had a new choir of young people today.

### *Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Sleet, rain and snow all day, one of the worst days we have had. I got up as usual to breakfast but did not go out during the day. Felt enough better to sew diligently all day on the mending, and do other things waiting to be done. The examinations began in the schools and the children, as usual, are somewhat excited over them. Margaret came home to stay all night. Have been sleeping over home for some time. Oella spent the evening here while the others were at choir meeting.

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<sup>8</sup> A sexton is an officer of a church, congregation, or synagogue charged with the maintenance of its buildings and/or the surrounding graveyard.



*Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Icy but thawed during the day in the sun. Not so cold as it has been. Was very busy all forenoon putting the house in order. Went over home a few minutes before dinner and again after dinner. The Foreign Mis. Soc. met here in the afternoon, 10 present including Mrs. Taylor for the first time and Mrs. Pratt for the second time. Mrs. Evans who had the topic for the day sent her readings and paper fearing to venture out on the ice. Mr. G.H. Gharky died this A.M.

*Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant for the season. Went over home early to see Helen who came from Boston last night. Mother does not seem so well, but is about her room as usual. Father night out yet. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. The new song books for the Union Meetings were on sale and we got a few copies. *Crowning Glory* is the name.

*Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy but neither rainy nor cold. Went over home in the forenoon, saw Enos who came last night. After dinner I went to W.C.T.U. meeting then to the reception at Mrs. Reilley's given by herself and daughters, and Mrs. Falton, Mrs. Taylor, and Laura Wells went with me. I took the regrets of Mother, Mary and Margaret.

In the evening we all went to the Gymnasium entertainment at the Opera House given by Prof. Smith.

Wrote to Will and sent him papers.

*February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day and not cold. Enos and Helen went this morning to see John. I was over home with a little work. Father went to the office for an hour or so this morning, the first time for more than three weeks. Mr. G.H. Garky was buried. He was one of the old citizens. Went to the Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Oella was here before tea.

*Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Rainy all day. Went over home in the forenoon but was not specially needed so I came home. Margaret spent the forenoon at the embroidery class as usual on Saturdays and Lizzie took her music lesson. May began making a flannelette shirt waist for herself, and with a little help from me she will almost finish it. She and L. went to the Gym class in the afternoon. Enos and Helen are to be back from Athens this evening.

*Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Went to Sabbath school in the slush and snow. Remained to church. Spent a part of the afternoon with Mother and stayed awhile with Father. In the evening we attended the first meeting of the Revival Services at Bigelow and though we went early the house was filled before the 2<sup>nd</sup> bell rang. Mr. Alexander Patterson and wife will conduct the meetings, or rather he will speak and she sing.

*Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and disagreeable. The first of the morning meetings was held at the Baptist church, attendance not large but interest deep among those present. Wrote to Will as usual, after I returned, also wrote Miss Bessie, or began writing. In the evening Lizzie and I went out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres church to the Union Revival Meeting. Mr. Alexander Patterson is a good talker and had a large audience this evening. We went early and reached the church before the second bell rang, to find seats scarce.

*Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Fair and pleasant, but too warm for the season. a Mrs. Taylor helped with the washing today and went home with a large bundle of much needed clothing for her children in addition to her pay. I went to the morning prayer-meeting and then in the evening Lizzie, May and I went out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. church to the Union Meeting and had to take a seat in the back of one of the wings.

*Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and unpleasant. Richard left for home before I was up this morning. Attended the morning meeting and was thankful for the privilege. Called to see Mrs. Finney and asked her to go but got no promises. Was over home after dinner, J.W., Lizzie, and I went out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. Church. to the Union Meeting and found a full house in spite of the unpleasant weather. It is wonderful to see how the people crowd the churches at these union services.

*Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy all day. Went to morning meeting and from there down street to get some lace for May's apron. Talked with Mrs. Finney sometime, on the corner. Was over home after dinner. Went to the Union meeting at night and enjoyed it greatly. A number of persons came forward and declared their intentions of becoming Christians. J.W. Lizzie, Carl and I represented the family and came home in a hard rain. Wrote to Will today.

*Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather clear again, the sun and wind have improved the walking. Went over home early, then to the morning prayer-meeting which was an excellent one in attendance and interest. Lizzie and Robert Peebles came in the afternoon and took tea with us. L. went to the Union Meeting in the evening as we all did excepting Carl. House filled and interest deep. Am much concerned about a number of friends, whom I greatly desire to see become Christians. Sent letters to Maggie Bell, Mother Ricker.

*Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Fair but windy and colder. Was over home three times before noon, and once after. Sewed on May's white apron. Went to do some errands after two o'clock, then called to see Mrs. Hadley and daughters, after wards went with Venitia Ramsey to call upon the wife of her S.S. pupil who was not at home. Then, called to see Mrs. Davis whose husband died recently. Came home and found Oella here. Had a delightful surprise in a new wrapper which Margaret had had made of some material I bought long ago and had used over for her.

*Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day after the rain we have had. Went to S.S. as usual and remained to Teachers' Prayer-meeting but before I left there Margaret came after me saying Ma was sick and wanted me. I was with her nearly all day. In the evening we went to the Union Revival meeting at 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. church. House full and interest deep. Two meetings were held this evening the Woman's meeting the Prs. and Men's meeting at the 6<sup>th</sup> st Methodist. Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Gobriet led our meeting.

*Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A rainy day and one of the mildest nights we have had in years. That is it was in the evening when we went to church. The building is not considered quite safe and the wind was wild still all of us went excepting Carl. I was at the morning meeting at the Ger. Meth. Ch. where they will be held this week. Attendance excellent for Monday morning.

*Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather more calm this morning still there is considerable wind. Mother about as usual. Go twice a day to see her, sometimes more often. Went to morning prayer-meeting at the Ger. Methodist church. In the afternoon the Foreign Mis. Soc. met here, then other ladies present. Had a good meeting election of officers with only me in charge, Mrs. John Foster being succeeded by Mrs. Evans as Sec'y. Went to church in the evening and enjoyed it. attendance large again.

*Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Snowy and cold. Went to sit with Mother as usual and then to morning prayer-meeting which I enjoy more than any thing else. The talks are helpful and experience blessed.

Was with Mother again in the afternoon. Have been mending my cloak lining and doing a few little things but the chief business now is getting all the help I can from the meetings. Went in the evening.

*Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather cold and clear, in the morning. Snowed hard in the evening and blew as well. Went to see Mother as usual. Mrs. Taylor went with me to morning prayer-meeting. These are precious times. I wrote to Will as usual, also to Mother R. ready for mailing tomorrow. Went to church in the evening. Henry came to dinner on my invitation and then remained to talk with me on the subject of his salvation. He is deeply convicted and wants to be a christian. We spent three hours talking it over but he did not finally settle it.

*Friday, February 16, 1894*

Weather cold and disagreeable. Went to see Mother before the morning prayer-meeting. Took a couple of notes to mail to Ithaca after meeting. Had a most excellent and profitable talk from Mr. Patterson followed by a solemn season of prayer for those in whom we are interested. Stopped to see an old s.s. pupil who started the christian life twenty-four years ago last month. Went to see Mrs. Patterson in the afternoon to tell her what Tom said in the meeting a day or two ago. Wrote to Frank and Ira Ricker and Chad R.

*Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rather cloudy, some ice and snow but weather mild enough to thaw the ice. Went to see Mother early, came home and wrote a note to Ella Dressler. Dressed and went up to Miss Knowles with my wrapper for some alterations. Julia having given L. her music lesson went part of the way with me. After dinner I tried to take a nap then did a little work on the embroidery for May's white dress. Went over home again. Henry and Ella called to see me in the evening. Oella was here part of the day.

*Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rather pleasant for the season all went to Sabbath School as usual, remained to Teachers' Prayer-meeting and church. Two new classes of boys were taken from Primary class and given Messrs. Morgan and Hopkins.<sup>9</sup> The Union Meeting in the evening filled our church, aisles, gallery, choir loft, and many stood while an overflow meeting was held at the Baptist Church. Deep interest. Ella Robb, my youngest S.S. pupil has decided for the christian life.

*Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cold. Wrote Will as usual and visited Mother. Had the forenoon for work and then went to the meeting which has been changed from the German Meth to Sixth st. M.E. and from morning to afternoon. Attendance good and much interest. In the evening there was a good audience at the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres where the evening meetings will be held this week.

I am interested in several persons, but my most earnest efforts are in behalf of Henry whom I hope to see become a christian.

Relief Corp. Meeting.

*Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather fair and good for winter. The usual work occupied us today except during the after noon when I went to the meeting at sixth st and to our church in the evening. I enjoy these privileges more than anything else and shall not attempt much work while they last.

Rev. John R. Warner of Kirkwood died today at his home. Eleven years ago no, Mary Warner was visiting me.

*Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather cold and pleasant. Had letter from Will this afternoon telling of some of the "rushes" of last week, nothing serious. Went to both afternoon and evening meetings. Made my usual visits to Mother and wrote to Mother Ricker.

The children are to have Washington's birthday and Friday as holidays. More than they usually have.

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<sup>9</sup> Messrs: used as a title to refer formally to more than one man simultaneously, or in names of companies.

### *Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day but cold. Carl arose early and went to Brush Creek, Camp McCulloch with the Bank force. The papers today tell of the disgraceful doings at Cornell on the occasion of the Annual Banquet of the Freshman.<sup>10</sup> I wrote Will this morning. Had letter at night saying he had no part in the affair. Went out to see Prof Pratt about the S.S. Books made another call, also. Went to afternoon and evening meetings. Heard in letter from Father Ricker that Mr. Jns R. Warner died Tuesday at Kirkwood of pneumonia.

### *Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Much colder. Ther. 12° this A.M. Was over home awhile but came back to write a letter to Will, one to Helen and some others. Wrote to Mary W. Moore yesterday and sent it today. Wrote also to Mr. Henry Warner. Went to the meeting in the afternoon and enjoyed it greatly. Mr. Patterson is a wonderful talker. Went to meeting in the evening. A large attendance but not many forward for prayers.

Began altering the summer dresses for the girls.

John Mill died tonight, a member of our S.S.

### *Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cold and clear. Went over home early with my work, a calico dress which I am fixing for Mary.<sup>11</sup> Altered two others during the day. Wrote a note to Ella Dressler and went to the P.OP. when Julia Tappan went home after Lizzie's lesson. Brought some stockings for the girls. Wrote to Maggie Peebles. Went to see Aunt Mary Moore. Called on Mrs. Cotton and Mrs. Barr on For. Mis. business and in the evening he was here. Prof Smith called to see the girls on school matters.

### *Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A snow storm had set in when we awoke this A.M. and it continued steadily until after we went to bed. Somewhere between nine or ten inches of snow fell. We all went to S.S. as usual, remained to morning service and then went to the Revival meeting at Bigelow in the evening. House full and much interest. Those in whom I am specifically interested do not decide as yet however.

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<sup>10</sup> The upperclassmen at Cornell set out to interrupt the Freshman class banquet by filling the banquet room with chlorine, but before those in the hall realized what had happened many of the students fell ill and two immediately died. When the incident was reported in the Newark Daily Advocate on February 21, 1894, more students were expected to die as a result of the "joke".

<sup>11</sup> Calico is a plain-woven textile made from unbleached and often not fully processed cotton. It may contain unseparated husk parts, for example. The fabric is far less fine than muslin, but less coarse and thick than canvas or denim, but it is still very cheap owing to its unfinished and undyed appearance.

*Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

The heavy snow which fell yesterday began melting this morning and by noon the walking was very bad. After the afternoon meeting at Bigelow, where they will be this week. I went out to Mrs. Silcox's with her for a little while, then to the Factory to see Ella Dressler, then to Mrs. Caskey's to ask about Mrs. Fulton, then to Mrs. Evans to tell her about the Mis. Soc. Attended the evening meeting. Saw Miss Emma bell before church.

*Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day overhead but dreadful under foot. Was busy putting the house in order for the Missionary Society this afternoon when Mr. Dinwiddie of Springfield called to see me on temperance work.

We held an early and brief session of the Mis. Soc. in order to allow members to attend the afternoon meeting. went as usual in the evening.

*Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Fair and mild. Snow melting off rapidly, and walking very unpleasant. Wrote to Lucy Collins, at Cleveland. Her parents were earnest christians and I am told she is not following in their footsteps. my love for young people prompts me to use every effort to help them. Attended the after noon and evening meetings. Consider my privilege very great. Am using my means to make the most of it.

*Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful bright day. Wrote to Will and sent him papers as usual. The trouble at Cornell has not affected him in any way, for which we are thankful. I attended the W.C.T.U. meeting before the afternoon service. was over home in the morning. Prof Smith was here to tea and went with us to church. A large attendance and considerable interest. Lizzie had a letter form Miss Bessie.

*Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Fair over head, melting under foot, muddy everywhere. Was over home in the fore noon. Went to the closing meetings of the Union Revival services both afternoon and evening, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, having been here four weeks. I have enjoyed the meetings more than I can tell. Have bene greatly helped myself and I hope have helped others. The capacity of Bigelow was taxed this evening. Prof Smith called after school on an errand.

### *Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful, spring-like day. Little patches of snow in the shady spots but trees budding in the general warmth of the air. Was over to sit awhile with Mother both before and after dinner. She is about as usual except very weak. They are having the hall done over, new paint, paper, and carpet.

I helped sister with her sewing, fixed her best dress around the bottom. Lizzie took her music lesson and I paid Julia 5.00 on her bill. Mary gave me 5.00 more in the afternoon. Mrs. Lewis called.

### *Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful spring day. Went to Sabbath School as usual. Had a new pupil, temporarily, a young man, or boy rather who came specifically to talk with me so my girls excused me. Two of them being needed as teachers and the other two went to another class. Attended morning service at our own ch. Union meeting at Bigelow in the evening with Messrs. McElroy, Johnson, Scruff of the Ger. Meth, and Dr. Tappan. House filled and much interest.

### *Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful and warm. Was over home as usual. Wrote to will as usual and also to Mother Ricker. Sewed a little on Margaret's new plaid waist. J.W. and the other occupants of the City Offices in the Council Chamber removed to their quarters in the Kricker Building today. New furniture, e'ct will make it much more pleasant. Went to call upon Mrs. Marsh in the afternoon. She and her sister in-law expect to unite with our church. Went to the meeting in the evening. Good attendance considering that it was Monday.

### *Tuesday, March 6, 1894*

One of the stormiest days we have had. Was pleasant until near noon, then the storm began and the rain just poured all afternoon and most of the evening.

Washed the girls red dresses this forenoon, and took them to the dyer's in the evening. Letter from Miss Bessie in which she said the church at Mt. Holyoke burned Sabbath.<sup>12</sup> Went to the Union Meeting in the evening.

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<sup>12</sup> Mt. Holyoke, est 1837, was a liberal arts college for women, in South Hadley, Massachusetts, United States.



*Wednesday, March 7, 1894*

Beautiful, mild day. Was over home with Mother in the forenoon and after dinner I ripped, washed, and later took Margaret's skirt to the dyer's. Did a number of errands and made several calls after dinner. Went to see Margaret Ludwig, Mrs. Usher, Mrs. Riefer, Mrs. Hopkins, and the Ball girls. Selected the rugs for the W.W. office, which is ready for occupancy. Went to the Union Meeting in the evening. Margaret Ludwig united with her home church last Sabbath and brought her letter to hand in here when the opportunity offers.

*Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. Wrote to Will as usual and sent him papers. Was busy all day, after dinner Mother wanted me so I went to sit with her until Mary got home after which I went out for a little while to do an errand or two.

Went up to Mrs. Varner's but she was not at home, being engaged in moving from 4<sup>th</sup> st up on to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Went to Bigelow in the evening. Had a good meeting.

Several conversions.

*Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant.

The event of this day has been the closing of the Union Meetings, the last being held this evening at Bigelow Chapel.

The past week only the two Methodist, the German Methodist and First Pres. united but we have had good congregations and good meetings. I shall miss them for I never enjoyed anything more than I have these privileges of the past five months.

*Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A delightful day.

Margaret went early to her embroidery lesson and Lizzie took her music lesson as usual.

I did my usual work and spent some time with mother. After dinner Margaret and I were sorely tempted to go out into the sunshine but we resolutely sewed, or tried to sew though we did not finish anything. I made a good beginning on her black skirt however, the red one dyed.

*Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Remained to Teachers' Prayer-meeting. A session meeting was held at the close of the morning service and quite a number were present, but I have not heard how many. Attended the regular service in the evening, the first time we have had it for several weeks, owing to the Union meetings which we have enjoyed greatly. Dr. Dennis was absent, being out of town.

*Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather beautiful and pleasant. Mother not nearly so well and I have been with her all day except when at my meals.

Have had a little sewing with me but do not accomplish much when going back and forth.

Went to church this evening as Dr. Tappan is to preach three sermons, on the subjects, What is it to be a christian? How shall I become a christian? Why should I be a christian?

*Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. A special delivery letter from Jennie asking me to go and help take care of Aunt Maria came early this morning. I can not leave Mother so Mary Y. Moore went on the 10.50 train. Mother has been so weak that I have stayed with her all day. Am sewing a little as I can, and run back and forth as I must.

Mary Y. reached Zanesville between 6 and 7 P.M. and Aunt Maria died about 11 o'clock, as we learned later.

Mrs. Frank Gilbert died tonight leaving a son and daughter of about 12 and 14 years of age.

Went to church in the evening.

*Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant, though rain indicated. A telegram from Barton stated that Aunt Maria died last night and he and Mary Y. would be down this evening with her remains. A dear, good woman has gone to her reward. She was more than I can express to me but so ready to go to her heavenly home that we can only grieve for our loss. Jennie will miss her sorely. She was only sick a little more than a week, began with bilious attack and ended in pneumonia.<sup>13</sup>

Slept much and talked little through it all. Wrote to Will this eve.

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<sup>13</sup> Bilious attack: a group of symptoms consisting of headache, abdominal pain, and constipation.

Went to church in the evening.

### *Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rained very hard all the forenoon and more or less in the afternoon. I went around to Uncle Enos' to see what I could do, there being nothing I came home. Aunt Maria McCall's funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. McElroy of Bigelow at 3 P.M. Father was sick in bed and could not be present. Uncle Enos, Sam with their families, Barton, Rich, our family and other friends were there.

Text

Pall-bearers were L.H. Murphy, J.W. Ricker, Raph, Arthur, Ralph, and Sam Moore, the first being a nephew of Uncle Sol McCall who died April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1883.

Mr. J.B. Folsom was here to dinner.

### *Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful, spring-like day. Was busy at home all day, sweeping, dusting, washing flannels, sewing, writing and otherwise occupied. Was over home twice.

Barton left while we were at breakfast, for the Brick Works then returned just in time to eat a lunch before taking the train at 4.45 for home. The two little girls went to a High School entertainment at the Opera House. Veins of Scotland, with lecture by President Simpson of Marietta Col.

### *Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant.

Was busy at home all the forenoon, except for a call upon Mother. In the afternoon I walked up to Chillicothe St with L. on her way to the Gaysin and then I went to the Post Office, on out to Mrs. Pratt's, then to call upon Mrs. Denning and her sister Mrs. Sampson. Then, went to see Mrs. Tewksbury who is sick. stopped to see Mrs. Dr. Dennis who is not well.

### *Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant.

Went to Sabbath School and the church services as usual, including Teachers' prayer-meeting led by Marm Knowles today. Was over home in the afternoon and saw Uncle Sam who was there to see Father and Mother.

*Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather delightful. Wrote to Will as usual, and visited with Mother in the forenoon and in the afternoon. Went to the Relief Corps meeting. Went out to see after a girl for Jennie, went away out to 16<sup>th</sup> st stopping on the way out at Mrs. Pratt's and on the way back at Ella Dressler's as she saw me and asked me in.

*Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. This is Neal Dow's birthday, 90 years old, and Virginia Greene's who is ten, I think.

I had to go out to Hermers green house this forenoon and found it pretty warm. Got roses for someone else. Stopped at Mrs. Pratt's, she was not in. Spent the afternoon at home dewing. Went to the doctor's for Amanda after supper. Was there for medicine for my cold in the forenoon, or rather just after dinner.

*Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather mild, the fruit trees are in bloom, peach and apricot. Was over home as usual part of the day. Ruth did the evening as Amanda was unable to do it, not being at all well. Have been busy with the summer dresses which need alteration.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening and found in a visitor present a member of Mr. Blackburn's church in Covington. Many of us stopped to speak to him.

Uncle Sam returned to his place on the boat.

*Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Weather mild with both sunshine and rain by turns. A very hard rain in the evening. Had intended going to the W.C.T.U. meeting today as they intended celebrating Neal Dow's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by appropriate exercises, but did not get off. His birthday was the 20<sup>th</sup>. Wrote to Will also to Jennie and Mrs. Reynolds today. Have been engaged in altering the summer dresses and skirts for the girls. Lizzie had the root of an old tooth extracted and it made her sick.

*Friday, March 22, 1894*

A change in the weather and quite raw and cold today.<sup>14</sup> Was over to see mother twice and spent the rest of the time at home lengthening May's skirts, excepting for a few minutes when I went over to see Mrs. Taylor. Rec'd a Missionary letter from Mexico written to Maggie Peebles in my care. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Doty called here on an errand. Oella and Julia T. were here before supper.

Good Friday.

Prof. Smith came to say he would take a room here after the spring vacation if we still were willing to take him to board.

*Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Bright and pleasant, growing colder. Lizzie took her music lesson and Margaret her embroidery lesson in the forenoon. After dinner the two younger girls went to the Gymnasium and M. to the dentist's and I stayed at home and sewed on L.'s white sevic's dress which I am altering for summer.

I had a nice letter from Will who was just finishing his examinations for the close of the winter term. S.P. Balmert died suddenly today of heart disease.

*Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Bright but quite cool, few dared venture out with spring wraps. We all went to S.S. and church service as usual. Had general exercises in S.S. and a large attendance.

Went to see Mother and Father in the afternoon.

Margaret's bird Frank is one year old today.

*Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very cold, ground frozen and covered with light snow. Ther 16°.

Wrote to Will as usual and Carl sent the paper. Have been busy and yet have not accomplished much. This change in the weather will put a stop to house-cleaning for a time but we have not yet begun.

*Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still cold and clear. Ther 17° S.P. Balmert was buried this A.M.

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<sup>14</sup> Raw: unpleasantly cold and damp weather.

Mrs. Harpe, wife of the Christian minister died last night and was taken to Terre Haute for burial, today. The Foreign Mis. Society met here and we had letters direct from Mexico for the program. After the meeting I went after medicine for Margaret, Lizzie, and Amanda, the two former are not well enough to attend the C.E. Social at Dr. Tappan's tonight. May went with Katie and will come home with Ralph and his sister.

### *Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. Was down street looking after preparations for house-cleaning and made a start today by having Ruth and Amanda begin in Carl's room. A. had to finish her ironing first so Ruth began alone. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Wrote to Mother Ricker this week as usual. Write many letters which I do not record in this book.

### *Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant. Mary gave me the paper she had left from papering their hall some years ago and I had Mr. Kirtland put it on Carl's room today. It greatly improves the looks of the room. Had him figure on painting the halls and wood work of the two adjoining lower rooms and he soon gave me his price \$46.00 for all including the taking off of the paper in the hall. Margaret and Carl said to go on with it and they would help pay for it so I told him to begin as soon as he wished. He will come tomorrow to begin.

### *Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather very pleasant but still cool enough for fire in the hall. Mr. Kirtland and his helper worked all day at the hall taking off the paper, a job for which we will pay him \$5.00 and it will be well earned. We have been busy with the cleaning up stairs, will get nearly through this week.

### *Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather fair. Lizzie did not take her music lesson this morning, the house being in such disorder and she having been so busy with her examinations the past week.

Mr. Kirtland sized and plastered up the cracks in the hall preparatory to painting Monday. We have decided to make some changes in the arrangement of our rooms and shall go on with the house-cleaning until it is all done. I put down the new matting in the front room upstairs. Oella was here a little while. Carl

No music lessons.

### *Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day, but cold.

My winter cloak is still a necessity. Went to S.S. and the usual church services. Ella Robb told me it would be her next to her last Sabbath with us as she and her Mother and Sister go to Cattlesburg a week from tomorrow to live. Am sorry to have her go, she is so pleasant and good.

Was over home awhile as usual.

### *Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Weather fine. The painters began work on the hall this morning, putting the paint on the walls. We began our work by taking the tacks out of the carpets down stairs, this begin vacation week the girls could help me. Amanda washed as usual. Margaret still stays over home, they not being willing to give her up, and she does her part in helping pay for the painting, she and Carl doing the greater part of it. Wrote to Will as usual.

### *Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Windy and dusty with rain at night. The plumber came and took out the stationary washstand which has been in the bed room we have occupied nearly twenty-one years. We intend putting it in a closet opening from the dining room and shall here after use the large room for a parlor or rather sitting room taking the front room for a bed room. We are in great disorder now but hope soon to be more comfortable.

Charlie Lockhart was here.

### *Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy with a little rain. Tom Potter and his helper came and cleaned the carpets, the Brussels and Moquette.<sup>15</sup> After dinner Mr. Varian and I worked all afternoon in the yard and lumber shed putting things in order. Lizzie and her children came in today to make a little visit and be here when John comes home from his Bermuda trip. Went to church in the evening.

### *Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant and the house cleaning goes on briskly. We were surprised to hear at noon that Dr. and Mrs. Tappan have a new daughter, the second child they have had here, one having died when about a year and a half old. They now have nine. I went to see Mrs. Tappan this afternoon and was the first caller admitted to see her and the little stranger. They have already named it for our Margaret. I wrote to Will as usual and had a nice long letter from him.

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<sup>15</sup> Brussels carpet are made with the loops of the pile left uncut and became fashionable in the first half of the 19th century. Moquette is a type of woven pile fabric in which cut or uncut threads form a short dense cut or loop pile. As well as giving it a distinctive velvet like feel, the pile construction is particularly durable, and ideally suited to applications such as public transport.

*Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant.

Busy as busy can be with the house in disorder from end to end. Carpenter here making a new closet opening from dining room to the back stair way. Painters graining the wood-work and plumber should be here to change the water pipes but failed to come.

Margaret took an embroidery lesson in the morning and put the front room upstairs in order after dinner. Had letter from Bessie, Lizzie P., William, and little Richard returned from Athens.

*Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A beautiful and busy day. The painters worked hard to get done but did not quite finish. The house will be much improved. We took possession of our new bed room to night in an unfinished state, the shades and curtains not being up yet. Had a woman here all day busy house cleaning. The carpets were put down in both rooms and then the movers came and put the piano in the large room and the bed in the front room. Think we shall like it. Prof. H.P. Smith came this evening to board with us.

Enos made a flying visit of a few hours. Says he has bought the World's Fair buildings and is busy now completing the purchase. Goes from here to Boston then back to Chicago.

John Peebles returned with the Peebles party from Bermuda.

Paid Kirtland and Heber 20.00 on work.

Lizzie took no music lessons.

*Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. and usual services. Maggie and Mary Peebles were home from their Bermuda trip and were at Sabbath School. The church was beautifully decorated with palm and lilies. It was communion day and twenty-nine members were received, the service was particularly impressive and enjoyable. Mrs. Stewart and Jamie were there and spoke of it with special pleasure. Rich was here in the evening and went to church with us but sat with his family as they have been away since Jan. Margaret Luding and Ella Robb united with the church.



*Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and sunny by turns but there was more rain than shine. The painters took their departure this morning after varnishing the hall. The job they have done is fine and they did it quickly and reasonably, charging 46.00 for the two rooms and both upper and lower halls. Wrote to Will and sent him papers as usual. Miss O'Connor came to begin the two weeks sewing. Did one or two little jobs then began altering M.'s blue silk for Lizzie.

*Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy, windy and disagreeable and is cool enough for good fires. Miss Maggie is working on Lizzie's dress. I put up shades and curtains in the forenoon. Went over home after dinner with some work then went to the Dr.'s for Amanda, to Mrs. Tappan's to see the baby then to Brunner's to see about oil cloth for the new closet.<sup>16</sup>

Wrote to Mrs. Reynolds after supper. The sitting room is about in order and we find the change pleasant so far. Mother seems much better. Letter from Mother Ricker who says Warner has Scarlet Fever.

*Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

All sorts of weather except warm. Rain, snow, sleet and a little sunshine. Miss M. went on with the sewing and I helped a very little. Had to go down street twice. The plumbers came and looked around then went away. Made a little beginning in the cellar. Mrs. Silcox was here in the A.M. Mrs. Jones after dinner. Had a fifteen page letter from Will and eight pages from Bessie Hall. Went to church.

*Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather bright and pleasant again. Letter from Will saying they had more than 20' snow in Ithaca. Wrote him as usual today, and sent papers. Have been busy as usual with my double duties. Home-cleaning and sewing. Had Ruth to help all day. Plumbers at work on the wash-stand.

*Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant.

I have not been able to sew much as there is still much to be done in the way of putting the house in order.

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<sup>16</sup> Oilcloth, also known as enameled cloth or American cloth, is close-woven cotton duck or linen cloth with a coating of boiled linseed oil to make it waterproof.

The Gymnasium Entertainment came off this evening and we all went. It was very good, but not so well patronized as it should have been. Mother came over today the first time since last fall.

### *Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful weather but we still need a little fire. Had letter from Will, making three we have had this week. The Plumbers got through changing the pipes and stationary wash stand to its new place in the closet opening out of the dining room. I sewed some on May's dress and we have no finished both hers and Lizzie's blue silk ready for wearing tomorrow. Wrote to Bessie tonight. Chas Jack papered dining room. Lizzie took lesson.

### *Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful weather. Went to Sabbath School and the usual church services. Mr. Bratt had his baby baptized, as did Mrs. Marsh her four little boys and one little girl, Anna Dora. The children having been the cause of her uniting with the Pres church, they not wishing to leave our S.S. for any other. Mother came over to see us in the afternoon.

### *Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful weather. Wrote to Will and finished letter to Bessie. Had a card from her. Was busy about the house all forenoon, went to Relief Corps meeting at the new hall, (Gilsur's) at 2.30. Mrs. Pratt was taken into membership. Could not sew much but hulled a little, Mother was over here twice.

Went to see Gussie H. a little while after supper. J.W. had letter from Will.

### *Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Devoted my time to the odds and ends of house-cleaning which were waiting to be done. Did not get much sewing done as there was so many interruptions. The carpenter did not come to finish the wood work in the closet so the painters can do their part.

### *Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Mild with indications of rain, which were fulfilled in the evening by a light shower. When we went to prayer-meeting. The carpenter came and did his work at the wash stand which is now ready for the last coat of paint. was up street in the forenoon, again in the afternoon looking for underwear for Will. Went to take the piece of embroidery to Mrs. Pratt and both she and Mrs. Baggs were much pleased with it.

### *Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Showery and warm.

Wrote to Will as usual, sent him papers and one suit of underwear and two pairs of socks. Sewed a little on Lizzie's gingham dresses. The Misses Draper gave a reception to which I had to send my regrets.

Mr. Jas Ferguson of Huntington died today.

Rained hard late in the afternoon. One year ago today Mr. Reed was hurt and today he is apparently as well as ever but has only been out business a few months.

*Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather changeable. Rain and sunshine. Have tried to sew some today. Mrs. Evans called on Missionary business. Mother was not over, it being to damp. I went to see her after supper.

Had a letter from Will. We are beginning to get straightened up again and altogether the change has been almost like morning, it was so thorough.

*Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather quite pleasant. It was the last day of my sewing engagement and I tried to do all I could at it. Have made for Lizzie two new ginghams, made our M's blue sick for her. two new shirt waists and begun a calico wrapper. For May M's plaid has been made over, also a summer silk, and calico commenced. For myself a black cape for summer wear, satin and lace made of material I had. I have done very little of the work.

*Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and chilly. We all went to Sabbath School and the other services as usual. Was over home after dinner. J.K. Lodwick died this evening.

*Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Weather variable but mostly fair. Was busy with house work and sewed a little while sitting with mother. Too damp for her to come out. Late in the afternoon, Mary and I went to see Mrs. Tappan and the baby. Mrs. Pratt and daughter, Mrs. Baggs were here calling. Mary Ellen was here after supper. Wrote to Will as usual. Mrs. Will Varner died about 10 o'clock tonight.

*Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still cool but fair most of the day. Fires necessary to comfort. Was busy all the forenoon doing little things about the house which take time and strength.

In the afternoon the Foreign Mis. Soc. met here and the ladies spoke about the change as being a very great improvement. There were a dozen present besides myself, Mother being one, Mrs. Peebles another who has not been here in months. Had a pleasant meeting.

Letter from Will, also one from Jennie Greene.

### *Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Delightful weather. I have been out most of the day having to do errands for the house before dinner and going with Mother on a calling tour after dinner. It has been years since she was out for such an afternoon as this has been. We called at Uncle Enos' first, then at Mr. Peebles', then went to see Mrs. Tewksbury and lastly to sit awhile with Mrs. Dennis who has been sick most of the time since Dec. Went to prayer-meeting in the morning.

### *Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather fine. Amanda took today for cleaning Margaret's room and when she gets it ready for use, M. hopes to come home to stay. She has been sleeping over home about four months and has eaten very few meals with us during all that time. I attended the W.C.T.U. meeting this afternoon and met Miss Esther Pugh who was National Treasurer of the W.C.T.U. for a long time. Came directly home and resumed my work. Wrote to Will, also to Father R.

### *Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather beautiful, just to my liking. The house is pretty well cleaned up now and I really enjoy things very much, but get quite tired for the finishing touches take considerable time and strength. I suppose Father Ricker got my birthday letter as we wrote them in time. He is a wonderfully well preserved man for his years and enjoys life as much as any one I know. Margaret's new furniture came today. Maple dresser and stand and iron bedstand.

### *Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather very warm with indications of rain, in feelings but not appearance. These were verified after midnight with a very hard rain. We had a busy day with our usual employments, I remained at home and sewed quite a good deal after doing my other work. After dark took a short drive with J.W. and the girls. There was a S. Boat excursion up the river and Carl went with Ora Finney. The two younger girls went to New Boston with Prof. Smith and a small party of his friends.

*Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

The hard rain of last night made things fresh and bright this morning. We were all at Sabbath School in good time and I remained to S.S. Teacher's meeting, and morning service, spent the afternoon in the usual way and went to church again in the evening. Dr. Tappan preached on Sabbath Observance in the morning and Gideon in the evening.

*Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A most beautiful, delightful day. Wrote Will as usual. Saw letters from him to Enos, from Enos and Helen. Nothing of special interest transpired up to noon. Mother has been over.

*Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

This has been a beautiful May day but few flowers could be gathered for May queens. The late cold snap in March but then back so far.

A little of this and a little of that in the way of housework takes all my time and makes no result worth recording.

*Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Weather all that could be desired. Nothing of special note occurred today. Lizzie was in saying she Richard had seen Enos in Cin. on his way to Boston.

The armies of the unemployed have begun to arrive in Washington D.C. but the papers state that nothing serious has developed as yet.<sup>17</sup> The question of capital and labor is becoming serious in this country. Had a good letter from Will.

*Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. Was busy at home all forenoon then took my sewing over home awhile. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting at 2.30 after which I came home and resumed my work.

Wrote to Will as usual this morning and sent him papers. Was out to see Mrs. Silcox on my way home from the meeting but she was not in. Called to see Mrs. A.E. Johnson, went out again to see Mrs. S. after tea.

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<sup>17</sup> A group of men led by Ohio businessman Jacob Coxey marched on Washington D.C. in 1894 to protest the unemployment caused by the Panic of 1893 and lobby the government to create jobs such as building roads and other public improvements. The march originated with 100 men in Massillon, Ohio on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and the number swelled to 500 by the time they reached Washington on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Coxey and other leaders of the movement were arrested the next day for walking on the grass of the United States Capitol.

*Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day, indications of rain for the day were not verified though there was a shower last night. Have been home most of the day. Went to the P.O. and to take a paper to Mrs. Kendall. Margaret went with Oella after school and the girls went with Prof Smith over into Ky. Mother went and made four calls in the neighborhood today. It seems wonderful that she is able to be out again. Wrote a letter to Father and Mother Ricker for their 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

*Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy and windy, all day and yet it was not unpleasant to me.

Margaret took her last embroidery lesson of Miss Gholsin who will leave next week. Mrs. Haldeman called for M. as she has been doing lately. Margaret came home to stay after having slept and eaten over home for more four months. It is pleasant to have her at home again. I was busy all day about the home and yard. Put out the few geraniums we have and worked some roses. Carl went fishing.

*Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Last night just after Carl came in a very hard rain fell and it rained so hard that we were late getting up this morning. All went to S.S. and the usual church services. It rained very hard again in the afternoon but did not interfere with the evening service which was a Union meeting at Bigelow, the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Y.M.C.A. addressed by Mr. G. N. Bierce of Dayton, brother of Rev. D.E. Bierce.

*Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Was out this morning doing errands and home in the afternoon. Wrote to Will as usual. Mother was here in the afternoon. In the evening I went to Mrs. Hall's to meet with the Ex. Com. of the P.H.S.A.A. am not on the com this year but will help them a little. Was over at Mrs. Kehoe's a little while as Mother was just starting out to call on Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Spry when I went over.

*Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Was out most of the forenoon attending to errands and among other things got the money from the Citizen's Bank to pay the last indebtedness of the P.H.S.A.A. reunion of last year. Spent the afternoon sewing suede curtains for the new closet then took Lizzie's dress over home to sew the lace on the ruffles. J.W. had a letter from Will, I had letters from Bessie Hall and W.J. Lampton, Lizzie had one from Elizabeth G. and M. had one from Mrs. Jackson. May got a game from Woolsin's of Toledo.

*Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant but rather warm in the sun. Was out on some errands in the fore noon and again late in the afternoon I was up to see Mr. Johnson a few minutes then to see Mrs. Dennis. Went with Mary on a little business trip after supper to see about the B.&L. Association.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

*Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm in the forenoon, a hard blow and rain came up in the afternoon while I was at the W.C.T.U. meeting. Came home from there and went to the High Street with three umbrellas for no one had gone prepared for the rain. Went out to see Mrs. Hattie Johnson about going to Canton as delegate for the W.A.C. Came home and after supper transplanted two little rose bushes in the yard after which J.W. and I went to the cemetery and planted a rose bush at the foot of Aunt Maria's grave. How little I thought of this a year ago when she was here.

Wrote to Will as usual.

Wrote to Nan Lampton Sympson.

*Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cooler after the rain of yesterday. A beautiful day and as delightful as possible. Have not felt well today but have kept busy with house work in the morning and sewing in the afternoon. Mother was here three times. She is able to go back and forth every day when the weather is favorable. She wants me to go to Zanesville with her but I feel I can not leave home.

*Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather cloudy with some rain in the forenoon. Prof. Smith had planned for an excursion up the river on the ferry-boat and it seemed doubtful whether they could go but they finally started, about thirty-five young people and our two younger girls with them. It cleared off and was pleasant after all.

Lizzie Peebles was in today and Mother asked her to go with her to see Jennie, but it is doubtful whether she can go.

*Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Delightful after the rain of yesterday. Attended the regular services and in the afternoon was over home awhile to see Father and Mother.

*Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm and bright.

Lizzie came in at noon and told Mother she could not go to Zanesville and prevailed upon her going out home with her for a little visit, Margaret went over home to stay all night with her Aunt Mary for company.

Wrote to Will and sent him papers as usual. Mrs. F.L. Johnson went to the W.R.C. Convention at Canton as I could not go after being elected delegate.

*Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rained quite hard awhile this afternoon. John Peebles came in and told us that Mother was going to Otway this afternoon to see Uncle Will and the boys. John brought a tiny little turtle for us and we were glad to have him, as we are all little pets.

Prof. Smith took the girls and asked about three dozen others on an excursion up the river on the upper ferry-boat.

*Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather very warm. Have been busy as usual with such things as I always find to do. Mother came home on the noon train so I took my work and went over for awhile. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

*Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. Was over home awhile after dinner with my work then went to the W.C.T.U. meeting, the final arrangements for the coming district convention were made. Mrs. Snodgrass and I have to attend to the printing of small hand bills for it. Went to Dr. Davis' after the meeting. Wrote to Will as usual this morning. Went to ride awhile with Mrs. Silcox this forenoon.

*Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm and bright though it rained late in the afternoon. It was very arm at noon. The C.E. Missionary Union met in our church this evening, delegates from all parts of the Presbytery are expected. Miss Harrover of Manchester is Margaret's guest, she was to have had another but she went with friends to Mrs. Smith's.

Miss Harrover and I rode out to New Boston on the electric car in the afternoon. WE all went to the meeting in the evening. There was a good attendance. Miss Robins of Jackson was the principal speaker of the evening.



*Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A sudden change to cold weather came in the night and as I had only this morning taken off the heavy bedding, I had to get up in the night and get extra covers for several beds. In the evening the Y.M.C.A. steamboat excursion went notwithstanding the rain which was almost sleet by 9 o'clock P.M. Solar disturbances are supposed to account for the unusual weather. The young people's C.E. Missionary Union closed their meeting at noon and our guests, Miss Harrover went home in the afternoon. So cool that we started fire in the hall stove again.

*Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Quite cold. We all gather about the fires again and wear our warm clothing. All went to Sabbath School and the regular church services. Was over to see Father and Mother as usual.

*Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant.

The next thing in order was W.R.C. meeting this after noon and after that was over we began to get ready for the W.C.T.U. Convention to be held on the 34<sup>th</sup>, I wrote to Will as usual today.

*Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Still quite cool and nearly every one feels the effect of it. the two girls have bad colds and I have some myself. Copied my paper and am now about ready for my part on the program Thursday.

*Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. Have been busy all day making final preparations for our guests and getting my paper finished.

In the evening Cousin Sadie Crossley and Mrs. Davidson of Ironton came on the boat to stop with us during the Convention. We all went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

*Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. The W.C.T.U. Convention was held in Sixth St. M.E. church today, Margaret Peebles being President of this District presided. There were not many delegates from other countries, but the attendance was fairly good and the sessions interesting. I had a paper on Tobacco and Narcotics to read in the afternoon and the address of the evening was made by Mrs. Hammond of Cleveland. Mrs. Davidson went to drive with Mrs. Richardson and her guests. Finished and sent Will's letter and papers, as usual.

*Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy and cool, but pleasant later in the day. Cousin Sadie went to make some visits today and returned in the evening to spend the night with us. We had a pleasant visit talking over old times. Cousin Sadie remembers so many interesting things about the early days Portsmouth and vicinity.

*Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and not very warm. The two younger girls went with the High School Excursion on a Canal-boat. About 125 went, some being friends of the H.S. pupils. Prof. Pratt was the organizer and commander of the party. After tea Carl got out the carriage and took his father, sister and I over to meet the girls. After bringing them home he went after a second load and brought six from over on the tow path, where he found them walking home. Cousin Sadie went to Henley at noon.

*Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. all went to Sabbath school and church in the morning then J.W. and I went to the Memorial services at the Baptist church, Mr. Snodgrass making the address which was fine. The congregation was made up principally of the societies. G.A.R. Woman's Relief Corps, S.O.V., and Ladies' Aid, and Monumental Society.<sup>18</sup> Uncle Sam was here to see us a few minutes.

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<sup>18</sup> Grand Army of the Republic was a fraternal organization composed of veterans who served in the American Civil War for the United States forces. G.A.R. became among the first organized advocacy groups in America, helping to make Memorial Day a national holiday, lobbying the United States Congress to establish regular veterans' pensions, and supporting Republican political candidates. S.O.V., Sons of Veterans, was a general term used in the United States at the turn of the 20th century for fraternal organizations of men whose fathers fought in the United States Civil War.

*Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy and wet in the morning but it cleared off beautifully in the forenoon. Have been taking cold all day and by evening had to go after medication and then to bed. Had a letter from Will this morning. Wrote to him, also to Jennie Greene. Went up to see Mrs. Tappan this afternoon in reference to the Missionary Society which meets there tomorrow. Oella brought me home and then took Margaret for a little drive and visit.

*Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still cool and bright. Have fire in the sitting room and I have quite a cold but not so bad as yesterday. Was busy mending all the forenoon. after two o'clock I went to the Foreign Mis. Soc. at Mrs. Tappan's. The program was in her charge about a dozen ladies went and the meeting was a pleasant one. Carl went to Camp McCulloch with the Bankers from the Ports. Nat'l.

*Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

No rain but clouds, wind and a sudden change in temperature in the afternoon. No one was prepared for the sudden change and old and delicate ladies were at the cemetery with light wraps or none at all. the three girls and I were at the Hall all forenoon helping fill the baskets for the G.A.R. Ora Finney helped us and drove for us in Carl's absence. Decoration exercises passed off very nicely. The cool weather was favorable for those who walked out to the cemetery and back.

*Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Still cool enough for fires. Hail and snow have fallen in other places. The cars came in here covered with snow. A letter from Maurice Lampton of Winchester, Ky. states they have had 7 inches of snow lately. I went to the W.C.T.U. this afternoon. Wrote to Will and sent him papers this forenoon. Letter from Jennie Greene. Cousin Sadie Crossley was here.

*Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Still cool enough for fires and flannels. Wrote to Mother Ricker. was busy at home most of the forenoon but while I was gone on a short errand. Mrs. Silcox called. In the afternoon I went to see her but she was not there I made party calls upon the Misses draper, Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. Reilly, also called upon Blanche Selby and Mrs. Mary Dudit, Mrs. Dennis brought me home. Cousin Sadie Crossley was here after her baggage which she left here. Bessie Hall's birthday.

*Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Still have fire for comfort but during the day it became a little warmer. was busy all forenoon cleaning up the house. Have not been anywhere today except over home. Uncle Enos was here a few minutes after supper. Carl took the girls for a drive and I remained at home. Jas. went to the primary.

*Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant.

All well and attended the usual services and spent the day as we generally do. Was over home to see Father and Mother a little while.

*Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Somewhat warmer. And when evening came we had a hard thunder shower. I wrote to Will as usual this morning and was busy all day, one way and another.

In the evening I went with J.W. to the Port meeting as the ladies of the Corps were invited to hear Dr. Kline read a paper in the Atlanta Campaign. Only a few were present and the reading was interrupted by the thunder and rain, but it was interesting.

*Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

The rain cooled the atmosphere so that we again needed a fire but towards evening it died out. The events of this day were the sending of wedding cards of Oscar Newman and Charl Thompson and we were favored along with hundreds of others I suppose. The next excitement was the ringing of the Riot Alarm about bed time to call Co. H. to the armory and hold themselves in readiness to go at a moments notice to help keep order in the mining districts or where the miners are trying to prevent the shipping of coal. Water Works Board elected a new clerk in place of J.W. Ricker.

*Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful weather but cool. Rained some last evening. Co. H. left early this morning for Columbus in route to the mining districts where the state militia has been asked to protect property. The situation is alarming. Carl and Mr. Smith went out when the signal was given calling out the troops last night and it was thought they would leave immediately. They said they had never seen such a crowd in Portsmouth as was about the Armory.

Went to church in the evening.

Barton and two children came today.

*Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still cool enough for a fire in the morning. Beautiful and pleasant. Mary and Dwight G. have been here most of the day, also Elizabeth Peebles, Campbell and Burr Taylor. Was down street in the forenoon, then again in the afternoon. I went to the W.C.T.U. The excitement of the hour is the trouble caused by the miners. The state Militia has been called to Zanesville and vicinity. Co. H. left on the morning train and reached Zanesville to find things quite there. The last of Capt. Oscar Newman and Charl Thompson's wedding cards went out today.

*Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant.

Elizabeth Peebles went home on the afternoon train, her Mother having come in at noon. I went with her on the street. Went out to see Mrs. Silcox and made quite a call.

Barton with his two children Mary and Dwight went home on the 4 P.M. train.

*Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm. Have had a very busy day doing all sorts of things. Sent a bunch of handsome rose buds to Mrs. Snodgrass and M.J. Peebles to be used at the Infirmary as this is W.C.T.U. Flower day. Did some errands in the evening. This afternoon Mother and I went out for a little drive and while out made a short call at Mrs. Tappan's and the Greens house.

*Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. This was observed as Children's Day in our church, the sermon being on character building, preached by Dr. Tappan, the exercises, responsive service and songs were all on the theme of building.

In the evening he preached a sermon on the work of the last General Assembly. The cases of Professors Briggs and Smith were finally disposed of by suspending them from the Pres. Ministry.

*Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather very warm, after so long a time. Have been busy all day. Wrote to Will as usual, the last letter I'll probably write this term. Did some mending, some washing and numerous other things.

The preparations for Charl's wedding go on but no one knows when Oscar will be home, the troubles not yet being settled.

*Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

The weather has finally become warm enough to be seasonable. The events of this day were so common place they have faded from my memory, there is little to record. Have had a variety of things on my hand and mind but nothing extraordinary. The troubles with the miners are not yet ended but Oscar will be home on furlough in time to get ready for the wedding.

*Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm. This is Fannie Moore Griger's birthday. Her father and Mother are going to see her.

Went to prayer meeting this evening as usual. Went over to the Opera House afterwards to see Julia Tappan on an errand. The class was there practicing on their rhetorical exercises. Have had a busy day as usual and am very tired.

*Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant for the season. Went to the W.C.T.U. meeting this afternoon, no I did not either, was too busy to leave home and Mrs. White came in the evening to bring me some envelopes.

Went to Commencement in the evening and enjoyed the exercises more than usual. Julia Tappan graduated with great credit to herself and was as pretty as a picture.

*Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A beautiful day for the alumni which was held at Grandview Park out on the Electric road. The preparations were complete, the attendance large, supper good and the evening was enjoyed by all present. It was voted a great success by every body. This was Carl's birthday and I had nothing for him but a great deal of love. He is a treasure of a son.

*Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm. Have been busy all over the place today, indoors and out, trying to put things into as good order as possible, for Will's home coming. All sat up to wait for him and welcomed him home when the N.W. train came from Columbus about 9 o'clock or a little later. He is well and happy. Had spent a day or two with a friend at Germantown near Philadelphia.

*Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm with some indications of a thunder storm. Attended the usual services today. Have enjoyed having Will home with us and he seems equally glad to be here.

Is very little changed since he left last Sept.

### *Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm with a two hard rains in the afternoon. Went to W.R.C. in the afternoon but as there was no quorum, no business could be transacted so we hurried home to escape the second rain. The Port also failed to have a meeting owing to the excitement attending the coming congressional conservative which meets tomorrow. Took a drive with Will this morning and did errands.

### *Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A beautiful day and very auspicious for the bride. Oscar Newman and Charl Thompson were married at All Saints' Church this evening in the presence of a large audience. Every available place was filled. The bridal party was a pretty one. Kate Newman followed the ushers and was herself followed by Fran Newman and Amy Thompson. Then came Sarah Thompson followed by Robin Willard and Anita Reed, and just preceding the bride and her father was Sallie Reed. Margaret and Will went to the reception but she was sick and both came home. Alex Ricker was here to supper. Will went to work at the ship.

### *Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm.

Hear this morning that Mrs. E.B. Greene died last evening at her home in Zanesville. Has been ill several months. Will be brought here for burial tomorrow. She was a good woman, one who ha deserved and suffered much and whose memory will be cherished by many friends. Went to prayer meeting this evening.

### *Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. Have been busy all day preparing for the guests who are to come to Mrs. Greene's funeral. At the last moment Jennie was unable to come so Barton stayed with her and six of the children came, Bartie, Charlie, Elizabeth, Helen, Virginia, and Edward, besides Col. Churchill and Mame Pratt Dwight, Fred and Miss Fogg from Zanesville, Mrs. Lydia Rowe of Indianapolis, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Bay from Ironton and Dr. Ricketts from Cin. were present besides a number of Portsmouth friends. The friends went directly from the depot to the cemetery.

Old Rose and Geo Williamson, colored, were provided a buggy and went also.

*Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Warm. Lizzie Peebles went home this morning but the five boys were left, not altogether accidentally I imagine, so were here to dinner and three of our girls went over home to dinner. I was at the table with nine men and boys until a couple of the girls came in for my company. Elizabeth Peebles came in at noon to spend a few days with the other girls here. We have a houseful. Took a drive in the evening. Dwight was to have been here but failed to come.

*Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. The children are enjoying their visitors very much. Dwight Greene was here twice today, took dinner over home and left on the 4.47 train for home.

Prof Smith took the picture of the six girls under the cherry tree. Lizzie, May, Helen, Elizabeth and Virginia Greene and Elizabeth Peebles.

Will drove Andy awhile this evening. J.W. and I went to the evening market and got a few things. It is a new institution and convenient for some reasons.

*Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very hot. We all went to S.S. and with the visiting cousins our delegation numbered eleven while Prof. Smith went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres making an over dozen from our house to S.S. attended the other services as usual. Mother was over here twice today.

Father seems about as well as usual.

Very heavy black clouds passed south of us cooling the atmosphere 20° and giving us a little shower before supper.

*Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm with a little thunder shower in the afternoon.

We were awakened last night by a man who came from Henley after the doctor for baby Richard and a letter asking that Elizabeth be sent home this A.M. as she is needed. Carl took her out in the cart. We heard in the afternoon that baby was better. The girls expected to have gone to Henley today but will not go until it is more convenient to have them there. I was down to see Emma Vorhees this morning. She and her two daughters are here from Mrs. Miller's reception tomorrow.



*Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm but pleasant, with a hard rain late in the afternoon. The Foreign Mis. Soc. met here this afternoon, Mrs. Foster having charge of the topic after the meeting several of us went to the reception at Mrs. Emanuel Miller's. Mrs. Vorhees and daughters were assisting Mrs. M. Mother dressed to go but the rain prevented her, though. Mary went with Margaret and me. It was a pleasant occasion.

*Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant but warm. The five girls, Lizzie and May, Elizabeth, Helen and Virginia went to Henley on the afternoon train where they will make a short visit. Mrs. Smith talked of going out while they are there but he is very busy and may not go.

Heard that Mrs. Tewksbury is very sick in Cleveland at the Homeopathic Hospital. WE went after prayer-meeting to inquire about her and saw Mr. and Mrs. Prescott and Al Johnson who said she had been taken there because of Scarlet Fever in Russell's family. She will not recover.

*Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather very warm. Ten years today since we sailed from New York for Europe. Nothing of special interest to record for today.

Was busy all after noon and did not go to W.C.T.U. Margaret took some papers to the meeting for me. After we had gone to bed tonight we were quite surprised to have the two children from Henley put in an appearance at our door. Our two girls and the three Greene girls stayed here, the five boys went over home to sleep.

*Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. Had a lively time all the forenoon with the six Greenes and two Peebles boys running in and out. The Zanesville delegation left on the 11 o'clock train for home and the Peebles boys went home after dinner which they ate somewhere else than here. The children have had a good visit together. Prof. Smith had intended leaving today for his home near Zanesville but failed to get off. In the evening he and Will got a boat and took the three girls and be boat riding. Had a delightful time.

*Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

The last day of June has been a hot one. All at home and all busy as usual. Sent a letter to Mother Ricker. Do not hear so frequently from her owing to her failing sight. Miss her letters.

After tea Jas and I went to Market, with Margaret in the carriage after which we drove over on the West Side. Prof. Smith took our two girls and three others boat riding and they had a fine time.

### *Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. We all went to S.S. and church this morning, as usual.

Dr. Tappan preached on a subject I had never heard treated before, Paul's message to Philemon regarding the slave Onesimus.

In the evening Jas. And I went to the sixth st. M.E. church to the Bible meeting. The attendance was remarkable considering the weather and remarkable also for the large predominance of young people in the congregation. Mother was over to hear the singing which was mostly done by myself. Prof Smith played the cornet.

### *Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Very hot. Prof. Smith left on the 11 o'clock train for his home for a vacation. I spent most of the afternoon putting his room in order. Margaret is busy sewing and getting ready for her trip to the C.E. Convention at Cleveland. In the evening Will, Lizzie, May, and I went out driving while J.W. went to the Post and Carl drove after we returned Miss Bell and Mrs. McCall were her at different times. No special news about Mrs. Tewksbury who is still at the hospital in Cleveland.

### *Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Not quite so hot as yesterday, but hot enough for what we had to do. The children and I did a part of the ironing which was unusually large.

Amanda finished her week at noon and then took the afternoon for making her preparations for going home.

She has been here since October of 1892 excepting for a short visit in the spring of 1893.

Jas. Successor in office as Sec'y of the Water Works took his place tonight. Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Jackson were here.

### *Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

An exceptional day in point of weather. Has been cloudy and comfortably cool all day without rain in this locality. Carl went to Ironton on the S.G.V. excursion. Amanda left on the morning train for her vacation. The rest of us stayed at home. Will spent the evening at Judge Bannon's. Jas. The girls and I went to prayer-meeting. Mother has not been very well today. News from Mrs. T. discouraging.

*Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Lovely weather. We got through our work nicely today and after things are in order and we get accustomed to it we shall have no trouble with the work. I managed to sew some. Letter from Jimmie to Mary yesterday says she is better but far from well and the doctor says she must go away somewhere for a time. Oella was here, also Mrs. Halderman. Took a drive in the evening. Margaret and Will went to the wedding reception of Geo Anderson and his bride.

*Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm. Nothing of special interest to mark the day. Have been trying to help Margaret get ready for her trip. the railroad employees are making so much trouble with the roads that travel is stopped in some parts of the country. Chicago is in a dreadful state of demoralization and strikes are going out in many branches of business threatening to paralyze the business interests of the country in all lines.

*Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. We had a busy day as usual and just after supper Albert Johnson came to tell us that Mrs. M.R. Tewksbury died in Cleveland this afternoon. She had gone there two weeks ago from Julia's house in Freeport, Ill to be treated for some unknown trouble which proved to be cancer of the bowels and for which nothing could be done except give her medicine to alleviate the pain until the end came.

*Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm. All went to S.S. and church as usual. Russell and wife, Julia and Margaret came from Cleveland at 11 o'clock today bring the remains of Mrs. Tewksbury who died in the Huron St. Hospital at Cleveland yesterday afternoon. It is just thirteen years yesterday since Sallie Tewksbury Peebles died at a hotel in Cincinnati where she had gone for treatment and thirteen years ago today she was brought home for burial. J.W. and I walked up to the house this afternoon and saw Isabel Murray and her Aunt Mollie.

*Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Was up to see Margaret and Julia this morning and then to see some members of the Mis. Soc in regard to Mrs. Tewksbury's death. We shall miss her greatly in the meetings. The funeral occurred from the residence at 5.30 P.M. and was a very large one. Aunt Ad Ricker came from Ironton as did Mrs. Ellison to attend. the former stayed with us. The house was full and I was not near enough to hear any of the service.

*Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still warm, but a little breezy. Aunt Ad Ricker and I visited together as much as possible this morning spending a part of the time over home with Mother who is not so well as she was ten days ago, though improving again. After dinner, Jimmie got out the carriage and took Aunt Ad and Margaret out to Mrs. Bannon's bringing Mrs. Ellison into the train with Aunt Ad at 4 o'clock. We had a nice little visit.

*Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm but pleasant for the season, except for dust. All arose early this morning and Carl took Margaret out to the Norfolk and Western train before six o'clock and she started for the great C.E. Convention at Cleveland, O. where she will stop with Mrs. Ashton whom I knew many years ago in Ports. expects to meet Bessie there. Went to prayer meeting as usual and had a called meeting of the members of the Miss Society after service to make some arrangements for the next meeting.

*Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm and dry but the evenings are delightful. We were busy all day at home and did not go out in the evening, not even for a drive. Sat on the porch and ate peanuts and popcorn which Carl brought. I was over home awhile in the after noon with Margaret's white dress which I am to hem and put on the band for her. The news about the strikes remains about the same, the railroads are being operated in most places except in California.

*Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm, but a good breeze blowing. The girls and I have had a hard day house-cleaning. Have not been over home as yet thought it is supper time now and I am resting while the girls put the supper on the table. Had a card from Bessie who wrote that Margaret had reached Mrs. Ashton's in Cleveland at 5 P.M. while she and Grace got there in the morning. A great crowd has gathered notwithstanding the disturbances by the strikers all over the country.

*Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still warm and dry. Had a card from Margaret. she is stopping at Mrs. Ashton's a lady who lived in Portsmouth years ago and whom I knew well.

The Christian Endeavor Convention is a wonderful success in point of numbers, enthusiasm and in every way. It is a grand privilege to attend it and we are glad Margaret can enjoy it. The strike seems to be losing its paver and the prediction that thousands more would go out today, failed.

*Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm, clear and dry. J.W. is fifty-three years old today and I have nothing to give him in the way of a present.

Carl remembered it last evening and had some cards for him this morning. We all went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Miss Alice Comins had Margaret's S.S. class today.

*Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Hot dry and dusty.

crops and gardens are suffering. Margaret left Cleveland today for Kirkwood to spend her vacation with Grandpa and Grandma.

It was a question whether she would be able to go, on account of the railroad strike but while trains have been interfered with in some instances she has had no trouble.

All is quiet and exceedingly dull here. Has. has served his full time and turned over his work to his successor. No Relief Corps meeting because only three members came.

*Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather unchanged.

This is the last day that J.W. is expected at the W. W'ks Office, the Board met this evening and with that meeting he ended his connection with them. If we had something else in prospect we should not be sorry as there are some reasons why the place is undesirable. we have been blessed in many ways and have more cause for gratitude than complain.

*Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm and dry and dusty. Have been housecleaning all day. was very tired in the evening but went to prayer-meeting and as Oella was sick and no one else was present who could play, I was called upon. Have not played the organ before since Dr. Tappan came so am not in very good practice, however I got along very well.

Orric Evans is eighteen years old today.

*Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm, positively hot I might say. Have had a very busy day with Ben Johnson to help us a part of the day. By night we had every part of the house in good order and were ready to sit on the porch and wait for Bessie who came on the late train from Columbus. She had a hot dusty trip and was glad to get home and we were glad to see her. She said Margaret expressed a wish that she might come home instead of going away.

*Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm with indications of rain which came after all and it is very pleasant. Bessie's arrival last night was the occasion of much pleasure to us. She seems quite happy to be here and we are equally so to have her company. She was over home to see the folks and they here to see her, in the evening she went with J.W., Lizzie, and Mary to Union Mills. The rain had made it muddy but it was delightful driving.

*Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Warm and all busy as usual. Letter from Margaret who is now in a place where she can have a much needed rest.

Matters are quieting down somewhat but are still far from a settlement. It was expected that many more strikers would go out today but they did not do so. Too many are feeling the effects of hard times to give up work when they have been so long idle.

*Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. All went to S.S. including Bessie who had her old class in the absence of Prof. Pratt. School very small in consequence of the absence from town of many teachers and pupils. was over home a part of the afternoon with Father and Mother, both of whom are better than they were a few days ago.

*Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

A delightful rainy day. Ruth did not was so we could it enjoy it fully.

J.W. spent most of the day sorting over letters and papers and I spent the rest of it disposing of the useless papers. The girls are doing most of the cooking and I find enough to keep me very busy in other ways. Wrote to Margaret this morning. We all took a little drive in the evening.

*Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Delightful after the rain of yesterday. Carl came home sick about 2 o'clock and went to bed. Took cold from being wet all day yesterday and had a hard headache. In the evening I went with Mother for a short drive then returned and remained with him until he went to sleep about 9 o'clock. Having bathed his head and given him powders for headache. Ora was with him most of the evening. Dr. Tappan called to see Bessie.

*Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm as ever. Jas. got four gallons nice blackberries after breakfast which Bessie and the girls looked over for me and then I cooked and began getting ready to make jelly tomorrow.

Had a letter from Margaret telling of the welfare of the household at Kirkwood. Sent her the ruffle for her white dress, which I finished hemming this morning. Car was sick in bed all day so I remained at home from prayer-meeting with him. He is better this evening.

*Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm with a gentle breeze. Carl better but not able to go out yet. Came down stairs before dinner.

Bessie made thirty glasses of blackberry jelly after I had the juice ready. Ruth ironed, the girls cooked and all hands were busy. Ed Reed called again to see Carl, who spent the afternoon in the hammock unable to under take work of any kind as yet. Was out a little while in the evening but retired early.

*Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm as ever.

Carl began work again this morning both at home and at the Bank. Says he feels better than before but not so strong yet. This evening he drove over on the West Side taking Mrs. Behreus and two of her friends to make a call on one of their country friends. I went to make some Missionary calls after tea. Met Will at Margaret Johnson's when no one was at home so after a visit to Seel's we did one more errand and then came home.

*Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm and dry.

The usual work occupied all my time and attention today until late in the afternoon. Mother is planning a trip to Zanesville next week which includes me as she can not go alone. If I go I shall be obliged to leave Bessie and the girls with every thing to do which I do not like but Bessie seems anxious to have me go and let her do what she can. All took a little drive in the evening.

### *Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm. This is the triple birthday in the family connection. Lizzie being sixteen, her Aunt Jennie thirty-eight and Ira Ricker twenty-seven. L. sent her Auntie a beautiful birthday book, which she had Margaret get in St. L. for her, having a few names written in it there.

We had no service today, Dr. Tappan being at Mineral Springs filling an appointment of Presbytery.

All went to S.S. as usual except Will whom we left at home. I was not feeling well so I did not go anywhere after S. S. John Peebles brought me another little turtle.

### *Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather hot and dry. The regular work together with a few preparations for tomorrow occupied the forenoon. After dinner I went to the P.O. with a letter for Margaret, then to Connolley's on an errand, then to Mrs. Silcox's to get a book, then back home after which I went to see about my new shoes which Carl gave me, then to see Mattie Peebles who has come from Ashland to her Grandfather Peebles'. She is unable to walk but looks much better than I had expected.

### *Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Very hot. Was busy all forenoon preparing for the Mis. meeting in the afternoon. There was an unusual attendance owing to its being a memorial meeting for Mrs. Tewksbury and Mrs. E.B. Greene. Mrs. Davis Peebles, Moore, Miller, Moore Miles, Spry, Comins, Storck, Foster, Tappan, Dennis Gates, Misses Peebles, Ramsey, Hall, Canius, and Mrs. Foster's friend Mrs. Hunter with possible others were present. Scripture reading, hymns and prayers appropriate were used followed by reports of Committees on Resolutions of respect. Mrs. Hadley had charge of the Topic for the day. Memorial Col. 27.75<sup>th</sup>.

Several brought flowers which were taken to the cemetery after supper and placed on the graves by Mrs. Tewksbury and Mrs. Greene.



### *Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Bright, warm and dusty. We arose early and I meant to take breakfast with Mother before the hack came to take us to the depot.<sup>19</sup> Left Portsmouth at 5.15 for Columbus and reached there at 8.30. Went to the Dennison Hotel so Mother could rest as we had some time to wait. Ate a little of our lunch of fried chicken and bread then she lay down and I went to buy tickets for Zanesville. Left Columbus at 11.25 and reached Z. at 1.12 PM. Found Jennie at the depot and Barton just outside with the carriage and ponies to take us to the house, all well.

Went to prayer-meeting with Barton.

### *Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Very hot until in the afternoon when a hard rain set in which flooded the gutters and refreshed annual and vegetable life. We spent the day in the house resting and talking. Mother and I have been helping Jennie with her mending which is work which I like to do and can do well. We just stopped everything to enjoy the rain when it came. Spent the evening listening to Elizabeth play on the piano, which she does nicely.

### *Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Quite cool this morning so it was more comfortable with the window closed, than open. Had a letter from Lizzie enclosing one to Jennie and one from sister.

Everything is beautiful after the rain. Mame Pratt was here. After supper Fred took Barton, Jennie and me for a pleasant drive with his ponies. The rain had settled the dust and cooled the atmosphere until it was delightful.

### *Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant but cool. A fire in the sitting room made it seem comfortable. I went to Market with Barton, Bartie and Elizabeth in the carriage. Later I went again in the carriage with Elizabeth to do some errands and we came back in the car. Laura L. Southard called in the afternoon. She looks well and our visit was pleasant. Prof Smith surprised us this A.M. and was himself surprised as he came to see the children not knowing we were here. Stayed to dinner. I wrote to J.W. and Margaret taking the letters over to town myself after supper.

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<sup>19</sup> Hack: a carriage or automobile for hire.

*Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Rev. Chas. Wallace of Newark came to spend Sabbath here and preach in the First Pres. church. I went to S.S. with Dwight and the children, remaining to church, walking both ways though it is a good mile they say. In the evening Barton Jennie and I rode over in the carriage which Barton had out to take Mr. Wallace to his appointment at rural Chapel. We attended service at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. church and heard Mr. Barnes. Mr. Wallace stopped at Father's during Synrd years ago.

*Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful morning. Mr. Wallace left immediately after breakfast. Margaret's birthday and I only had a letter to send her. Had one from her and one from home. Jennie had one from Prof. Smith inviting Mother, Jennie, and myself to visit him and his parents at their farm up the river. Mother, Jennie and I went over in town to do some errands and see the stores. Mrs. Grew and Mrs. Harris called late in the afternoon. Had a delightful drive in the evening. Wrote to J.W.

*Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very warm again. Have spent the most of the day very quietly. Letter from J.W., Bessie and Sister in Kirkwood. Wrote home as usual, letters to Bessie and the girls which are to go tomorrow.

Had a long drive in the evening. Fred diving, Barton, Jennie, little Mary, and I going.

*Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm but pleasant. we got up early and four of the five children, Edward, Helen, Virginia and Mary went to Adams' Mills to visit Prof. Smith's father and mother. Were met at the depot by Prof S. his father, niece Bessie and nephew Wilfred Guild with a carriage and some were at the hospitable home. I enjoyed a quiet day with the elder people while Prof. Smith entertained the six children, swinging, riding, wading and in various ways. It is a fine old farm and in two carriages the party drove all over it and along the river for some distance. Returned in the evening on the C.O. train and found Mother had been very comfortable during the day. Had a most delightful visit.

*Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very hot. I took Mary and went over to town this morning, did a couple of errands and mad a call at col. Churchill's but Mary Pratt was not at home. After walking quite a distance we took the street car and came over to the Terrace where I returned the calls of Mrs. Southard and Mrs. Harris. Had letters from J.W., Bessie, Amanda and one from Mrs. Ashton to Bessie. Jennie decided to go home with us and packed her trunk with that intention.

*Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still very warm. Early this morning Jennie told me she had changed her mind and could not go so we again changed our plans and prepared to go out at 9.30 instead of noon as we had thought. Got off in good time, Barton and Jennie going to the Depot with us. Had seats in a sleeper to Columbus so made that much of the trip very comfortably. Got home all right and found all well and surprised to see us so early as 4 o'clock.

Uncle Drew Ricker is 68 years old today.

*Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A warm day and a busy time though Bessie would not permit me to take hold of the work before Monday, saying I might do so then. She has been very kind and helpful ever since she came home. I went over to Aunt Mary Sam's this morning to offer my services for anything I can do to help about Beatrice's wedding next week. Uncle Sam seemed to appreciate my offer. Father and Mother have been married 47 years today.

*Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather quite warm. We all went to Sabbath S. this morning, excepting Will, whom I excused for this time. Went to church as usual and nothing unusual took place. Went over home to see Father and Mother and Mary.

*Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

This is Mary Y. Moore's birthday, but a thought and much love is all I have to give her today. Bessie went to Haverhill this afternoon to spend a few days with Mrs. Boynton. I took a hold of the work again but the little girls will still have much of it to do as I have some errands to do for Uncle Sam in connection with the wedding.

The time seems fully occupied.

*Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant. I went over to see Father this evening to ask what he wanted of me and learned that he wanted me to find out for him what to get for Beatrice as a wedding present.

In the evening we took a short drive and went up to the house where Bea and Mr. Hales work of preparation on their new home. It is nearly ready for use. J.W. the two little girls and I went.

### *Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm. Uncle Sam came over this A.M. and from him I learned that Father's choice of a gift would be acceptable so he went and bought the dishes, including a dozen plated knives and forks, tea and table spoons. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

Are expecting Margaret home some now, though possibly she may not come until the last of next week.

### *Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A beautiful day for the wedding. I went over in the afternoon and helped Miss Hattie Gates, Miss Edmonds and Mary Y. decorate the rooms for Beatrice. The wedding took place at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. church, Rev. S. Gobiet officiating. Ida Mercer was bridesmaid and Ada Moore flower girl. Uncle Sam came in with Bea, Arthur being the only other member of the family present. Assisted at the small reception later and at our early hour the bride and groom went to their new home.

### *Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm, or hot I might better say. Was so busy at home that I did not get over to Uncle Sam's as I had planned. He came to return some things I had loaned them.

Have swept and did various things. Helped a little with the girls' sewing Maggie Peebles called with the carriage to get me to go with her to see about introducing the Pathfinder series of Text books into the schools. Made several calls in her carriage then she brought me home.

### *Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather still warm. Bessie returned from Haverhill today and brought with her some chickens which she had caught, killed and dressed that we might have some nice fried chicken. She will do anything she can for us. Carl went out and met her with Andy. Mother, Mary and I called on Beatrice this after noon, then in Aunt Mary.

### *Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

All went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Bessie came downstairs early and we fried the chickens while getting breakfast so it did not keep us from any service and was a great treat at dinner time by just warming it up in the pan where we had left it.

### *Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

This is Enos birthday. Weather warm and not much except daily round of duties to take up the time.

The W.R.C. met this afternoon and we had a very pleasant, though small meeting. after it was dismissed a few of us talked in an informal way of some plan to interest those who attend the next meeting. Bessie went up to Mrs. Clough's to spend a few days.

### *Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather quite warm. Ruth was here washing, her mother was called away by the death of her sister and Ruth went to help her off.

Margaret decided to remain this week in Kirkwood as Frank has just returned and she is enough better to visit a little. We are anxious for her to come home, the summer has seemed long with out her. Lizzie P. and her 4 younger children came in at noon. Barton and Jennie with 4 came from Zanesville at 4 P.M.

### *Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Will is twenty-one years old today. A man in years and I have thought and thought all say about something to give him as a memento of the day but found nothing suitable. If my pockets were as full of money as my heart is full of love for the children they might be utterly ruined by indulgences. Went to prayer-meeting this evening as usual. Offered to stay with the children and let Barton and Jennie go but he had a stiff neck so she went with me.

### *Thursday, August 23<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Both houses are full and the children are having a good time. Jennie and three of her children went to Henley today, Lizzy having come in to go out with them. Mary Green chose to remain at our house with Margaret P. I had an opportunity of getting some nice tomatoes at 25 ct per bushel so bought them and was very busy for the rest of the day, the little girls helping me as well they could.

### *Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Will and the little girls, Lizzie and May drove to Henley early this A.M. and soon after he left a telegram from Frank Ricker stated that Grandma is very ill and I am wanted. WE decided that Jimmy should go but before we got off a third telegram saying Grandpa is also very ill, and still calling for me made it necessary to drop everything and accompany Jimmy. We left on the C.P. & V. about 2 P.M. took the night train from Cin. and sat up all night as there were no lower berths to be had.

Mother Ricker died about 4 P.M. Margaret being with her, also Clara R. and Mrs. Mitchel.

### *August 24<sup>th</sup>, continued.*

Father Ricker was taken with a hard chill early this morning, having left Mother after an interview during which he told her how very ill she had been and that he never expected to see her so well again. She had been taken with an attack of heart disease Thursday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> just as Father was ready for evening worship. Margaret and he were ready but Mother said wait a little while, so he took up his paper again when suddenly she threw up her hands and stiffening out, slid from the sofa to the floor. In half an hour's time Margaret had fourteen friends with her and notwithstanding the doctor's efforts, Mother did not regain consciousness until about 1 A.M. the 24<sup>th</sup>. They had not intended telling her how ill she had been but in the morning father told her about it. This morning was damp and rainy and he has not been well for more than a week so as he passed out of the room she said "Now Jacob don't go out in the rain." These being the last words he ever heard from her as he went out to do some little things and came in later with a hard chill he went upstairs (she being on a lounge in the parlor) and he became very ill so he was not down stairs again until the following Monday just before dinner, the day of the funeral.

Jimmie and I reached St. Louis the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>, and then heard from Uncle Drew and Mary B. Ricker the news of Mother's death, they having been to Indiana to attend the funeral of Aunt Helen's mother were telegraphed about Mother Ricker's death.

### *Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Reached St. Louis this A.M. Met uncle Drew and Mary B. Ricker at the depot returning from Mrs. Eaglesfield's funeral. They told us of Mother Ricker's death which occurred last evening. Found Margaret and Ira at the station awaiting us and the house full of sympathizing friends. Father Ricker in bed and having only been told of his loss half an hour before, his condition being such last night that it was deemed unsafe to tell him. It is well we came.

### *Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Our trip was hard on us but we rested some during the night and today have seen many friends. Grandpa is still unable to get up and is being cared for most tenderly by the boys who were nursing him when we came. Ira and Frank having spent the days and nights here, and the girls being here most of the time. Will is away at Mountain Lake Park where Bessie has been for some weeks past. The house is full of friends all the time.

### *Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

We have not been left alone today, I remained all night last night and Frank will stay tonight, to look after anything that may be needed.

This afternoon Uncle drew asked me to go to the Cemetery to help decide between the lots he and Jimmie had looked at, for Father. Aunt Helen, Margaret and I went and as we three agreed upon the same one it was selected. Uncle Drew desired me to express my opinion in regard to each point to be decided, which seemed to settle all questions. The lot is a beautiful one having that of Rev. C.C. Hart formerly of Logan O. to the east and Maj. Kimball's on the north. The other sides being on drives.

*Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A beautiful day on which to take Mother R. to her last resting place. Her wish often expressed was to be buried at Oak Cemetery. The funeral was at the church which she so dearly loved and the sermon by Dr. H.C. Evans upon the text "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Was comforting. Father Ricker came down stairs about noon to look again upon her whom he loved so devotedly.

*Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

The intertwining days have been occupied in seeing the hosts of friends who have come to express their sympathy for Father and love for her who is gone.

As she lies so calmly in the casket no sighs of suffering marks her features and she looks younger than for many years past.

Friends have brought in so many beautiful bunches of flowers tied with ribbon, some white, some lavender and they completely cover her to the waist. Mr. Mermod, Mr. George Edwards, Miss Gussie Armstrong, the two little Evans girls, Lou and May, daughters of the pastor. Mrs. Burrs a bunch for Will and Bes sand others besides many loose flowers, some from Bess Barr and Aunt Helen and the young girls of the church prepared a pall of flowers with which to cover the grave so when done it looked like a great mound of beautiful flowers.

The pall bearers were Charlie and Jake, Ira and Frank.

Uncle Drew walked with Father Ricker and Jimmie and I with three rode out together followed by Uncle Drew's daughters, Aunt Helen and Margaret. Bess and Mary B. and Miss Forsman who is Mary Ricker's friend.

People of all nationalities and denominations were present and the long line of friends who went to the cemetery testified to the universal esteem in which she was held.

The home coming was a severe tax on Father but Miss Nettie Sheety had remained at the house and put everything in its usual order. Minnie the girl went out but had things in order so supper was soon ready and poor old Father began the remainder of his life journey which he must travel alone.

*Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

This morning Margaret and I feel very strange in assuming charge of the household affairs where we have spent so much time as visitors whom Mother would not permit to do anything.

Margaret has been staying nights with Mary Ban since we came but is here during the day and is now preparing to go home tomorrow.

Clara came and took me out driving a little this evening.

26 persons called.

*Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Have been busy all day talking to Margaret about home affairs and seeing friends here.

Margaret left on the 6.20 train for St. Louis, Frank remaining in the city to see her off safely. Had letters from home saying all were well and getting along nicely.

I went to prayer-meeting alone as we did not like to leave Father alone and J.W. did not feel very well.

22 callers.

*Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Have had a busy day sweeping and cleaning in Father's room.

Swept the walls and made thorough work of it. Took a little rest after dinner and then got ready to see the company which continues to come at all hours of the day. Had to be excused to Mrs. Good this A.M. as I could not see any one at that time.

9 were in today to see us.

*Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Had another hard, busy day rubbing the furniture in Father's room and putting it all in nice order. Have had to lie down twice today to rest it is very warm and I get very tired. Have had letters from home every day.

Jennie, Mary, her friend Miss Foroman and Clara are here nearly every day but will soon be gone.



*Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Have had another busy day preparing for doing the work while Minnie is gone home for a few days. I put the carpet rug in the sitting room and have things in pretty good order for tomorrow. Minnie went home on the evening train and I began my work in the kitchen by washing the dishes. Made my first visit to Uncle Dennis this afternoon then Frank took me in the buggy again after supper. Will and Bess Ricker came here tonight.

*Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. Grandpa was not so well this morning and changed his mind about going to church. I remained at home and had dinner ready when Jimmie came from church. In the afternoon the girls and Ira were here also Bess and Will for a little while and Frank and Clara came to walk down to church with me but I had gone. They came home with me.

*Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. The work and callers kept me fully occupied today so I had to hurry with my letters which I write home every day. Jennie, Mary, and Miss Foroman left this evening for Niagara, after a short stay there Jennie goes to Vermont to visit until her school opens, Mary to Storington and Miss Foroman to Penn. They all came to say good-bye after which J.W. and I went to the Depot to see them off.

*Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Margaret being gone from here, and the three girls from Uncle Drew's leaves Clara and me to keep each other company which is accomplished by her doing most of the visiting.

I can not go out or do very much aside from the house work until Minnie returns. Manage to write from one to three letters each day. Look for the mail and answer the mail.

*Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Spent the day as the past three have been spent. Had a call from Miss Mirwod just before supper. Minnie returned at the house where she said she would come, and some after Mary, Bess and Jake were here. Also Frank and Clara who were driving.

Jimmie and I went to church as Grandpa insisted he could stay alone that short time. Like Dr. Evans very much.

*Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day and evening, the moon being old enough to shed some light on our part of the world. This is Jake Ricker's birthday but I did not see him to congratulate him.

Charlie Ricker brought his team and took us a most delightful drive to Meramec Highlands which I should have enjoyed greatly only my mind was full of home affairs.<sup>20</sup>

Mrs. Kimball took us driving this A.M.

*Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Learned incidentally that this is George Edward's birthday and his and Mable's wedding anniversary. She is returning from Europe and will not be here until next Wed.

Wrote a letter to each of the five children for them to have on my birthday, tomorrow.

Have written a great deal since I came here. Began a letter to Bessie Hall which I did not get finished in time to mail with the others. Hers is to go to Holyoke to meet her when she gets there.

*Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm, very warm. I am forty-six years old today and have kept quiet about it. In the evening I went with Jimmie in the buggy to mail a letter and took a little drive before supper, but could not go far. He and Grandpa took the horse out today for the first time since we came. He had not been used for about a month.

*Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Very, very hot and oppressive. I went to Sabbath School alone and remained to church where Grandpa and Jimmie joined me. Poor old man, it was hard for him to go and think that Grandma would never be there again with him. Neither of them has gone without the other for a long time. Dr. Evans preached a most excellent sermon. Jimmie and I went again in the evening. The weather began to change.

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<sup>20</sup> Meramec Highlands was developed in about 1895 as a summer resort located on the bluffs overlooking the Meramec River.

*Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy in the forenoon but cleared off very cool after dinner. Mrs. Dudley came out from St. Louis to spend the night with me and Clara accepted an invitation to stay to tea with us. I went home with her to speak of it then Mary Barr took us in the surrey to the station to meet Mrs. Dudley who came at 6.10. Aunt Helen came to spend the evening with us and I realized a desire I have longed of seeing her and Mrs. D. together.

*Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

There has been a great change in the weather and it is decidedly cold. Mrs. Dudley returned to the city on the morning train greatly pleased with her visit out here. J.W. and I went to the train with her. Came back and spent the forenoon at work in the closet off Grandpa's room.

Mrs. Halsey and I looked over Grandma's old dresses and laid some out for the Mis. Soc. which Mrs. Halsey will dispose of. Aunt Helen and Bessie came after tea to invite me to go to the city Wed.

*Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and disagreeable but we had started to town on the 9 o'clock train before the rain set in so we did not change our plan. Aunt Helen, Bessie Barr and I went in together, saw the grand new depot, did a little shopping at Barr's, called on Mrs. Dudley, spent a few minutes with her, then Aunt H. and I went to Mohr's to lunch, after which we spent the afternoon at the Ex, heard Jns P. Sousa's orchestra twice and came home.

Went to prayer-meeting.

*Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Not quite so cold but we still have fire. Jimmie went to the city today. I had a nice letter from Margaret and he one from Will.

Cut out some night shirts in the morning. Went to the meat shop with Mary B. Ricker who had come to invite us to dinner with her tomorrow evening.

In the afternoon I went to see Aunt Helena and Mary Barr, the later was not in.

Charlie and Sallie have been married twelve years today.

*Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A most beautiful day, cool but not as cool as yesterday.

Clear and bright. No letter from home which was exceptional. Wrote to Mother and Mary.

May Evans, Noble Edwards and Clara Ricker were here. We, Jas. and I, drove to the Cemetery. Took dinner and spent the evening at Mary B. Ricker's with Uncle Drew and Aunt H. Bessie Barr makes her home with them.

Made a night shirt and almost made a second one.

### *Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rained hard in the night. Much cooler this morning but we have no fire. Was busy in the front closet which is now all in order. No callers in up to 4 P.M. so I've had a good chance to write and do other things. Have finished writing up my book for thirty-five days past, the time I was behind owing to press of work after return from Z. and leaving my book at home when I came to Kirkwood.

Mother, Mary, Uncle William Smith, and Charlie Lockhart celebrate this as their birthday.

### *Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day, much warmer than it was but still a great deal cooler than last Sabbath. Father and I went to S.S. and Jas. joined us at the church. Dr. Evans preached on the office of elder, in anticipation of the election of three new elders. In the evening he preached a sermon to the children from the text "What so ever a man soweth" etc. Uncle Sam's and Aunt Mary's wedding anniversary.

### *Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cool and a little cloudy but it soon cleared off and was a fine day. I began work in the sitting room closet and kept at it until late in the afternoon when Clara came, then Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Dickson called. Had to write hurriedly and could not answer half the letters I received having had letters from Enos, Margaret, Carl, Bessie, Lizzie, and May. No one came in after tea and we retired early.

May Evans was here before the others came.

### *Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful weather. Jas. went to the city and I spent as much time as I could get with the old letters, sorting or tying them up. Mother has saved a great many of mine and the children's for the children. Clara came first this A.M. with the mail, then Uncle Drew, then Ira, then Sallie. Ira came again and dined with us, then after noon Mrs. Halsey, Orric Evans and Mrs. Good occupied all of the time except when I wrote to Mother. Had letters from Margaret, Will, and Bessie Hall's M.

*Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather as nearly perfect as possible. I began early to write my letters and in the course of the day wrote to Enos, Helen, Will, Carl, May and Margaret. Had letters from Margaret, Oella, also photos of Oella and Julia, and letters from Will and Carl. Aunt Helen and Bess Barr took me driving in the morning and after dinner I went to Mrs. Kimball's and with her to the Annual meeting of the W.C.T.U. then with her to call at Mary B. Ricker's and Aunt Helen's.

*Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warm, and pleasant for me. Cousin Eliza Boyle was expected this afternoon but not until late. Mrs. Dings called to take me home with her for a call as it is too far for walking when time is short. Mrs. Halsey and I went and had a pleasant visit. Clara came later and took me to the station to meet Cousin Eliza who did not come after all. This is Mary's birthday, 14 years old and just entered the High School.

*Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather just what might be expected at this season, pretty warm today. We were invited to lunch at Uncle Drew's today and went just at noon, Dr. Evans having been in just before that time. Mary B. Ricker was the only other guest. We had a pleasant time of course, Clare being home and Ira there for lunch as he is taking a little vacation at home. It grew quite cold in the afternoon and the Coal Oil stove was started making an agreeable change in the atmosphere.<sup>21</sup> Frank and May were here in the evening.

*Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Weather rather warm and during the evening it was oppressively hot and close, the atmosphere being highly charged with electricity. Sallie was here, and before noon Aunt Helen came to see Cousin Eliza, it rained quite hard for a time but cleared off again.

Had several letters from home and wrote several.

The correspondence takes much time and material but we could not get on very well without the letters and house news.

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<sup>21</sup> Coal oil is an obsolete term for kerosene. Coal oil is a shale oil obtained from the destructive distillation of cannel coal, mineral wax, or bituminous shale. In the United States, coal oil was widely manufactured under the trade name Kerosene.

*Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Bright, clear and cool but we managed to do without a fire. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Dr. Evans preached a good sermon. In the evening a stranger from Gainesville, Texas preached for him. During the afternoon eleven persons were here to inquire after Grandpa who is some better but still far from well.

There is much interest among the members on the subject of the approaching election of three new elders for the church. A most unusual display of lightening continued during most of last night.

*Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy and cool in the morning, clear, later on. Had letters from Margaret and Carl. Ira was here to lunch. Clara came immediately after. I wrote to Margaret. Did some more work in Grandpa's room, sorting our Grandma's clothes and taking some to Mrs. Halsey for the Hospital. Went to the 4 o'clock prayer meeting with Mrs. Mitchel who had called just before time for it. Meeting at Mrs. Evans was well attended and interesting. Charlie and Uncle Drew here when I returned. Session met here in P.M.

*Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Bright and cool. Letters from home this evening report all well and a note from Margaret contained an item of news which was startling but not dangerous. She is one of the very best girls that ever lived and wonderfully capable. We are greatly blessed in having such a daughter.

Carl is a noble son also and Will and the little girls are good but not situated so as to be as helpful. Margaret has Mary begin violin lessons this week. The five children are a fortune in themselves.

*Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A most beautiful day. Jimmie went to town early and Cousin Eliza went after lunch to be gone several days. Aunt Helen came after lunch and took Grandpa and me driving. Ira took lunch with us and then drove for us. We went down to Webster and home by way of the Cemetery.

The election of three elders for this church, this evening resulted in choosing Mr. Lauder, Mr. Wyllys King and Prof. Dearmont.

*Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful and and one which has not been interrupted by quite so much company as usual. I had an all-day job in cleaning the large hanging lamp which had been discarded long ago because Grandma was afraid of it. It was a present from Jake and Mary and Grandpa was pleased to see it brought out and put in the parlor where it is both useful and ornamental.

Uncle Drew was here as usual. Had letters from home and wrote as usual. We do not hear from Will as we should and are not a little concerned about him.

*Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day, fine for the work I had laid out. Grandpa hired a man to help and I cleaned the sitting room, taking up the matting, taking out everything and doing a thorough job. Also put our large rug in the dining room and carpet in the hall. About 2 o'clock Dr. and Mrs. Wayer came to make a call so I dressed and quit work for the day. The man finished up everything before leaving. A great improvement is the result.

*Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather beautiful and pleasant. J.W. went to the city intending to wait for Enos whom we expect this evening. I had a busy day preparing the house for his coming and finished in time to dress for 5 o'clock tea. Then I went to the Union Station to help receive Enos and Helen if they came but they did not and we had our long wait of two hours or more for nothing. Came home to find the house all lighted up and waiting for us. We were greatly disappointed.

Sallie was here to lunch.

*Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Bright and pleasant but a little bit cooler.

Went to Sabbath School as usual and was called upon to teach a class of boys which was made up largely of Carl's old friends. The morning sermon was on one of my favorite texts, "All things work together for good, etc. The evening sermon was fine, being the second one of a preparatory nature looking forward to an awakening in the church. Text, "Roll ye away the stone."

*Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day, cool in the shade but delightful nonetheless. Letter from Helen saying that a business letter hindered him from coming Saturday. Letter from Margaret also all well at home. Jimmie and Uncle Drew went to the city to hear Gov. McKinley speak. I read his Bangor speech to Father in the evening and he enjoyed it very much. Sat up and awaited the return of J.W. at 11.30 P.M. Wrote to Margaret and Carl in the morning and to Bessie Hall and began a letter to Maggie Peebles in the evening.

*Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Weather still fine though cool enough for a little fire. Good letter from M. but none, as yet, from Will and we should like to hear what he has done about his school. Have been busy in the closets, among the dusty books and magazines all day. The house is beginning to look very different.

*Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Have been busy all day in the house. Had no letters from home but was glad to have one from Will stating he is well settled and more pleasantly than either year previous. Wrote to him and to Margaret. Was busy among the closets and old magazines.

Ira was here to lunch and it will be his last time with us probably as he leaves tomorrow for Colorado to be gone about three weeks.

J.W., Father and I went to prayer meeting. Cousin Eliza Boyle returned today. Clara was here.

*Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather variable, bright awhile then cloudy and windy all the time. Jas went to the county Fair. I remained at home and was busy ripping some flannel skirts and washing them. Had no letters from home and none yesterday. Wrote to Margaret as usual. Made nine calls in the afternoon. Went to see the Misses Murtfelt, Mrs. Gord, Mrs. Crawshaw, Mrs. Halsy, Mrs. Sheety, and Mrs. Hough, Mrs. Dr. Evans and sister Miss Scott. Aung Helen and Clara, Mary and Bess Barn.

Miss Anabel Biggs was married tonight to Mr. Faris and Ira leaves on the same train for Colorado.

Letter from Aunt Sue states she will come to spend the winter with Grandpa.



*Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Bright and cool, have fire in the sitting room. Had two letters from Margaret and one from Carl. Wrote to M. as usual. About 4 o'clock Clara called for me with the phaeton and we made several calls.<sup>22</sup> Mrs. Arthur Belt was not at home but we found Mrs. Bown, Filo Suran, the Misses Ewing and Sallie Ricker and her mother at home.

It became pretty cold before we got home.

*Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful and not so cold as yesterday. Was busy all the forenoon and after dinner Cousin Eliza and I went to Mrs. McGoppin's to make a call. Aunt Helen and Bess called there for us and took us for a most delightful drive down through Webster. After our return I called at Mrs. Kimball's but she was not at home. Then went to see Bess Ricker who is sick in bed. Had a postal from Margaret and a letter from will, answered both and wrote to Father.

*Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful but cool. Went to S.S. as usual and again had the class I had last week. Enjoyed them very much. The two new elders Messrs. Lauder and Dearmont were ordained and installed at the morning service.

Father began taking cold in the evening and did not go to church but J.W. and I went as usual. Jake and Bess Barr were here in the afternoon.

*Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautifully bright but cold and dusty. Father's 79<sup>th</sup>, birthday. Wrote home as usual. Was busy until Bess Ricker sent for me as she is sick and wanted me to sit with here. Was there most of the day, going back in the afternoon. Was at the Temperance Meeting a little while. A box from home came this evening containing warm wraps and a new bonnet. Margaret is a jewel.

*Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Quite cold and windy and very dusty. Was busy at home all the forenoon after went to the W.C.T.U. District Convention in the afternoon where I stayed until 4 o'clock then came to get ready for the evening at Uncle Drew's Clara was here, also Mary Barr and it was late when they left. I then dressed and Cousin E. and I walked to Uncle Drew's while Jimmie drove for his father.

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<sup>22</sup> A phaeton was a form of sporty open carriage popular in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. Drawn by one or two horses, a phaeton typically featured a minimal very lightly sprung body atop four extravagantly large wheels.

The occasion was in honor of Charlie's birthday which was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Oct but it was not convenient to have the dinner before. No others were invited but Charlie's family and ours.

### *Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Bright and clear but windy and quite cool except in the middle of the day.

J.E. went to the city and I sewed awhile on the little dress, wrote to Carl and after dinner Cousin Eliza and I went to call upon Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Burr who were not at home. Afterwards I went alone to call upon Mrs. Bradford mother of one of the boys in the S.S. class, then to call upon Noble, whom I did not see, then to see Bess Ricker who was at home and better.

### *Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A most beautiful day, much warmer than yesterday. Letter from Margaret which I answered, also wrote to Will and Bessie Hall. Sallie was here to dinner. Have sewed a little on the baby dress, getting the yoke almost done.<sup>23</sup> The hem stitching has made it tedious work but very much to my taste. Between sewing, writing, housework and visits my time is fully and pleasantly occupied.

### *Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and dismal out of doors but quite cheerful within. Upon my invitation Otie Balderson came to lunch today, it being one of the days when she teaches in our neighborhood. I cut out the baby dress for which I have made the yoke and was busy with it in the afternoon.

Had letters as usual and wrote some after Otie left.

### *Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Delightful day but it began to grow cold in the afternoon and was very cold by bed time. Cousin Eliza went to the city today to stay and Jas and I went on the same train to spend the afternoon with Dr. and Mrs. Weyer and Stella. Had a delightful visit. Their home is very nice. Jas went with the Dr. to the Port meeting while I spent the evening with Mrs. W. and Stella beside the fire which was necessary to comfort. Had letters from home and wrote a not to Margaret before starting.

Weighed 125  $\frac{1}{4}$  today.

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<sup>23</sup> A yoke is a shaped pattern piece which forms part of a garment, usually fitting around the neck and shoulders, or around the hips to provide support for looser parts of the garment, such as a gathered skirt or the body of a shirt.

*Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day and quite delightful. Went to S.S. as usual, remained to church. Was in the Bible class as the teacher of the class I have had, was present today. Spent the afternoon reading and studying the lesson for next Sabbath. Jake, Mary and Bess Barr were here before church, Clara and Frank were here before supper. Do not often see Frank but Clara seldom misses a single day.

Jas sick in bed all day.

*Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rained some this forenoon so that Minnie did not get the clothes all dry. I had to hurry with the little dress so did not help Minnie as I usually do. Was busy all day sewing. Had letter from home and answered them. Much of my time is spent in writing to the children. I have found in cleaning up things here many of our old letters which are now very interesting as they tell so much about the children.

*Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful weather but dry and dusty. I never saw the foliage so brilliant, I think. Have been busy with little Margaret Tappan's christening robe which I finished and mailed to Margaret this evening. After writing to Margaret as usual I went with Jas. To take a drive to the Meramec Highlands and found it warmer but pleasant. Aung Helen and Clara had called for me to go driving with them but I missed seeing them.

*Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day, very warm. I went to the city at 11.45 to join Clara upon her invitation and we spent the afternoon at the Ex having a pleasant time and hearing two more of John Phillip Sousa's fine concerts. It was so warm that my jacket was uncomfortable so I allowed Clara to check it with her things. Wen to prayer meeting in the evening, Dr. Evans being absent, Prof. Dearmont one of the new elders led. Missed some callers while in the city, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Haight.

Cleaned the hall closet this A.M.

*Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day, delightful weather. Letters from home as usual which I answered. It being Mattie Peebles' birth day I wrote her a short letter. Swept and cleaned the parlor. Bess Ricker came to lunch and we kept her for supper, sending for Will when the train came in Sallie was here waiting for Charlie who did not come until after supper so we had her with us and when Charlie came he remained to spend the evening.

*Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Delightful day, bright and warm. Swept and dusted the spare room preparatory to Aunt Sue's coming. Had letter from Margaret and wrote as I do each day. Was busy until late when I went to see Mary and Bess Barr, then made a brief call at Uncle Drew's. IN the evening looked over and sorted a lot of my old letters, some of them interesting on account of the sayings and doings of the children when very young. Clara was here in the forenoon and Uncle Drew before tea. Wrote to Bessie Hall in reply to her good long letter rec'd yesterday.

*Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Warm and bright in the morning, cloudy with rain and some thunder at noon. Jas went to the city. I was busy all forenoon cleaning up and hope to spend the afternoon writing, it is so rainy and pleasant for such employment. Letters form Margaret and Car.

It cleared off later and I went to see Mrs. Kimball and had a pleasant little visit with her.

*Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Rainy in the morning, cleared off later and then in the evening a very hard storm swept all around us but did not come here. The clouds were unusual. I went to S.S. and church as usual. Taught a class of small boys this time. No service in the evening as Dr. Evans had expected to preach to the children and it was so threatening he postponed it.

Will Storch of Portsmouth died suddenly this morning.

*Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day.

Wrote letters and did some necessary work then made a few calls after dinner, went to Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Andrews' and then to the prayer-meeting at Mrs. Dr. Evans. Mrs. C. O. Evans came home with me and then Clara came.

*Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Very warm. Had letters from home and wrote some as usual. Had early lunch as Grandpa wanted to go to Mrs. Tesson's funeral at 1 P.M. He, Uncle Drew, Aunt Helen and Mary B. went. J.W. and I drove over to the cemetery in the forenoon to take some flowers and fix up Mother's grave a little. Cousin Eliza came in the afternoon so I did not go out anywhere. Clara came to call and I went home with her at tea time to ask if she could come back and stay with us. She came.

*Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Warm and pleasant. spent the forenoon cleaning a small back room and finishing the front closet. Letter from Margaret. Cousin Eliza sent her things in to the city this morning and went herself on the 2.00 train. I went as far as Webster with half a dozen ladies to attend a W.C.T.U. meeting and afterwards called to see the family of Rev. C.C. Hart who was once pastor of the Logan O. Church.

*Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather changeable. Windy with light rain in the afternoon just as I was ready to go calling. No letter from M. but one from each of the boys. Was busy cleaning all the forenoon.

Two months ago today since we came here.

*Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cool. The arrival of Aunts Betsey and Sue brought the various members of the family to call today. Sallie came at noon, and most of the other members during the day. I expected Mr. Hart with his wife and daughter from Webster this afternoon but they did not come. Had letters and wrote some as usual.

*Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. was busy in the house all forenoon, doing little things and showing Aunt Sue around, as she is to be the house keeper. After dinner J.W. and I went to make some calls. Drove to Mrs. Dickson's and Mrs. Dings where we also saw Mrs. Black. Then went to the cemetery to take flowers for Grandma's grave. Put some on Clarence Kimball's also. Made our last call upon Mrs. C.O. Evans. Went home and found that Chas King had been there to call. Ira came back from Colorado and called to see us soon after breakfast. Two months today since Grandma was laid away.

*Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant all day, began to sprinkle as we were going home from church in the evening. Went to S.S. as usual and had the same class, Orrick Evans, Day Wild, Edward King, Arthur Worthington, Arthur Kimball, Wes. Bradford, Ernest Beech was absent. Sat with little Frank Harper in the morning. In the evening Dr. Evans preached to the children. Neither Grandpa nor the Aunts went out to church. Mr. and Mrs. Beech and baby called, also Will and Clara and Jake.

*Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Not as pleasant as it has been, raw and cold. Did some packing and wrote to will and Margaret. Was busy until so late that I was late to the prayer-meeting at Dr. Evans. Made a short call to see how Aunt Helen was. In the evening she and Uncle Drew, Clara, Ira, Frank, Charlie, Sallie, and Nelsen, Will and Bess, Bess Barr, Mrs. Dorsey and Mrs. Layman spent the evening with us. Had cake, ice cream and bananas. Bess Ricker recited a couple of selections. Had letter from Margaret as usual but do not expect any more as we go Wednesday. our little company served for Will's birthday celebrations, tho it was a day to soon.

*Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A light rain fell frequently during the day. Was busy all forenoon packing, having two trunks, a large valise, telescope valise and box to pack.<sup>24</sup> Grandpa insisted upon my bringing all that would be useful to the girls or myself from among Grandma's things. At 1 P.M. Clara took Aunt Sue, Patsy and myself to Mrs. Barr's to lunch. Met there Aunt Helen, Mrs. Davis, Mary B.R. and Bess R., Mermad, Nixon, Dorery, King, and daughter Lila, Magoffin, Miss Meritfeldt. Frank and Ira called in the evening. W.R. Ridue is 25 today.

I missed seeing Mrs. Meyer. As a parting gift this evening Grandpa put \$25.00 gold in my hands, then did the same for Jas.

*Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy and light rain.

Arose early and had breakfast in time for the 6.45 train for St. Louis and thence home via O. & M. Left Father Ricker looking quite tearful but Aunts Betsy and Sue will be good company and take good care of him.

Had a very good journey home reaching South Portsmouth at 10.16 and found Carl awaiting us. The girls were at home watching for us, excepting May who had not returned from the Hallow'een party at Ruth Thompson's. Mr. Smith had gone after and brought her home.

*Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Mild and pleasant. Was over home before breakfast but Father had gone so I went three or four times during the day. Mother came here in the afternoon for a little while. Mrs. Silcox and Miss Janet Stewart called after dinner. Mrs. Taylor and Cam. after tea and later still Dr. and Mrs. Dennis called.

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<sup>24</sup> Valise: a small traveling bag or suitcase.

Carl had letter from Grandpa and I wrote to him, to Jennie and to Will. did not go to Mrs. Patterson's reception.

Wrote to Father Ricker.

### *Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Fair and warm until after dark when it began to sprinkle and blow. Was over home to see Mother, then came back and spent the rest of the day unpacking and putting away summer clothes.

Lizzie and Margaret Peebles came in at noon. Oella came in the evening to see us. Margaret had gone driving so missed her call.

As I finish writing the rain falls steadily, and the wind blows as though it might turn cold.

### *Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Weather seasonable. Nothing unusual marked the day which was our twenty-fourth anniversary. Mary Peebles and Vinita Ramsey called after supper, I think, at least it was late. Mary seems unusually well, which is remarkable at this season.

I gave J.W. a pretty cup and saucer painted by Mrs. Stewart.

### *Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant day.

Went to Sabbath School as usual, remained to teachers' prayer meeting and church which was at 10.45 this morning, a change having been made in the time. Went again in the evening.

### *Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Windy with a little rain. After the usual morning work I began ripping up the blue corduroy dresses to be made over. Spent a part of the day over home. Wrote to Will, Carl had a letter from him this morning. J.W. went to the Port and the two little girls went to a Japanese entertainment with Lucy Timmons.

### *Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Fair but rather cold. Being election day J.W. spent the day at the polls but got through very early in the evening and was home by 10:30 and Carl brought his horn home and went to bed, saying there wasn't excitement to make a baby. The voting was so one sided there was no occasion for excitement.

Wrote to Clara Ricker.

*Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and disagreeable. Father was in bed but better than might have been expected after having had a chill. Wrote to Father Ricker, and brother John.

The election has gone overwhelmingly Republican. Even the first and third wards gave Rep. majorities.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Margaret Johnson called but as I had a class to drill for school, she did not stay long.

*Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cold, dark and dreary. Have been very busy all day, darning most of the time. Was over home twice, sent Will's winter socks to him. Wrote to him as usual. Father is better but not out. Mother about as usual.

The election news is a surprise to the most sanguine Republican. Ohio gives the largest majority ever known and twenty states send a solid Rep. delegation to Congress. Letter from Jennie.

*Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rather pleasant but very damp under foot. Was over home with a little work in the morning. Find much to be done in the way of mending and general house work. Nine or ten weeks of absence makes a great deal of work to be done. Have not felt first rate and that may account for some of the discouraging features.

*Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Wet and cold and unpleasant. Had a busy day as usual with no diversion of note. Was over home with some work for a while. No letter from Will since the one he wrote last Sabbath.

Letter from Grandpa who is about as we left him

*Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Snow over everything and still falling this morning. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. My class is about disbanded. Margaret Ludwig, Carrie Hadley and Lizzie each having a class this morning while Lucy and I went to Mary Moore's class to which was added what was present of Miss Richardson's class. Went to church in the evening.



*Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Wintry, air full of frost, snow, ice and ther at 17° this A.M. Note to Will and did usual work in forenoon. After dinner Maggie Peebles came to make a good long visit, soon Mrs. Pursell came in, then Mrs. McCall so we had a very pleasant afternoon, just after they left Mrs. Silcox came and finished the afternoon with me.

Have been trying to get ready for the sewing which must be begun this week. Received Matter Sturtevant's wedding cards. Married Nov 7<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Joseph Browne Sawyer at Springfield Mass.

*Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy and not pleasant. Early this morning Barton brought Dwight over to spend the day with us. They came last night. The dreadful death of Bertha Wright who was burned last night by the breaking of a hanging lamp is the absorbing subject of conversation today. She pulled the lamp down so forcibly as to cause the counter weight to fall and break the lamp spilling the oil all over her as she sat beneath it. She was a class mate of Will's.

*Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Wrote to Will this afternoon in order to get it started early tomorrow. Wrote to Grandpa also.

Have been busy as usual all day. Mrs. McCall was here early in the afternoon, and soon after I went out to mail a postal to Mrs. Winters of Ironton and to sec'y I could find Mrs. McCall but missed her, of course. Went to prayer-meeting which was led by Prof. Lewis in the absence of Dr. Tappan. Barton and little Dwight went home this afternoon.

*Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. Went over home in the forenoon with my work then dressed to go but in the afternoon. Went to the shop to see the houses that are being repaired. Then to the dyer's, then to W.C.T.U. meeting, after which I stopped to see Mrs. Johnson a few minutes then called to see Blanche Selby and her mother. While I was out I missed seeing Mrs. Pratt and Howard, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Prescott, Mary and Tamzin Pursell, Mrs. Tappan and Oella who called while I was out. Called on Prof and Mrs. Lewis this P.M.

*Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

A dark gloomy day, did not rain until in the night. had a little sunshine in the middle of the day. Was busy sweeping and cleaning all forenoon and after dinner I took the old carpet Jennie gave me, and cut out the best parts from which I made a rug for the front hall. Sewed on it until nearly bed time. Went just before supper to see Mother. Letters from Will tell of trouble with his teeth the result of a blow on his head in the shop and subsequently taking cold at a fire.

*Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather warmer and bright a part of the day. Was over home with some mending then came home and put down the hall carpet which will do very well for this winter. In the afternoon Mrs. Graham called and after she left I went to see Minnie Eberhardt who has just moved on to 6<sup>th</sup> st.

Called at Mrs. Valjean's and Mrs. Taylor's. The girls were out in the carriage. Letter from John containing one from Will.

*Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Have been busy as usual. Wrote to Will this morning while sitting with Mother who is not feeling well. Have been trying to get things ready for the sewing which is to begin tomorrow.

*Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rather cold. Miss O'Connor came to enter upon her usual two weeks' sewing for us. Began on a school dress for May, using the blue flannel gymnasium dresses for it.

Carl had a letter from will which states he is still suffering with this teeth, the result of a blow upon the head in the machine shop some ten days ago. Attended the reception at Mrs. Henry Hall's late this afternoon.

*Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Weather rather pleasant for the season.

Have been busy sewing, doing what I could while sitting with Mother.

Wrote to Father Ricker.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening which was unusually well attended as it was to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Home Mis. Society. After the program was ended a new member, Mr. David Charles was received into our church in order that he might study for the ministry under care of Ports. Pres.

*Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day. Spent most of the forenoon over home with my work. Father is in bed again with a chill. About 4.30 P.M. Margaret and I went to Mrs. Robert Baker's reception where we found a great crush of ladies, beautiful decorations and every thing handsomely arranged for a reception. Did not go home until about dark. attended the arrival meeting of the Portsmouth Magazine Club at Dr. Cotton's.

*Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Rainy most of the day, not cold. Went over home before breakfast. Father not up yet. Mother not feeling well. Did a fairly good days' work at the sewing. Finished Margaret's black serge skirt. No letters received or written. Rained quite hard this evening but ~~three of the Knowles girls~~, Mary Ellen, Dr. Dennis and Mr. Nichols and Prof Pratt came to the Com meeting but the sample music was not here as another reception is necessary.<sup>25</sup>

*Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Wrote to Helen Ricker asking the family down to dinner Thanksgiving. Wanted to ask the house folks also but they will not be able to come. Sewed what time I could get today.

*Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather very pleasant. All went to the usual services beginning with S.S. in the morning. Nothing unusual occurred.

*Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Pleasant. Bright and very cold. Wrote to Will as usual. Helped with the sewing when I had a chance to sit down.

Father was out again today but is not very strong.

Mother is about as usual, not able to sit up much of the time.

Relief Corps went today and was inspected by Mrs. Winters of Ironton. Spent the evening writing up my books.

*Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day.

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<sup>25</sup> After marking out "three of the Knowles girls" Louisiana wrote through the rest of the passage "Mistake of a week."

Was busy all forenoon preparing for the Missionary meeting which met here at 2 P.M. The Topic being South America in charge of Mary Peebles. They were expecting Mattie back from Ashland today but it was decided it would be better for her to wait a day longer. She has been very sick again while at Ashland.

Father had a chill at 9 A.M. and another about 11 P.M.

### *Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather pleasant for the season. Have been busy most of the day putting the house in order for tomorrow, could not help much with the sewing. In the afternoon, late, I went with Margaret and Birdie Spry to Mrs. Clara Pursell's reception. It turned very cold late in the day and it seemed as though I should freeze on my way to the reception. Had a pleasant time. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

### *Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cold and cloudy as though it might snow. We were so hurried we could not get to church this morning. The Ironton friends were due at 11 o'clock and I had to be here. Aunt Ad, Helen, little Lizzie, Alex and Lizzie Mary were here to dinner and remained until the 9 P.M. train. Had a pleasant day. A game of foot-ball was the event of the day which was rendered more exciting by a bad runaway in which Earl Fuller was hurt.

### *Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather cold. We resumed the sewing this morning but the children did not have to return to school. We were to have had a S.S. Com. meeting here this evening but Mary Ellen, a member of it wanted to change it to tomorrow evening and after notifying all the members of the Com. several came but could do very little because the new music was not sent to us.

Mrs. B.H. Richardson called this afternoon.

### *Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Rainy. Sewed busily as I had opportunity. Wanted to go with M. and make calls this afternoon but could not spare the time. The rain began in the evening. The postponed Committee meeting met here this evening. Dr. Dennis, Prof Pratt, Miss Erura Bell and three of the Knowles girls were here to make out a program for X-mas.

### *Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Cold and clear.

Went to Sabbath School, remaining to Teachers' prayer-meeting and morning service.

Spent the afternoon at home and as Carl was here all the time and enjoyed the music I played hymns most of the afternoon.

Went to church in the evening.

Have enjoyed the day very much.

*Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Beautiful day, pretty cold and clear.

Have been occupied about as usual. Wrote to Will and then spent the rest of the day sewing. Took work and sat with Mother a part of the time. She sits up only a very little but is about as well as she has been for some time. Father is better again. Had two postals from Bessie and wrote her a long letter.

*Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Quite cold, ground frozen hard. Sewed busily all day. In the evening Beatrice and Mr. Hales called. She was sick with Typhoid Fever for eleven weeks but is well over it now and improving rapidly. She had a hard experience with which to begin married life being taken down the fourth day after she was married.

*Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Quite cold. Coming home from prayer-meeting in the evening I was chilled through. None of the children were out, Margaret not being well enough and the girls too busy with lessons and Carl busy at the Bank.

We succeeded very well with the sewing today but shall not finish in the two weeks, I have not been able to sew very much of the time.

Carl had letter from Will.

*Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather somewhat warmer towards evening. Bright and pleasant.

Spent a busy day at the sewing. Went to the Reading Rooms to leave my report and then came home to sew. Mrs. Jns E. Miller and Mrs. Whitney called just as I reached home. Wrote to Will this evening as usual. Aunt Mary Sam Moore was here this evening. She leaves next week for California for her health. Will probably be gone several months.

*Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather milder and rainy. Miss O'Connor finished her engagement here today. We have made two dresses for Margaret, made over the blue corduroys for L. and M. made May a short dress, altered one for Lizzie and maid a waist for Margaret besides some other little alterations in another waist. Went to the S.S. Teacher's meeting in the evening and re-elected the officers. Nine, only, being present as it was very wet and late.

*Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and sunshiny by turns all day, mild as April. Was busy as usual with housework all morning. Took M.'s black waist over home and put the fastenings on it. Have a few more stitches to put in the blue dress. In the afternoon little Margaret Peebles, Bessie and Annie Hamilton, Emma Druiland, Helen Eccles, Lena Kline and her guest Miss Gaston were here. I went to call upon Mrs. Prather, Aunt Mary Moore, Mrs. Silcox and Mrs. Purcell. A three year old girl, Mary McDaniels was run over by the electric car today but was not killed.

*Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather rather cold and gray. Went to S.S. and having no class, Mary W. being home to take hers and mine not being organized, I taught Mr. Morgan's boys. Was not over home until nearly night as Carl was at home all the afternoon and I played most of the time, as he enjoyed the music and I enjoyed having the piano in such good order.

*Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rained nearly all day and was somewhat windy.

Have been finishing up the things left from Miss Maggie's work.

Wrote to Will as usual, began early in the morning and did not get the letter to the office until night when I took it myself and then went to do a few other errands. Was looking for materials for Mrs. Mills to knit slippers for J.W.'s Christmas. Went five places before finding the soles.

*Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Burr Taylor is six years old today. He is a funny little fellow and feels very old and important.

### *Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rainy and disagreeable. Was busy but can hardly remember how I was employed. A part of each day is spent with Mother who continues weak and unable to be up more than a few minutes at a time.

Mrs. Silcox was here. I went to see Mrs. Dawson and was told that her baby's funeral would occur at 4 P.M. so I went up on to Mrs. Evans' then returned with her to the funeral. Went to see Aunt Mary and Uncle Sam. The former leaves tonight for California.

### *Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Damp and cloudy and disagreeable. Was busy all forenoon and spent a part of the afternoon with Mother. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting at 2.30 P.M. after which I went up to Dr. Tappan's to see Oella who is sick with a cold, and to ask Julia to stay to tea with us tomorrow evening.

### *Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Tolerably fair day but rather cold. I worked on the table cover all the time I had to spare.

Julia Tappan came to give Lizzie her lesson this evening and stayed to supper, I having invited her to do as we were to have S.S. Teachers' meeting in the evening at Dr. Dennis. It being the annual election of officers the same were elected last week, excepting Sec'y, Organist and Choristie there being elected tonight and Carl was chosen as Sec'y. Mrs. Dennis served cake and ice lemon.

### *Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Gray and cloudy most of the day.

Spent a part of the day with Mother and while there I finished the hem stitching on the table cover M. is doing for Mrs. Pratt. May has been dressing paper dolls for Maggie Peebles, almost finished the third and last one. He and Lizzie had their picture taken today. Margaret Peebles was here. I went in the carriage with M. who also took Mrs. Pratt awhile. Lucy Timmons was here to tea.

### *Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Bright and quite cold. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Had one new girl for my class which I hope to reorganize by Jan. The new girl is Martha Poffenberg. Mabel Prathen who promised to come, failed to do so. Was over home awhile in the afternoon. Mother was feeling very weak and badly.

*Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cold and cloudy. The range is under repairs and the washing postponed. The fire place is still cold and the men who could fix it did not come. Was busy at home in the forenoon and went to the Relief Corps meeting after dinner. Mrs. Richardson was elected President, other officers re-elected. Went out to see Nellie Johnson for Mary and Mrs. Caskey for myself after the meeting.

*Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cold and clear, frost did not melt in the shad at all today. NO fire in the sitting room because the men did not come to fix the flue. Several of us feel the effects of the cold house. Made a gingham apron for one of Margaret's S.S. girls who has a small part in the Xmas exercises. Was over home with my work. Jas. Has not been well all day and finally gave up with a bad headache. Carl had a letter from Will saying he hopes to come home next week.

*Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather moderate. Had a letter from John enclosing one from Will saying he would spend a couple of days with him on his way home. Also sent one from Enos and I had one from Mrs. Ellis of Knoxville, Helen being too busy to write. We all went to prayer meeting in the evening.

*Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Rather cloudy. Not very cold. Brightened up beautifully for the reception at Miss Damarin's given in honor of the bride Mrs. B.F. Vincent and Mrs. Scudder. Had such a busy day I could scarcely find time to do all that was planned. Was with Mother a part of the time and made an apron to send Minnie Koch at Grandpa's. Led the Temperance meeting and then spent a pleasant half hour at Miss. Damarin's. The entertainment was beautiful in all its details. Helped the girls with the paper dolls for sister's school. She had thirty-eight.

*Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Quite cold compared with the weather we have been having. Went to see Mother, then to attend Miss Bell's Kindergarten Christmas Tree party, after which I did an errand or two. Received a boxy of holly and mistle toe from Effie Ellis from Hot Spring, N.C. A pretty token of remembrance. Mrs. Damarin and her daughter Mrs. Jessie Bannon called this afternoon. Made two aprons for Mrs. Behreus this evening. Took the dolls to school for sister and saw some happy children.



### *Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1894*

Weather rather bright and pleasant. Was with Mother all forenoon as she felt so badly she sent for Dr. Cotton at 5 o'clock this morning, has a kind of bilious attack. The girls and I put up the lace curtains again and just got the last one done when the ladies began arriving for the called meeting of the Relief Corps. Seven came and we finished up the business of the year. Made a white apron for Amanda this morning.

### *Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy but not very cold. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Had two girls, Lizzie and Lucy. Intend trying to have a class organized by the first of the year.

It seems very little like Christmas where we consider the weather. The sermons and music however were appropriate for the season.

### *Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cloudy with some rain and towards evening it rained pretty hard. Was busy all day, did errands and stayed with Mother in the forenoon. In the afternoon we decorated the room with holly and put up the tree which Mary wanted so much. Will came on the B.O.S.W at 5 o'clock P.M having spent two days with John at Athens. The S.S. entertainment took place in the evening, all of our family of seven being present. All passed off nicely. Came home and helped Sister finish dressing a doll for Edith Barlow while the girls trimmed the tree. Prof. Smith went home.

### *Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather mild but damp and cloudy. Rained most of the night. We indulged in a good long sleep this morning and did not have breakfast until after 8 o'clock. The girls did not care to rise as early as when they were younger but enjoyed the tree none the less when they came to examine it and found what had been put on it after they finished their work last night. Edith Barlow was over early to show her doll, which she did not know was dressed here and taken to her home after midnight last night. Clarence Barlow and Cam. Taylor were also here early.

The girls had pretty little silver watches from Sister, a beautiful bed quilt from Mother, and the large crayon picture of me which Mary had made last Spring.

Carl gave them books Tennyson to Lizzie and Alice and Phoebe. Cary to May. The Pebbles family were here a little while and got their share of gifts.

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### *December 25<sup>th</sup>, continued.*

They went out home again after dinner at Mr. Peebles'. The Zanesville friends sent a box of remembrances as usual but Grandpa wrote that he could not think of trying to put up a box without Grandma to help him, so sent a 10.00 gold piece instead. Margaret and Carl bought a pretty set of dining chairs which can be used and enjoyed by all. Will's presence among us added greatly to the pleasure of the day and Carl spent the entire afternoon at home which was another delight to my heart.

Altogether we have had a delightful day, our own family being all together. We missed some of the friends who have been with us in the past and Prof. Smith who left yesterday to be gone a few days leaving gifts for Lizzie and May.

The girls thought the tree a great success and none of us too old to enjoy it. Mother has felt a little better today and enjoyed hearing about things more than she expected to do. Father made a brief call. Mr. Peebles sent him and Jas. Each a good large bag of fine Texas pecans.

Mary Moore was about as well pleased with Dandy's picture as any thing she received.

Carl, with all the other Bank employees received a ten dollar gold piece.

Carl sent John a nice bunch of bananas.

### *Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Snow fell during the night and by noon today there was quite a heavy fall which continued through the day. Dr. Marshall dined with Will and spent a while with us afterwards. WE had taken out the X-mas tree and restored the room to its usual order. Will seems to be enjoying his visit home very much. Went out to see Charlotte Bannon this afternoon. Amanda went home on the afternoon train and we shall have the work to do for a time. Went to church in the evening.

### *Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

The snow is quite deep and sleighs are out. Will hired one for a couple of hours this afternoon and gave us each a ride which could not be enjoyed long because it was so cold and growing colder every minute. Had a time with the kitchen drain pipe, then had to prepare for freezing weather tonight.

Have had a busy day and was nowhere except over to see Mother a few minutes. Wes Fulton as Carl's guest and Ralph Moore as Will's took supper with us this evening.

*Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Cold and snowy and the sleighing being improved by everybody who has anything on runners. Margaret and I were invited to a reception at Mrs. Tynes today but for various reasons we could not go, sent regrets yesterday.

*Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Still cold and the sleighing tolerably good. Have had a very busy day and only had a few moments with Mother who is still in bed is only able to get up for a few minutes and then lies down again. We are enjoying Will's little visit but not so much as we should if we had some one to cook and give us a little more time.

*Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1894*

Weather cold and snow still abundant.

Missed S.S. this morning though we arose early but having so much to do. Finally concluded to stay at home and talk with Will. It will be his only Sabbath at home. We all went to church, except my Sister who was not well anyway and so came home to look after the dinner. Went to church again in the evening.

*Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1894*

Very cold, freezing fast, a great change since last Monday. The weather has been unusually wild up to Christmas and since then has been cold and snowy. Sleighing is tolerably good and those who have sleighs are making use of them. The Foreign Mis. Soc met here this afternoon, had been postponed on account of other meetings. Miss Ramsey, whose day it was, could not be here but Mrs. Dr. Pratt who has been spending her vacation in P. was present and took part, also Mrs. Hadley who had promised to read for Miss Ramsey