

Friday, January 1, 1886

A beautiful, bright warm day. Very unlike New Year's Day. Margaret and Carl with Vina Smith came back from Henley today. In the afternoon J. W. took several of us out buggy riding, rather an unusual treat for New Year's day, though I have enjoyed the same pleasure before.

Saturday, January 2, 1886

Weather pleasant, a little cooler than yesterday still quite spring like. Lizzie and her children came in this morning and our Will with them, of course, so we are all at home once more. I had planned to sew on my dress skirt all the afternoon but J. W. wanted to take a buggy ride. The little girls and Margaret had company at home, so I took the ride after which he took Ma and then Lizzie. The last ride was finished up in the rain.

Sunday, January 3, 1886

Rainy and lowering all day, not cold but dismal.

All five children went to S. S. through the rain. Carl began in Mr. Warner's class and Mary has been twice before in Miss Emma Bell's class. All went to church in the morning. The funeral services of Mr. H. S. Rennett were held at our church in the afternoon so we had no evening.

Monday, January 4, 1886

Week of Prayer

Rained very hard in the night and did not clear off until noon when it began to turn colder. Did not accomplish much today. Lizzie and the children went home at noon. Maggie Silcox came on an errand and after dinner Mr. Grice came to fix a law paper which needed my signature. I went at Mrs. Kline's call to a meeting at her house and afterwards to Mrs. Pursell's on business and went upstairs to see Mary while there. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Tuesday, January 5, 1886

Cold and rather windy. Sewed in the forenoon and after dinner I went to see Mrs. Jones and the girls. Maggie and Emma both came the night after I was there last and I had not seen them until today. Jim died before Davy reached Newport and his remains had been shipped but there have been such storms that everything is delayed. This is one of the saddest affairs I have ever known. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Wednesday, January 6, 1886

Cold but clear. I have been sewing on Lizzie's new gingham aprons, three of them, have finished one and the second is nearly done. Ma came over and made me a little visit. Late in the afternoon J. W. came home and said Joe Reed was going East in the AM so I ran over at once and told Mary. Ma wanted her to pack at once and go with him rather than wait until Monday so she decided to do so. J. W. + Will went to prayer meeting and I stayed with the children + sewed.

Thursday, January 7, 1886

Beautiful bright day, cold but clear and calm. We rejoiced frequently over the favorable day Mary had for her journey. She left between 9 + 10 o'clock on the S. V. R. R. with Mr. Joe Reed. I stayed over home until after she left then came home and wrote a birthday letter to Elizabeth Greene and a note to C + P enclosing them 1.00. Will and I went to prayer meeting in the evening. J. W. left this AM for Pomeroy.

Friday, January 8, 1886

Cloudy and a little after noon snow began to fall and fell fast and steady until after night, then it turned colder and the wind arose. I took dinner over home with Father and Mother, it seems strange to sit down at the table with only three members of the family present. J. W. did not come home today. After 4 o'clock I went through the snow storm to see Mrs. Jones and the girls. They told me that Joe's remains arrived at 11 o'clock and they went from the depot to the Cemetery direct. It is a sad ending to such a prevision of life.

Saturday, January 9, 1886

Turning very cold, snowing blowing and very stormy. Trains late, no boats coming down the river. Janie was to have gone home today but she could not go out in such a storm. J. W. did not come home and is probably detained by the same cause.

Lizzie came in this AM through it all but went back on the return train and I did not see her. Telegram from Mary announcing her safe arrival of Newton.

Sunday, January 10, 1886

Very cold and stormy, snow deep and badly drifted. Margaret, Will and Carl managed to go to S. S. but it took much hurrying and coverage. There was so much to be done in the absence of their father, and the cold was so intense. None of us went to church, the children reported the house very cold and we could scarcely keep warm at home. The pipes had to be thawed out, most of the day was spent in firing up still we found time for the usual lessons. J. W. came home about 10 PM on the Bostana.

Monday, January 11, 1886

Bitterly cold and windy, thermometer registered 10° below zero this morning. No attempt was made to do more than cook a little and keep fires. Janie could neither go home as she had intended nor wash. This cold snap is unusual in some respects and has been accompanied by very severe storms on the waters. I am glad J. W. got home safely. Will has done well but has more than one person can manage.

Tuesday, January 12, 1886

Clear and still colder than yesterday, the thermometer registered 16° below zero this morning. The snow is hard and dry but so badly drifted in places and so bare in others that there will be no good sleighing. Janie went home for a visit this afternoon. We paid her \$10 75/100 all we owed her. I will try to do without a girl until her return. Had a letter from Lizzie

and Ma had one from Mary who is now in Newton. I cut out three pairs of pants for the boys and two night dresses for myself today.

Wednesday, January 13, 1886

Still pretty cold and the river is so full of ice that the Bonanza cannot run.

Ma had a letter from Mary today written after her arrival at Newton. She wrote several letters in the evening and sent for me to go over and help her a little. None of us went to work. When I came home I found Vina and Fannie Smith here and the children made candy.

Thursday, January 14, 1886

Beginning to thaw a little. Had a letter from Mother Ricker and answered it in the evening. Ma spends some time with me in every day and helps me all she can. She being alone and having nothing to do at home likes to come and I am to have her with me as much as possible.

Friday, January 15, 1886

Moderating and late in the day it began to rain. I had a very busy day of course but get along very well with the work. Mrs. Herder brought home the last of the washing and scrubbed the kitchen for me at noon. I did the mending and put the things away.

Saturday, January 16, 1886

Not so cold as it has been, there is a great difference between this day and Saturday of last week. Melting ice and snow make the streets very wet. Will get a new pair of rubber boots today.

We got through with our work very nicely and then Margaret went to visit with Vina Smith awhile.

Sunday, January 17, 1886

Thawing a little but ice and snow lie in heap on every side. I was not feeling well enough to do the work and go to church too so remained at home in the forenoon but went to Communion in the afternoon with J. W. and Margaret + Will. Mrs. Rickletts died early this AM after a long and severe illness, our sympathies are enlisted for the Dr. who was very kind to us all through Lizzie's illness.

Monday, January 18, 1886

Ground still frozen but weather moderating a little and late in the afternoon rain began to fall. Mrs. Dr. Rickletts was buried this afternoon but I was not out to the funeral. A Com. of the W. R. C. had a meeting set for 2 PM at my home so I awaited their coming. Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. McCall + I looked over the books of the society. Mrs. Lowes called this afternoon. Ma was over and helped me through with my morning work then she went to see Mr. Rickletts and also Mrs. Fuller who died yesterday and left twins, a boy + a girl besides two other children under five years of age. Mrs. Rickletts leaves one five weeks old.

Tuesday, January 19, 1886

Still cold but not as severely as it has been. Afternoon work was done I went to school to see Carl's teacher a few minutes then came home, changed my dress and went to see Mrs. Jones and Maggie, then to Mr. Ewing's and back to see Mrs. Dennis who, being still out, missed my call after all.

Wednesday, January 20, 1886

Ma came over this morning to ask if I wanted Tina who had left Lizzie and come into her house. I did not want to take her but upon Ma's advice did so. Went out to see Mrs. Kline on business and then after dinner she brought her carriage and took me and Ma quite a round. Ma stopped to see Mrs. Duduit but Mrs. K + I went to see Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Duke and others. She afterwards left me at Mrs. Duduit's and Ma + I walked home together. Addie Murray + Mr. Aerosmith were married this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Only young people invited. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, January 21, 1886

Clear and cold.

I went up as early as possible this morning to return the books to Miss Damarin and Mrs. Pursell, then out to see Mrs. Kline who was not at home. Left a note for her and came home to see after dinner. In the afternoon I began preparing some pants for making, they are cut out but not quite ready to sew.

Friday, January 22, 1886

Tolerably fair + mild in the forenoon but a disagreeable change at noon brought a little sleet and much discomfort. Ma + I went in the buggy, she driving Flora and called to see Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Mrs. Theo Johnson + daughters, Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. McCall and Miss Damarin. The calls were partly business partly pleasure, at only two places however could Ma go in as Flora would not stand. Went to the Camp-fire in the evening at the Bap. church after which Commander Duke had a small campfire at home to which about twenty of us were invited + had a pleasant time. Letter from Jennie Ricker.

Saturday, January 23, 1886

Rather cold. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Folsom dined with us today. They are here from Fargo and seemed to enjoy the little visit very much. Lizzie + her family in to spend Sunday over home. Carrie Stearnes called and after she left I went up to see Mrs. Duke on business. Then called at Mrs. Jones', saw her and Emma Williams. Called to see Mary Damarin who was out to see Mrs. Kline and spent an hour or more with her. Had a letter from sister Mary in Boston.

Sunday, January 24, 1886

Clear overhead, thawing a little underfoot. All the children went to S. S. after which the boys, their father + I went in the evening. I was over home awhile before tea.

Monday, January 25, 1886

Moderating and consequently slushy and wet underfoot. Lizzie and her children went home this forenoon. After dinner I went to the W. R. C. meeting. The new officers for the year were installed. Pres. C. M. Duke. S. V. P. Hattie Johnson. J. V. P. Laura Richardson. Sec'y M. E. Draper. Treas. Conductor L. M. Ricker. A. C. Maggie Silcox. Chaplain Sarah McCall. Guard Mrs. Whitney. A. C. Dora Hard. Delegates Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Pursell.

Tuesday, January 26, 1886

The weather is damp and unpleasant, though not very cold. My work during the day was making pants but I did not finish off one pair even. In the evening Ma, J. W. and I attended the opening service of the S. S. Institute. Rev. Mr. Westervelt of the M. E. ch. addressed the children. The Con. Did not confirm themselves to our own ch. in securing speakers but got the best they could gather from other churches.

Wednesday, January 27, 1886

Bright overhead but very wet and sloppy underfoot. I was ready to attend the opening meeting of the S. S. Teachers' Institute this AM and did not lose any part of the exercises of the day and evening, except the social supper which I did not care to attend. Dr. Chidlaw Messrs Thane Miller and Rob't Bonsall, Mrs. Tedford of Jackson and others were the speakers. Our usual prayer meeting was not held.

Thursday, January 28, 1886

Weather damp and unpleasant. Have been working on the pants but was so unfortunate as to break my needle and could not set another so had to put the sewing aside. Mrs. Behevens came in at tea time to ask what we knew of Lizzie being sick. She had heard the Dr. had been out to see her. Ma made a trip up the Dr.'s and found it was true so we think someone must go and look after her.

Friday, January 29, 1886

A miserable day, a little rain, a little snow and much wind combine to make outdoor exercise very disagreeable. I went on the noon train to Henley to see after Lizzie who is sick. Found her and the new girl both in bed and the neighbors had been in and washed up the dishes then called in a girl for temporary help. R. went to town on the late train on business.

Saturday, January 30, 1886

Lizzie was feeling better this morning but did not get up until after dinner and then only for a little while. I gave medicine to Alma all day and prescribed several remedies at night so I hope she will be better soon.

Rich came back from town at noon and brought a load of things to eat and a basket full of pictures to show me. I wrote to Mary + Enos after Lizzie had gone to sleep and before R. came back. Mrs. Hill has been very kind to do all she could for Lizzie.

Sunday, January 31, 1886

A bright beautiful day, about two or three inches of snow fell during the night so everything was white this morning. Lizzie was up to breakfast and Alma, the girl, seemed to feel pretty well and glad of an opportunity to do something. We spent a very pleasant, quiet day. I thought many times of my own home and little folks from when I am seldom absent on Sab.

Monday, February 1, 1886

Clear and colder than yesterday. A little snow in the air and considerable on the ground. I decided to come home on the morning train and had an unusual experience. In all my travels I have never before been on a train which jumped the track but this one did when we were little more than a mile from the depot which is almost another mile from home so I stayed by the train during the fruitless attempts to put it on the track then the men had to come to town for help so they brought me in on the engine. I found all well at home. Had a letter from Mary Warner Moore.

Tuesday, February 2, 1886

The groundhog might have looked at his shadow all the forenoon but snow clouds gathered in the afternoon and snow fell quite briskly. I wrote to Mary W. this evening as I usually do on the 2nd of Feb, the anniversary of her coming to Portsmouth. Have sewed a little but did not progress very well. It seems hard to settle down to sew.

Wednesday, February 3, 1886

River full of ice, the boat reached Portsmouth about 11 AM but could not go down again owing to the ice. Uncle Jimmie Wood was here to tea and went to prayer meeting with us. After coming home I wrote to Mother Ricker, a good long letter.

Bartie Greene is 8 years old today. I finished my letter to Mary Warner Moore and May took it to the P. O.

Thursday, February 4, 1886

Very cold again, the Ther. Has been steadily dropping all this week.

I have been sewing on the pants which seems to be a lingering job.

A letter from Jennie tells of a narrow escape they had this week from being burnt out of house and home. About 3 AM she awoke and found the house full of smoke + a hole as large as a wooden bucket burnt through the floor in the dining room. Her children have Scarlet Fever and it would have been disastrous to have been turned out in the cold. She feels that their timely warning was from the Lord.

Carrie Stearnes and Julia Byerly called today.

Friday, February 5, 1886

Not moderating much yet. I had to go down street after May who had gone to the P. O. with a letter and while out it seemed as though I would certainly freeze. I found her with her Papa at Mr. Wells' office. He thought I had allowed her to visit him, though she did not say so.

Ma and I made two trips out to the stores and I bought the flannel to make a basque for my green flannels suit. I wrote to Jennie.

Saturday, February 6, 1886

Weather moderating a little and snow melting where the sun shine fairly on it. Lizzie did not come in today but a note says she will be in Monday. I finished off the two pairs of pants for the boys, also a pair of under drawers for Will. After tea I went over to inquire about Judge Towne who came here sick from Marietta this week. I also called to see Lou Gates who has been sick for three weeks. Had a letter from Mary.

Sunday, February 7, 1886

Bright, slippery in the morning going to church ad sloppy coming home. All five of the children went to S. S. and I went to church both morning and evening.

Monday, February 8, 1886

Clear overhead but wet underfoot. The snow is going off very gradually. River full of ice and no boats running.

Miss Maggie O'Connor came today to do a little sewing for Ma, some for Maggie. Lizzie has given Maggie her wine colored, embroidered cashmere wrapper which will make a beautiful dress for her. Began sending milk to Mrs. Wells.

Tuesday, February 9, 1886

Bright and spring-like. Sewed all day with Miss Maggie. Lizzie and her children were here most of the day, she was helping me. Mrs. Connolley called in the afternoon. After supper Ma, Lizzie Jimmie and I went out to spend the evening at Uncle Sam's as he is at home. Lizzie made three kinds of candy for them and as everybody had to help, it made quite a candy party.

Wednesday, February 10, 1886

Bright and warm. Have sewed all day on my basque and Maggie's dress as work was ready for me. Lizzie has been attending to other matters so I have not seen much of her today. Did not go to prayer meeting, J. W. and Will represented the family. Wrote to Enos.

Thursday, February 11, 1886

Bright, beautiful day. Lizzie and the children spent the day at Mr. Peebles' and on their way there stopped at the gallery and had a group of the four children taken. In the evening Mr. Condit of Ashland delivered a lecture on the Tabernacle and illustrated it with a model of the building, furniture and courts, hos own handiwork which was as perfect an invitation as he could make it and are of the most interesting lessons I ever saw or heard.

Friday, February 12, 1886

Quite mild for the season. A warm wind and temperature indicate rain and a light sprinkle fell during part of the day. We have sewed busily today, Miss M. made a wrap for me of the dark green cloth like my suit and I quilted the lining which is made of waist and sleeves of silk dress which was made for me first in the fall of 1863, more than twenty years ago.

Saturday, February 13, 1886

Cloudy with light rain and a little snow in the afternoon. Tina Ober went home to Beaver this morning so we will have no help now for a few days and Janie will not return before Tuesday evening. Miss Maggie and I spent the day working on a black cashmere dress skirt for Ma. Lizzie and her children went home, on the noon train, L. waits to prepare for Miss O'Connor who is to sew for her next week.

Sunday, February 14, 1886

Bright and pleasant, the wind has been rapidly drying up today. The three older children went to school this morning but the little girls have severe colds and remained at home all day. I went to church both morning and evening and Margaret got dinner and tea while I chose the dish washing as my share of the work.

Monday, February 15, 1886

Rainy with a little snow and altogether dismal. Miss Maggie spent the forenoon here sewing for Lizzie Peebles and left at 11:30 in the hack for the C + E depot on her way back to Henley. I gave her a bowl of soup and cu of hot tea before she started. The afternoon was spent in sweeping, dusting and putting the rooms in order.

In the evening I wrote to John and sent him a kind of family record with list of birthdays and anniversaries in which he would be interested, he had asked for it.

Tuesday, February 16, 1886

Clear again but very muddy and damp underfoot.

Have been busy all day and being tired the day seemed long. Janie came back on the evening train and we were all ready to give her a warm welcome. The little girls were especially delighted.

Wednesday, February 17, 1886

Bright and pleasant though rather cold. It was a relief to have Janie at her post again and as Ma has no help I did what I could to assist her at meal time. Went to church in the evening with Will for company. J. W. and Henry Hausman were busy fixing the stable door, so he could not go. This is Dr. Pratt's 70th birthday and a basket of flowers stood on the pulpit, the number 70 cut from white paper on the pulpit scarf indicated the occasion. J. W. had a letter from Rathbone, Sand Co. of Albany N. Y. which he answered and I wrote to Enos.

Dr. Pratt has been in Ports 34 yrs last Jan.

Thursday, February 18, 1886

Beautiful bright day, rather warm and spring-like.

Henry came early to ask if Maggie could go and get breakfast for Pa as Ma was sick. I dressed hastily and went over, found Ma in the kitchen and breakfast nearly ready, she was better but far from well. She was up most of the day and I stayed to do what I could only coming home occasionally to look after affairs. Letters from Mother Ricker and sister Lizzie. Ma was sick with cold and I spent most of the day there.

Friday, February 19, 1886

A very strange kind of day in pint of weather. Some very bright sunshine and some very dark clouds with snow and wind. I was over home nearly all day, Ma was much better and at work again but I helped her until she was through then we sat upstairs. Margaret will stay with her nights as long as she needs her. J. W. and I went to prayer meeting and found at the close of the meeting that Carl was present with his class and teacher Mr. Warner and recited a verse. The attendance was small but meeting very good.

Saturday, February 20, 1886

Bright and coder with wind enough to dry up the mud considerably. Was very busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner Ma and I went up to Mrs. Greene's where we saw her, Mrs. Belle Greene and little Helen, also Miss Mary Blockson, Mrs. Belle's sister, did some errands on our way home.

Sunday, February 21, 1886

Reasonably pleasant today. The little girls have such very bad colds that I kept them at home all day. The rest of us went to church as usual.

Had lessons, reading ect. in the afternoon.

Uncle Jimmie was here before tea but could not be prevailed upon to remain.

Monday, February 22, 1886

Bright and not very cold. Was busy at home in the forenoon and after dinner I went to the W. R. C. meeting which occupied most of the afternoon. After coming home I went out to see Clara Pursell whom I haven't seen in a long time.

Wrote a long letter to Mary in the evening. Have had several from her. Lizzie wrote an essay on Geo. Washington today which was a rather large subject for a 7 year old girl.

Tuesday, February 23, 1886

Pleasant. I wrote a birthday letter to Jennie Ricker today. It seems to me that my employments are so very trivial that I couldn't remember them a day after they are done. This I know that much of the time is devoted to picking up and mending. Many letters are written but most of them at night.

Wednesday, February 24, 1886

Weather not very cold.

It being mending day I did not get at anything else. Went to church in the evening with J. W. and Carl. Wrote to Mother Ricker after my return in answer to her letter which came this evening. Just before noon Mrs. Wheeler, an old lady on 6th st near us, dropped dead while doing the family washing. Ma and I were over to see her daughter in the afternoon.

Thursday, February 25, 1886

Quite rainy today. I am not succeeding in doing much sewing. By the time I have put the room in order, been over to see Ma and done a little mending, the day is almost gone. Ma had such a good letter from John. He seems to be making remarkable growth in christian grace. Ma gave Margaret permission to invite eight of her friends to tea this evening. She made the candy + baked the cakes at odd times when she was thro' with her other work and they had a nice little party this evening.

Friday, February 26, 1886

Clear and cold, quite windy. In trying to walk to the corner of Market + 5th this forenoon I was almost blown off my feet and could not possibly reach the corner in a straight line. Was over home two or three times. Ma is very close not having any girl. Will, Carl and I went to prayer meeting, two have been held in preparatory to the extra services next week. Mr. Terry had a stroke of paralysis this AM. He was 79 yrs old the 16th of this month. J. W. had a letter from R. S. + Co.

Saturday, February 27, 1886

Bright but quite cold, chilly and some wind blowing.

Spent the forenoon cleaning house. Just before dinner went to inquire about Lou Keifer a sick boy in the neighborhood. Mrs. Wheeler was buried this afternoon. J. W. answered R. S. + Co.'s last letter and I wrote to Enos. Had two letters from Mary + Ma had one. J. W. had one from Mr. Roper again who still seems to want to engage with him on a Va farm. Mrs. Tewksbury called. After tea I went to inquire about Clara Pursell who has been sick. Made an undershirt for Will.

Sunday, February 28, 1886

Bright and pleasant.

The children went to Sabbath S. as usual after which the boys went with us to church. The little girls have colds so I thought once going out was enough for them. Uncle Jimmie Wood was here to tea. The boys + I went to church in the evening. Met Uncle Sam on the street and he told me with evident satisfaction that Arthur was converted last Monday night.

Monday, March 1, 1886

A very light sprinkling of snow lay on the ground when we arose this morning and a few flakes fluttered down later but during the forenoon it brightened up beautifully, and so March came in quite pleasantly after all. The trimming which I sent to Mary for came this morning and in the afternoon I put it on the dolman so it is now ready for use. In the evening the boys + I went to prayer meeting, the first of the extra services. J. W. went to a Post meeting. Wrote to Mary in the evening.

Tuesday, March 2, 1886

Bright and pleasant though rather cold. Miss O'Connor began sewing for Ma today and I expect to help them a part of each day. Was there all of today. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Will, Carl and I represented the family. Margaret being away from home and not well will miss most of the meetings. She stayed home from school today because she was not well.

Wednesday, March 3, 1886

Weather bright and beautiful. Ground frozen but thawing a little in the sun. Was over home nearly all day helping Miss Maggie with Ma's sewing. Had letters from Enos and Mother Ricker, the latter I answered after church. J. W. Will + I went to the meeting which was the regular Monthly Concert for Missions and the exercises were participated in by several ladies and children.

Thursday, March 4, 1886

We are rejoicing every day that Lizzie has such pleasant weather for her visit in Cincinnati. I am not trying to do anything at home this week, want to do what I can to help Ma accomplish a good deal while Miss Maggie is with her. Margaret is not very well, lost one day out of school this week, is better today.

Friday, March 5, 1886

Bright and cheery.

Sewed all day. Had a note from Lizzie who is coming home from Cin today, bringing Ella Wright and wanted some things from town. We sewed as hard and fast as we could all day, my work was pleating and I put in the whole day at it. Went to church in the evening.

Saturday, March 6, 1886

Beautiful day but windy. I sewed hard nearly all day and about 3 o'clock J. W. came and wanted me to go out for a drive. Ma + the children just compelled me to go against my will. I was too tired to enjoy it. Upon my return Aunt Mary and three of her children called so I warmed and rested while they were here. After dark I went to see how Clara Pursell was.

Sunday, March 7, 1886

Pleasant. The boys went to Sabbath school and both of the little girls were out four times today to their great delight. S. S. and ch. in the morning, children's meeting in the afternoon and church in the evening. Ma also went with us in the evening so we had a seat full.

Monday, March 8, 1886

This was to be the last day of sewing work so I spent it over home helping to finish up as much of the work as possible. Ma surprised me with a new black cashmere skirt to wear with my polonaise. It was one of the garments on hand and she + Miss O'C. enjoyed their sly work very much. I put it on and went over to call upon them in my French bonnet + new wrapper.

Tuesday, March 9, 1886

Have not been at all well, presume I sewed too steadily. Wrote to Jennie today as Thursday will be her 11th Anniversary. Lizzie brought the boys and Elizabeth in to spend the day so we all visited. I had a little mending on hand and she began crocheting over Carl's cap so I can now have that to put in my spare minutes. They all went home at 4:30 PM. She brought me from Cin a lovely little maroon and gilt teapot.

Wednesday, March 10, 1886

Was busy in the house all the forenoon and after dinner I dressed and made a few calls. Found Mrs. Miller, Mary Ellen, Mrs. Corson, Mrs. Warner and Ella Wright all at home. Did not walk far and had a pleasant afternoon.

Intended fixing over my green bonnet to match my suit but did not get it done. Had letter from Mother Ricker and answered it.

Thursday, March 11, 1886

Quite pleasant. Sewed in the forenoon and after dinner Ma and I were just starting out to make a few calls when Lizzie P. came in after medicine for her children. We all went to see Ella Wright and then on up to Dr. McC's to get the medicine. Ma + I stopped to call upon Mrs. Lowes on our return they came upon down home to meet Lizzie and Ella. While there Mrs. Work and Mrs. McCall called Later on we went out to see Clara Pursell then to see Beatrice Moore who is quite sick. Took such a cold while out that I could not go to church in the evening. Dwight was here.

Friday, March 12, 1886

Bright and a little windy, much warmer. Dwight was here in the afternoon to see if I would let May go with him. Had a letter from Jennie this evening which I answered. Made another undershirt for Will and did some mending. Retrimmed my bonnet or finished doing it and then took a photo to Mrs. Warner which Lizzie had left here for her, a group of the children.

Saturday, March 13, 1886

Very changeable weather, damp in the AM, bright later on. May went with Dwight Greene to Winova F'ce today to spend a day with Jennie's children. Lizzie was all ready to go but had such a cold this morning that she had to stay at home. She was very brave and met her disappointment like a little woman. I stayed at home with her all day, until late in the afternoon when I went to see Beatrice Moore and found her better. This is Ella Wright's birthday.

Sunday, March 14, 1886

Bright and windy. The wind is fast being dried up.

We felt rather alone today, miss little May very much, sister was over to see us several times but she spends most of her time with Ma. The boys went to S. S. Lizzie has too much cold and did not go out at all. Margaret went to the 2nd ch. with Ma, about 80 new members were rec'd there today. Ma went with me to ch. in the evening.

Monday, March 15, 1886

Bright and clear but windy. J. W. went to Pond Run this AM has sold the last of his staves finally. Had another letter from Mr. Roper of Va who still wants him to go and see his farm. Went to do some errands for Lizzie then called to see Em Voorheis and Carl's school. Miss Lynn, his teacher gave me a very encouraging report of his deportment and work. In the afternoon I sewed a little then went to call upon Mrs. Smith lately of Covington, also Clara Pursell. Sent some notes (2) of invitation to attend the church service. We went at 7:30 after which J. W. + I attended a joint meeting + May did not come home.

Tuesday, March 16, 1886

Lovely weather but still windy. I did some sweeping and dusting today, then opened the windows and put the house in order. During the cold weather the parlor had to be kept closed. Did not sew much today but altered my new basque a little and did some mending. May came home this evening and it made quite a stir, she had something for each one. I did not go to prayer meeting as someone had to stay with the children.

Wednesday, March 17, 1886

Beautiful weather, was so tired from my exertions yesterday that I did not try to do much today. Went out in the afternoon and made two or three calls. Stopped to see Clara Pursell awhile then went to see the sick at Uncle Sam's, they are all better but not well. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Rev. Tedford preached. Dr. Pratt made some earnest remarks. After church Mr. Wm Miller called for a little conversation on the subject of religion. I had asked him to attend the meetings. Was present with his members this evening.

Thursday, March 18, 1886

Beautiful mild day.

Was busy with my needle most of the day and at the end of the day's work I wrote to Enos instead of going out as I had planned to do. Went to church in the evening and heard Mr.

Tedford preach a good sermon upon looking up to God, an appropriate subject to follow the one from last evening.

Friday, March 19, 1886

Weather mild and spring-like. J. W. went to Pond Run today to see after a load of staves. I was busy sewing nearly all day and intended going out awhile before supper but decided to stay at home and write to Mary instead. Went to church in the evening and learned that Dr. Pratt was suddenly taken very ill this forenoon. Rev. Mr. Tedford has been with them two or three days past and conducted the meeting again tonight. Said if possible he would remain with us over Sabbath.

Saturday, March 20, 1886

Rained very hard this morning and was wet and cloudy all day. J. W. went to Pond Run bad as was the day as he was loading a barge with staves. In the afternoon I went to see Clara Pursell a few minutes and congratulate her on the arrival of her fourth boy, who came Thursday evening the 18th she now has six bright lovely children, Earl, Sue, Chas, Mae, Henry and baby.

Dr. Pratt is very ill with neuralgia of the heart. I called there before tea time.

Sunday, March 21, 1886

Rained nearly all day, I went to S. S. to teach Mrs. Pratt's class as the Dr. is still very ill + she asked me to take her place. We had no service as Mr. Tedford could not return to us and so we went to Bigelow and heard a most excellent sermon from Mr. Jackson in the morning. In the evening I went again with Will, and Henry Hausman. Did not go to Dr. Pratt's today knowing there would be so many going in and out.

Monday, March 22, 1886

Cloudy in the morning with a light fall of snow on the ground. Later it cleared up but was cold. I started twice today to go up to Dr. P's but decided that they had so many callers that it was better not to go. Went to see Mrs. Nichols and Clara Pursell, both of whom are sick. Came home and found they had sent for me to sit up with Dr. P. as I was not at home they made other arrangements for the night. Went to church, Rev. Mr. Tedford of Jackson came back this evening + was present. L + the boys were in town.

Tuesday, March 23, 1886

Bright but cold and rather windy. Went to the P. O. to inquire about Dr. Pratt in the AM. He is not expected to recover but seems a little easier. I also called to see Lou Keifer who is still quite sick. Uncle Jimmie called after my return and a few minutes later Mr. Tedford came in. He will preach for us several evenings this week. Went to Carl's school in the afternoon. Winnie Johnson called to tell me they needed me at Dr. Pratt's tonight. Went to church in the evening before going to sit up in the parlor to be called if needed.

Wednesday, March 24, 1886

Weather cold, mercury 24° this AM. Mrs. Pratt + I were up all night and Mame all but an hour or two. Dr. had a bad night. I came home and slept from 8:30 until 11:30 AM took a dose of quinine and feel very well. After dinner it was so pleasant out that Ma and I went to do some errands, called to see Mrs. Jones awhile, then to see Mary Y. Moore who returned today from her visit to Fannie in Springfield, O. I then went to see Clara Pursell + Ma to see Mrs. Murray. Church at night.

Thursday, March 25, 1886

Bright and pleasant though a little windy. Was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner went to Will's school Exhibition, Miss Lewis and Mrs. Mulligan had their schools united for the occasion. Many of the pupils did very well. Mrs. Peter Murray died this morning after a short illness, pneumonia being the cause of her death. Wrote to Mary this evening. Went to church, Mr. Ballard, Dr. Pratt's brother conducted the meeting.

Friday, March 26, 1886

Weather mild and damp. A little rain in the morning. I went to the High School examinations in the forenoon and after dinner to the Literary exercises which were very good. Lizzie and her boys came in this afternoon. After school I went to see Dr. Pratt a few minutes, he seemed better. Went to prayer meeting as usual and afterwards to hear the Ellis family, Bell Ringers at the Rink, went with Lizzie and Maggie Peebles. Wrote to Mother R.

Saturday, March 27, 1886

Raining when we got up and at noon there is no prospect of a change in the weather. Lizzie Rich and the two boys were here in the morning and Margaret went home with them for her vacation. She has studied hard and needs the change and rest. Weather in the afternoon was unusually bad, snow and rain fell until night. At 2 o'clock PM I attended Mrs. Peter Murray's funeral at her late home. Afterwards I went to see Clara Pursell a little while then stopped to see MA. She was not well and at her request I went to stay all night with her. Carl is not well either.

Sunday, March 28, 1886

No rain but very damp underfoot. Rev. Mr. Ballard preached both morning and evening for us. I went to Sabbath school and taught Mrs. Pratt's class. Attended church in the forenoon but not at night. Carl has been in bed all day and Ma seems no better than yesterday. We went for Dr. Kline in the evening and I stayed with her again tonight. It had cleared up in the evening so the little girls went to church with their father.

Monday, March 29, 1886

Wet again. Dr. E. P. Pratt died this morning at 6:30 after an illness of ten days. The end came suddenly at last, I thought him in a fair way to recover. It will seem hard to realize that we shall see his familiar face no more. I heard his last Sabbath sermons, his last words at prayer

meeting with Mr. Tedford. He was unusually earnest in his last appeal and seemed both to close the meeting until all had risen for prayer. Could not leave me sic to go to Mrs. Pratt's today.

Tuesday, March 30, 1886

Rainy all day. Much water has fallen and the river is high. Ma and Carl are both better today, have both been up awhile. Lizzie and Wm came in town this forenoon and I went with her to do some errands and call upon Mrs. Wright. At Mrs. Draper's. We also went to take a last look at Dr. Pratt. He looks very natural and well. I am so glad I saw him Friday. Dwight loaned us his umbrella down street and then came out after it. He has a severe cold too.

Wednesday, March 31, 1886

Rainy and dismal in the forenoon but it cleared off and was windy in the afternoon. WE got ready to attend Dr. Pratt's funeral and started before the first bell rang as crowds of people were there going to the church. J. W. Will, Lizzie, May + I went. Dr. Burr who is nearly 81 years old and has been in P. longer than Dr. Pratt, opened and closed the exercises at the church. Mr. Ketchum who was Dr. P's assistant for several years preached the sermon from Psalm 116. 15th. Revs Condit Adams and Lowes also had part in the pulpit exercises.

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Dr. Pratt's funeral.

Revs Jackson and Wallace Methodists, Badger + Maguire Episcopalians, Work 2nd pres. and Carney Baptist were pall-bearers. Sickness and distance detained all of the Dr.'s brothers and sisters from the funeral except Mrs. Billard, his sister Julia and her husband who had been here a week. Mr. + Mrs. McNeal, Mame's Aunt, and Perkins + his wife were the only relations preset. Mrs. Pratt hadn't one, has no one I think except an aged aunt in Connecticut. Mr. Ketchum walked with Mrs. P. and Mr. Condit with Mame. They will be very lonely. There was some very beautiful floral pieces sent by friends and someone who knew of the Dr.'s great fondness for trailing arbutus (?) brought some from Ky hills and it was placid in his hand. The Scripture selections read.

Thursday, April 1, 1886

Weather a little more pleasant but too much wind for comfort on the street. We were surprised to see Margaret come home from Henley today. Lizzie thought Ma needed and wanted her so much that she had better come. I was very glad she came but sorry her visit was shortened. Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Wright called this afternoon. They were to have gone to Henley to spend a day with Lizzie but the high water frightened them out of it. Wrote to Mother R.

Friday, April 2, 1886

Part of the day was pleasant but about noon it began to rain and was dismal all the rest of the day and evening. Janie, Sophia, (who is staying a few days with Janie) and I cleaned house all day. Janie washed the parlor curtains and I put them on the stretchers over home. Ma has

seemed better today and has been back and forth several times. At church time it was raining hard so J. W. Will + Henry went to prayer meeting and I stayed with the children and wrote to Lizzie.

Saturday, April 3, 1886

Wet, cold and unpleasant. The water stopped rising sometime in the night having reached a height of 51 ft. 9 in. and this afternoon the children + I walked down to the bridge with J. W. to look at the waste of water. It was rather windy and cold. Ma has not been well today but was over here two or three times. I am so glad Margaret is home to be with her. The little girls and I went to call on Mrs. Pratt this afternoon, then did some errands. We had both snow and sleet today.

Sunday, April 4, 1886

Wet and unpleasant. Rained nearly all day. I went to S. S. and taught Mrs. Pratt's class. The little girls went also. We went to Bigelow to church. I did not go out in the evening, it had cleared up colder and J. W. took Lizzie out to the 2nd ch. to hear Mr. Work. Will + Henry went to All Saints and heard Mr. Badger.

Monday, April 5, 1886

Rain, rain, rain. Weather could not be more dismal and the rapidly rising rivers make the prospect more discouraging. However I am not alarmed about a flood as some are. The schools opened again this morning and Mary started in Miss Ada Young's room. She is too young, and the grade is six months advanced in the work so she will not get through this year, but she + Lizzie, in fact all the children were so anxious that I permitted her to start.

Tuesday, April 6, 1886

Rain, snow and rising waters. The river is very high, people are very nervous, many of them on account of the high water. I went to visit the 4th street school this morning. Spent a little time in Ada Young's room where May has just entered, then awhile in Lizzie's room then went to see Carl's teacher, Miss Mattie Lynn. Spent the afternoon over home with Ma, she is much better and while I was busy at the machine sewing on Margaret's aprons, Ma went downstairs and got a nice little lunch of bread + butter, tea, cold ham and cranberries.

Wednesday, April 7, 1886

Another dismal rainy day and light snow fell nearly all day. The ground was covered with two or three inches of frozen snow. There would have been nearly or quite six inches had it not melted into the ground as the first of it fell. I was out most of the forenoon. Did errands for Ma + Lizzie then visited Carl's school again. Did not feel well and remained at home in the evening. J. W. + Will went to church. Was over home as much as possible through the day.

Thursday, April 8, 1886

A bright and clear morning greeted us for which we are truly thankful. The water began falling this AM, having reached a height of 52 ft. 1 in. Ma came over before I was ready to go to her, and spent the forenoon here. Mrs. Connolley had called to see her and so followed her over here. I sewed on Will's pants until after 5 o'clock and then Ma came over and suggested that I put on my things and go out awhile. I went to see how Clara and her baby were doing and found them very well. Letter from Mary saying she will be home tomorrow.

Friday, April 9, 1886

Lovely day, Ma has been busy all day getting Mary's room in readiness for her return. It looks so fresh and pretty with the new paper, clean carpet, curtains etc. Mary came on the S. V. R. R. late in the afternoon and with her were Jennie and her two little girls. There coming was a surprise as Mary had written that Jennie could not come. Minnie Gould and Josei Murfin were here in the afternoon. I sewed on new pants for Will.

Saturday, April 10, 1886

Beautiful, clear, mild and spring like. Was busy as could be all day. Housework in the forenoon and sewing after dinner. Was over home as much as possible visiting with Ma, Mary + Jennie.

Dwight was here before dinner. Jennie + her children were here to tea. Mrs. Miller and Miss Clara called while I was over home was sorry to miss them. Letter from Lizzie who does not yet know that Jennie is here. Finished Will's pants.

Sunday, April 11, 1886

Quite mild and pleasant.

Went to S. S. and taught Mrs. P's class. Rev. Mr. Gibson was to have preached for us today but was sick so Mr. Tedford came in his place. Mrs. Pratt + Mame were present in the morning. Mrs. Tewksbury + Maggie Peebles sat with them. In the afternoon Jennie came over and sang with me. Uncle Jimmie was here as usual and in the evening Jennie went with us to church.

Monday, April 12, 1886

Another rainy day. We have had an unusual amount of rain lately and had it been earlier in the season before the heavy snow was gone, we should certainly have had another flood. May went to school today, no she was not well and remained at home with Elizabeth Greene, Lizzie remained at home also in the afternoon because it rained so hard and she has some cold and coughs. They are enjoying Elizabeth's visit very much. Finished and sent letter to Mary W. though too late for her birthday.

Tuesday, April 13, 1886

Cleared up again and was pleasant today.

Have begun on shirts for Carl and must work at them steadily if they will not be finished. Am not feeling well and find it requires a good degree of perseverance to keep at my work.

Had a letter from Mother Ricker and answered it this evening to save time tomorrow.

Wednesday, April 14, 1886

Very pleasant but the ground is quite wet and muddy still. The folks reluctantly gave up their plan for going to Henley as the R. R. seems so very unsafe. The road is new and unsettled and the high water and hard rains have softened the embankments in many places.

I was not feeling at all well and did not go to prayer meeting this evening.

Have been sewing at Carl's blue shirts. Ma, Jennie + Mary spent most of the afternoon here. Jennie is making some for Bartie also. Mrs. Lowes called, also Mary Y. Moore.

Thursday, April 15, 1886

Pleasant once more, day to rejoice our hearts after the wet gloomy ones we have had lately. Ma and Mary had decided to go with Jennie to Henley today but Lizzie came in on the morning train bringing all her family so they spent the day in town and all went out together at 4:30, just a dozen counting the children and Mrs. Behrens who went to do the cooking for the company.

Friday, April 16, 1886

Beautiful day. The folks came in from Henley this morning and at 10 o'clock Jennie and her children left for Columbus where she will remain overnight and take Mrs. Hall + children home with her. We have had a nice little visit from her but it was not long. I did not go to prayer meeting in the evening as I was not feeling at all well. J. W. and the children, two or three of them went. Margaret had her hair cut short this evening. Has headache a great deal and hopes to be relieved of the trouble now.

Saturday, April 17, 1886

Weather pleasant. The wind and sun have changed the wind into dust and a shower would improve the streets already tho' so recently it seemed so wet. Was busy all the forenoon and at 3:30 we went to preparatory lecture, conducted by Mr. Tedford. Mr. Work was present also.

After church I called to speak to Mrs. Pratt about her class then did an errand and came home to finish Carl's blue flannel shirt. Letter from Maggie Bell.

Sunday, April 18, 1886

Beautiful day, warm enough to go out without wraps. First trees in bloom and everything cheerful. Did not go to S. S. myself but all the children went. Rev. Mr. Tedford preached in the morning and conducted Communion services in the afternoon when 28 new members were rec'd. Rev C. L. Work assisted. Phillip G. Lorey + wife Tina, D. E. Thomas, Margaretta Murray, Kate Eberhardt, Phoebe Musser, Lizzie Musser, Annie Warneke, Lizzie

Rauch, Helen Lorey, Clara Cumpston, Carrie + Willie Byers, Thos + Emma Dellert, Kate Philipi, Albert Evans, Caroline, Hattie + Lucy Young, Ed Wagner, Patrick Dunanet, Louis Luther, Lillie Redinger, Mrs. Frank Reed, Susie Lynn, Thos Yeager, Kate Molster were received.

Monday, April 19, 1886

Weather pleasant.

Began making up the new carpet for our room and will not try to do much else until after it is done. Am not very well or able to do heavy work but must do some things and take my time for it.

Tuesday, April 20, 1886

Pleasant. Was busy all day with the carpet. Finished darning the ends of the widths on the machine, cut them all out and sewed the two short seams. Am very, very tired so the work was so heavy.

Have been alone most of the day. Had one caller just before tea.

Letters from Mother Ricker and Mrs. Bone, the latter I answered at once, the other one I intended answering as usual.

Wednesday, April 21, 1886

Mild spring-like weather but rather dry and dusty. I have been busy all day with the carpet and Ma helped me both before and after dinner. We had three seams seven yards long to do and finished it off just before supper. Before church tome Lillie Johnson was here a few minutes while waiting for the Library to open. Mr. Churchill died this morning in Columbus. Five of us went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, April 22, 1886

Weather pleasant.

Ma and Mary drove out to see Lizzie today and we began our house cleaning. Took up the carpet in our room and then I decided to paper the walls and have Mr. Fisher put on a paper celling which he will do before we put on the sides. After tea we took a little drive and tried to find Mr. Fisher but he was not at home. Dwight left this AM to attend the funeral of his uncle Sol. Churchill who died yesterday of pneumonia after an illness of several weeks.

Friday, April 23, 1886

Pleasant. We spent all day at the papering but finally finished at supper time and like the result very much. A new ceiling, and side walls with the new rag carpet when it is down will change the looks of the room very much. Ma and Mary came back from Henley at noon, having had a drive that tired them very much.

Saturday, April 24, 1886

Weather warm and pleasant were it not so dusty.

We could get no one to put down the new carpet in our room so had to give up the idea of finishing the room today. J. W. and the boys went to Pond Run in the morning and came back at noon.

Sunday, April 25, 1886

Easter Sunday is three weeks later than last and the weather is delightful only rather dusty. The two Pres congregations met at our ch. and Mr. Work of the 2nd ch. preached on the Resurrection in the forenoon. I did not go in the morning. No provision has been made for Mrs. Pratt's class so I must look after it, for the present. Uncle Jimmie did not come down and so J. W. went to see him and found him sick. Will Bonsall called.

Monday, April 26, 1886

Warm, dry and dusty. A light shower late in the day settled the dust a little. I made a few button holes and finished Carl's second blue shirt this morning as nothing could be done at the house cleaning. I was not feeling able to work much. After dinner I went to a W. R. C. meeting. Wrote to Maggie Bell after I came home.

Tuesday, April 27, 1886

Beautiful weather.

Have not been able to find anyone to stretch the new carpet on my floor so the room is still bare and we sleep upstairs. The new light paper is very pretty and cheerful and the carpet will improve it still when it is laid.

Wednesday, April 28, 1886

Pleasant. Did the mending as usual, wrote to Mother Ricker and was busy here and there all day.

J. W. went to Cin on the boat expecting to return Friday morning. Will get some clothes for himself while down. In the evening the boys stayed at home with May while Margaret, Lizzie and I went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, April 29, 1886

Beautiful weather. Janie put her time on the dining room today and as I had my room to finish up, and the carpet to put away, besides helping shake and clean them, I had rather a hard day of it. Clara Waller was to have gone out to Lizzie's with Mary today but was sick so Dwight G. went with her. They were a little late getting back and came near being caught out in a hard rain which came up about dark. Had the new rag carpet put on my room today.

Friday, April 30, 1886

Quite pleasant. Lizzie and the boys came in this morning after medicine for the baby and went home on the noon train taking Margaret with them she was on her way home from school and L. met her on the street, called a bus just at the same time and I was waiting at the gate to see the others off, L. asked if Margaret might go with the, Being Arbor Day there was no school

in the afternoon so she went. I was very tired at night, May was not so well. J. W. Will + Lizzie went to prayer meeting. He came down this AM.

Saturday, May 1, 1886

Showery. Was busy all over the house and yard all day. Part of the afternoon was bright but we were kept in most of the day as the grass was wet in the yard. I worked out a little and began taking cold. It has not been the kind of weather for May day parties.

Sunday, May 2, 1886

Lovely day, though cool enough for wraps and fires. Rev. Mr. Milligan preached both morning and evening. I was taking cold all day and did not go out in the evening. Was over home awhile in the afternoon.

Monday, May 3, 1886

Beautiful weather but so cool that we had fire in eh early morning. After the morning work was done and the children gone to school I wrote to Lizzie telling her of Margaret's safe return this morning. She went directly to school as it was just time when the train came in. After dinner I sewed on Lizzie's which needs lengthening. Then I went to see after our S. S. boys after which I took a ride with J. W. + the little girls.

Tuesday, May 4, 1886

Beautiful weather but quite warm in the sun. Will drove out to Henley this morning with his Aunt Mary. After dinner I gave myself the treat of a half day at school. Went to visit Miss Ball's room and hear the class in Geometry also Mr. Miller's to attend the recitations in American Literature and Botany. After school, called to see Miss Lizzie Corton. Am making an effort find material for a large Bible class to be taught by Prof. Lowes.

Wednesday, May 5, 1886

Weather pleasant though cool enough for fire in the morning. Mary and Will returned from Henley at noon today bringing ever so many wild flowers and some roots which I planted. Will was just in time for afternoon school. Have sewed some today but not much. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Barton was there with Dwight. He came down from Winova this evening and brought Bartie and Edward.

Thursday, May 6, 1886

Pleasant in the forenoon but rained after dinner. Lizzie and her boys came in on the early train Barton and her boys came down from his Mother's at noon as they all dined over home and the boys came here to spend the afternoon. When our children came from school Lucy and Edith Moore came also and we had a houseful. Bartie went to Henley with John and William. Barton and Edward took tea with us and then went home in the rain. Janie closed the parlor today and put down the rug. Received a box of cut flowers from Mother Ricker's yard in beautiful order. Wrote to her.

Friday, May 7, 1886

Rainy all day and at one time a hard shower was accompanied by hail, some of the stones being quite large. Barton and little Edward went home on the afternoon train but we did not see them today. I wrote to Jennie last night and sent the letter today. Mary was not well enough to go to Sabbath school in the rain so she remained at home and wrote her first letter to Grandma Ricker to which Lizzie added one letter.

Saturday, May 8, 1886

Beautiful day. The rain of yesterday settled the dust effectually and we needed fire in the early morning but the sun soon dissipated the dampness. The clean new carpet lightens my Saturday labors and I was through early. After dinner Ma and I drove up to Mrs. Ellis'. Rich, Lizzie, all their children. Bartie Greene and Ruth Greene the nurse came in today to spend Sunday at Mr. Peebles'.

Sunday, May 9, 1886

Lovely weather. Went to S. S. and church in the forenoon. Rev. Mr. Blackburn of Murrayville, pa preached in our church today. At the forenoon service Elizabeth Steele and Margaret were baptized. I was not well enough to go out in the evening so went to bed early. It rained after 9 o'clock.

Monday, May 10, 1886

The shower last night refreshed all nature again for today. I did not rise until late in the day, not being able to do anything. Rich, Lizzie and the children came in for a while before going home, Bartie went with them to finish his visit.

Wrote to Aunt Betsey Ricker.

Tuesday, May 11, 1886

Pleasant. Willie began taking Flo to pasture today, driving to Frank Carson's on Kinney's lane. Have not been well enough to do much today so wrote a little. Went to get some summer dresses altered for Margaret this week. Have some to mend and others to alter. Am very sort that we are to lose Janie who has finally yielded to the opportunities and large offers of another house keeper and will leave this week.

Wednesday, May 12, 1886

Rained very hard this morning. Dora Thompson was to have come in from Henley to take Janie's place but the heavy rains delayed the train and she did not get in. J. W. has had a severe toothache for two or three days, however he drove out to the depot and waited nearly three hours for the train which did not come. Lizzie and I went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, May 13, 1886

Pleasant during the day. We have frequent rains at night which keep the dust well settled and the air clear and delightful. Vegetation grows rapidly. Parts of the country have been visited by dreadful storms destructive to life and property. Ma and I went to the depot to meet Dora but learned that the train would not be in for several hours so we did some other errands and returned. Margaret and Carl drove out after 6 o'clock + met Cora so Janie left after showing D. where to find things.

Friday, May 14, 1886

Quite pleasant though cool. Dora Thompson began her service this morning, she was disappointed by the train or would have been here sooner. Have not been well today and had to lie down awhile. Was out in the afternoon with Ma looking after a sewing girl. She is trying to get ready to go to Newton to visit Mary + the boys.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Saturday, May 15, 1886

Beautiful day but rather cool. Was not well at all but was up all day. Dwight took the little girls out for a little drive and just as they returned it began to rain a little. J. W. and I went in the afternoon, it was so cold I wrapped up in my warmest shawl besides wearing my flannel suit and silk dolman. Had a letter from Enos but none from mother Ricker this week. Sent her one this morning. Wrote to Lizzie also.

Sunday, May 16, 1886

Beautiful day but cool enough for fire indoors and wraps on the street, did not go to S. S. having told Mr. Helfenstein I would be unable to be present. Had no service at church in the morning so we went to hear Mr. Jackson. Uncle Jimmie called in the evening and showed us a letter from Prof. Daniel formerly of Ports. Now of Pittsburgh speaking highly of Mr. Blackburn. Rev. Mr. Work, of the 2nd ch, preached to both congregations in our church in the evening. J. W., Will, Lizzie + I were present.

Monday, May 17, 1886

Beautiful weather but so cool that fire was necessary to our comfort nearly all day.

Hard rains and storms have done much damage in other sections of the state but so far we have escaped and are truly grateful for it. Have felt better and sewed all day. Did some mending and sewed on a calico dress for Lizzie.

Wrote a letter to John.

Tuesday, May 18, 1886

Beautiful day again. Finished the calico dress for Lizzie. She grows so fast that all new ones are needed for her.

Wrote to Enos this evening. We have been hoping to see him soon but late news says it is not probable he can come as he is so very busy. Ma is getting ready to go to Boston next week. Letters from Mrs. Easter and John urge her going as soon as possible.

Wednesday, May 19, 1886

Beautiful weather. Most of our rains come in the night so our days are perfectly lovely. I made a beginning on a dress for Lizzie today. Jennie gave her last year for her birthday a corn colored hunting dress. I bought a lovely remnant of light figured good, white ground with pink + blue flower and will make a contribution suit for her. Wrote letters to Mother R. Jennie + Lizzie tonight while J. W. was attending the meeting of the P. C. A. Society.

We had no service.

Thursday, May 20, 1886

Pleasant. Have been sewing all day on Lizzie's dress, Miss Ryan is sewing over home so I went back and forth with my work to ask advice from her. Rich was in and Ma had promised to take him to the Greenhouse in the buggy to order coleus plants but as she was so busy I went and for the first time in my life drove when alone, taking him to the train. The house is Jennie's gentle flora or I should not have dared do it. Sent Lizzie a pan full of lovely roses from our yard.

S. P. C. A. society was organized in Bigelow Chapel this evening.

Friday, May 21, 1886

Beautiful day. Have been busy all day working on Lizzie's dress. Had a letter from John today regarding Will's preparation for College. He sent us a Harvard Catalogue and is anxious that Will should prepare in faith for that course. He and Enos both desire it and will do all they can by prayer and work to ensure him a college education which he also desires with all his heart. I thank God for putting such thought into their hearts and will pray and trust that our hopes may be realized.

A meeting was held and largely attended in our church tonight to consider this question of calling J. O. Blackburn as pastor. All who wrote were in favor of extending a call. Prof. Lowes presided and the meeting was entirely harmonious and pleasant.

Saturday, May 22, 1886

Lovely weather, frequent rains keep the dust settled and vegetation grows rankly.

I finished the light suit for Lizzie today and just before tea went in the buggy with Carl to do some errands. After tea J. W. took the little girls and me out for a little drive. They wanted to go to the cemetery and see Dr. Pratt's grave. We also stopped while I made short calls upon Lake Lewis and Mrs. Lloyd. Libbie Field and children missed the train and will not arrive until 10:30 PM.

Sunday, May 23, 1886

Beautiful day. A hard wind and rain storm passed over the country in the night but we seemed to be only in the edge of the storm belt and escaped serious results.

I went to S. S. hoping to join a Bible class but as no others were there to join me, I was urged to take a class for an absent teacher. Rees Edwards a Portsmouth boy and former S. S. pupil preached both morning and evening for us. He graduated with the last class at Lane Sen.

Monday, May 24, 1886

Beautiful day, the rain of last night made the air cool and clear. I sewed all forenoon altering a whit dress for Margaret and got it ready for Dora to laundry. After dinner I attended the W. R. C. meeting which lasted until 5 PM then went to see Libbie Field and her children. On my way home Margaret overtook me with the horse + buggy and took me out to see Mrs. Selby on an errand. A talk with Mrs. Towne at her gate and a short call over home occupied the rest of the evening. A prefect rainbow circle around the sun was seen by man at noon today.

Tuesday, May 25, 1886

Lovely day and Ma wanted me to drive out to Henley with her to see Lizzie, as Ma leaves next week and will not have another chance soon. We left about 3 PM and found quite a cool wind blowing all the way out. Took the folks quite by surprise and had a very pleasant little visit, but bedtime seemed to come very soon.

Wednesday, May 26, 1886

Delightful day, not so windy as yesterday. We had our breakfast and began to get ready for coming home. Left Henley after 9 AM and came home just as the family had finished dinner. Uncle Jimmie Wood had dined with them. Put away the ironing, did the mending and was busy until the church bell rang the Lizzie + I went to Mr. Reilly's to select paper for the dining room then proceeded to church. Rees Edwards led the meeting.

Thursday, May 27, 1886

Beautiful day. Spent the greater part of the day repapering the dining room above the dado which is good enough as it is. It is much improved be the light fresh paper and the pretty border which is only striped paper split and the total cost in money of ceiling and sides will be less than 2.50 as Mr. fisher put on the new ceiling for nothing, his work having come off.

Friday, May 28, 1886

Beautiful day but somewhat warmer than it has been heretofore. I have been making a white cap for Mary to wear instead of a hat which slips off and is troublesome in church. Also trimmed a new hat for Margaret. Jennie and Elizabeth Greene came on the C. W. B. train this evening. Ma, Jimmie + I met her at the depot. She came to see Ma before the latter leaves for the East and I guess will go with her after all which we all thing a good plan. Went to prayer meeting as usual.

Saturday, May 29, 1886

Weather all that could be asked. A little warmer than it has been still not uncomfortable. Was over home awhile this AM with Jennie then went to the room on 2nd st.

and helped Jill flower baskets awhile. After dinner we attended the Decoration exercises at the cemetery. Mrs. Selby + I being on the same Com. she took me out in her carriage. Lizzie R. took part with some little girls. Rich and his family came to stay over Sabbath with us.

Sunday, May 30, 1886

Lovely weather and we have spent a delightful day. The children all went to S. S. and later Rich + Lizzie, Jennie + I followed them. The girls had not been there for years before, Jennie left in 1875 when she was married. Rev. Rees Edwards, formerly a pupil in our school preached in the AM. Memorial service was held in our church at 3 PM and Mr. Work preached. The exercises were very interesting. In the evening J. W. Lizzie P. little Lizzie R. and I went to hear Mr. Jackson. Rich remained at home. This has been a day we will remember with pleasure.

Monday, May 31, 1886

Weather simply perfect. The forenoon was spent in seeing the friends off. Rich and his family went o early to Mr. Peebles' for a call then came back over home to see Ma and Jennie start. They left between 9 + 10 AM for Winova where they will stop a day or two then will go to Newton, taking little Virginia, and visit the boys and Mary. Rich and his family left just before noon for their home. Elizabeth Greene will stay with her Grandma a few days. Letters from Aunt Betsey.

Tuesday, June 1, 1886

Weather beautiful. Was busy here and there most of the day without accomplishing much of anything. Was over to see Mrs. Connolley in the afternoon. Spent the evening very pleasantly at Mr. Peebles' with Libbie Field and a number of others. The company was in honor of Mrs. Bentley Lloyd, a bride, I should think from the number of young married people present.

Wednesday, June 2, 1886

Two or three showers fell today but it was pleasant never the less. Dora went home to spend a day so I had dinner to prepare.

In the evening we went to church as usual. I wrote William a little birthday letter and sent one to his mother. Grover Cleveland Pres. of U. S was married today to Miss Franklin Folsom of Albany N. Y. It is the first instance of the kind in the history of our country. They were married in the White House.

Thursday, June 3, 1886

A little cloudy but no rain. Temperature delightful. Having the work to do I have not attempted anything else except a little writing. Finished a letter to Mary Warner Moore. Dora did not return on the afternoon train so I could not take up anything in the sewing line.

Margaret, Will and Carl attended the Festival for the Old Ladies Home held at the Palais Rink this evening. We older ones did not go.

Friday, June 4, 1886

Weather pleasant. Was busy with the work until afternoon when Dora returned and relieved me. This is Jno + Mary's Anniversary and I presume Ma, Jennie and Virginia are there helping to celebrate the occasion. Lizzie and I represented the family at prayer meeting. Will was helping at the Festival and Dwight brought Elizabeth to get someone to take her so Margaret gladly accepted the tickets + went. Rich was here after church "en route" to the Rink.

Saturday, June 5, 1886

Quite warm. Was busy here and there about the place all day. Late in the afternoon I went to pay a few little bills and called to see Mrs. Pratt who is packing up to go East. Dwight took Elizabeth home today. After tea J. W. took me and the little girls out driving. Lizzie does not seem at all well.

Sunday, June 6, 1886

Lovely day but warmer than it has been though the early morning was cool enough for fire and warm dresses. I could not go to S. S. ch. this morning as Lizzie seemed quite sick but she improved by noon and after dinner I went to a meeting at 6th street called to consider the interests of the S. S. Schools in Portsmouth. Was very tired and remained at home in the evening.

Monday, June 7, 1886

Cloudy in the morning but no rain fell. Spent all my spare time today darning stockings. After tea I called upon Miss Mary Corton and Mrs. Miller + daughter Clara.

A girl came to the home folks today so I hope Mary will now have an opportunity of getting out a little.

Tuesday, June 8, 1886

Cloudy in the forenoon but bright and very warm the rest of the day. Mary and I were out in the buggy in the morning looking for bonnets. Mrs. Pratt and Uncle Jimmie took dinner with us. She expects to leave here Friday for Louisville and from there goes to Danbury Conn. Finished a letter to Ma. After tea J. W. + Lizzie P. + I drove out to the cemetery with flowers for Mrs. Pratt. L + the boys came in this afternoon to stay until tomorrow.

Wednesday, June 9, 1886

Beautiful morning. A rain last night settled the dust and cleared the atmosphere. Mary + Lizzie were out most of the morning with the buggy while I was busy with a piece of sewing. Did the mending and put away the ironing.

Lizzie and the boys went home at noon. After dinner I was busy with a white linen dress for Margaret. Jennie gave it to her and it must be altered so she can wear it tomorrow evening. Went to church as usual.

Thursday, June 10, 1886

Cloudy and bright by turns. Heavy clouds on every side indicated hard rains nearby. Finished the alterations on Margaret's dress and Dora washed it.

After dinner I went with Carl in the buggy and did some errands then we took Mrs. Jones to the store as she wanted to make some purchases. Margaret attended Commencement Exercises at the Monarch Rink tonight when a class of eleven were graduated. Kate Corton was valedictorian. Dave Raisman stood next + Clara Burns 3rd.

Friday, June 11, 1886

Pleasant. Trimmed my bonnet in the forenoon. After dinner I felt badly and lay down awhile. In the evening J. W. and I went to the Alumni Reunion at the Monarch Rink. It is now twenty years since Emma Spry, Ella Hollman and I graduated from the H. School. Emma died July 8th, 1873. Ella, now Mrs. Fulton, and I were present. Two members of the class of 1840, the first class graduated from P. H. S. were present this evening. Messrs Isaac Broom of Jackson + J. K. Lodwick of Ports. They were seatmates 46 yrs ago and sat together tonight to answer at roll-call. Supt Cox, Miss Emily Ball, Prof Miller + Sparks have charge of the school in '85 + '86.

Saturday, June 12, 1886

Quite warm all day. In the early morning I went with will to see about a suit of clothes. Have not been at all well all day and did little besides some necessary mending. The little girls had company all the forenoon. Lucy + Edith Moore, and Mary Pursell being here. We decided to take a blue flannel suit, a kind of Norfolk jacket with knee pants, cost of both \$4.40. He still prefers short pants though he will be 13 his next birthday.

Sunday, June 13, 1886

Pleasant in the morning though very warm. All day the atmosphere seemed close and late in the afternoon there was quite a wind and rain storm. I was feeling so badly that I did not go out in the afternoon. Uncle Jimmie Wood and Mr. Thompson of Pittsburg took dinner with us. J. W. and Lizzie Ricker went to Bigelow M. E. ch. in the evening. We had no service at our church today. No minister to be had.

Monday, June 14, 1886

Bright nearly all day but before supper a hard rain shower fell. Will began to study Latin today with my help. He wants to learn as much as possible before the Fall term of school. I also had Carl and the little girls learn lessons but Carl is the only one who needs to study.

Tuesday, June 15, 1886

Carl's birthday has not been celebrated in any way but we expect to go to Henley tomorrow and take him so that will give him some pleasure. In the afternoon I went to the Reading Room to attend a Committee meeting of S. S. teachers, called to consult about the school and what can be done to improve it.

Wednesday, June 16, 1886

Rained in the morning early but we decided to go to Henley anyway as we had planned. Took Carl and drove out. The woods were not so muddy as might have been expected. We were caught in a hard shower before reaching H. but had plenty of protection and did not get wet. Took the folks by surprise and had a good visit. After tea we took a pleasant walk.

Thursday, June 17, 1886

Rainy all the forenoon so we could not walk out. Lizzie and I sewed on her dress until nearly noon. After dinner we gathered up our things and started home. It did not rain in the afternoon so we had a delightful drive. Turned aside and drove up the canal to Rushtown where J. W. had a little business. Was tired when we reached home and retired early. Found the children all well and everything going on smoothly.

Friday, June 18, 1886

Pleasant. I wrote to Lizzie this morning as it is her birthday. Mary has given Margaret and me some very nice new underclothes this week. Some she made especially for us. Libbie Field and her baby Charlie called to see us this morning and soon after Mrs. Greene came a few minutes.

John and Mary's son arrived today, celebrating Lizzie Peebles' birthday. Called at Mrs. C. P. Lloyd's, Mrs. Murphy's, Mrs. Ella Lloyd's, Libbie Field's, Mrs. Peebles + Mrs. Geo Johnson's to see Katie Johnson Shepherd.

Saturday, June 19, 1886

Lovely day. J. W. and the two boys drove up to Franklin F'ce and took Jennie's horse to Mrs. Gould's. They had other business also. I spent the day over home and made a dress waist for Mary, Barton was there to dinner also. In the afternoon Rich + his family came to spend Sunday. Margaret kept all the children at our house and had the four Peebles Elizabeth + Edward Greene, Lucy and Edith Moore besides our own little girls. Barton + his children took tea with us.

Ruth Holmes came in with L. P. and will not return.

Hattie Jones came tonight.

Sunday, June 20, 1886

Showery and pleasant. Could not get ready for S S. but went to church and heard Rev. H. H. Wells preach a good sermon and again we heard him in the evening. With his wife and child he is spending a day or two with his brother M. B. Wells. Mr. Wells read from the pulpit Rev. J. I. Blackburn's letter of acceptance in answer to the call extended by our church and promises (N. P. P.) to be here by Aug. 1st.

Monday, June 21, 1886

Delightful weather. No dust, no heat. Barton took Elizabeth and Edward home today. He and Dwight were here before dinner. J. W. and the boys drove to Harrisonville and came home before tea. Rich went home but L. and the children will remain until Wed. Dora Thompson from our house and Mary's girl Katie Morton also went home so there has been quite a moving among us.

Margaret + I had letters from Ma telling of the arrival of a son in the home of John + Mary Warner Moore. John Warner Moore, born at Newton Mass, today.

Tuesday, June 22, 1886

Rainy nearly all day. Mary has been preparing for her company. Libbie and Flora Field, Jimmie Margaret and I were invited to tea. L. and her children are there already. I went out in the rain and gathered a beautiful large bunch of Hermosa roses and sent them to Mrs. Peebles for the table.

Wednesday, June 23, 1886

Rainy, not all the time but frequent hard shower. It is a hard season on farmers. They have no weather suitable for harvesting their wheat. Did the usual weekly mending only there was an unusual amount of it to be done. It took me until supper time. Lizzie and her children went home this noon and tomorrow the girls, Margaret + Flora will go out. Rained so I was afraid to go to church as I cough at night. Wrote to Ma today.

Thursday, June 24, 1886

Rained last night but was bright this morning rained again in the afternoon. Margaret and Flora Field went on the noon train to Henley to visit Lizzie a few days. Libbie was down to see me in the morning. I sewed all day and made Will two new undershirts.

Friday, June 25, 1886

Unusually stormy. All dark clouds have been moving about on every side of us and occasionally a hard shower fell. Will started about 8 o'clock to ride horse back to Henley and we had a card from him after dinner stating that he reached there safely at 11:30 AM. I have been busy with mending and Carl's lessons all day. He finds it hard to apply himself so a short lesson lasts a long time. Could not get to prayer meeting owing to the rain and my cough. Lizzie Ricker wrote a letter to her new cousin. J. W. Moore, probably the first one he has received.

Saturday, June 26, 1886

Pleasant in the forenoon but rained again after dinner. Hattie went home to spend Sunday. A letter from Ma says Jennie left Newton for home on the 23rd so she is probably there by this time. The frequent rains keep the grass green and the flowers doing beautifully. Our double white holly hocks are as handsome as any flower that grows.

Sunday, June 27, 1886

One of the rainiest days I remember in all my life. A steady down pour al last night and today. Carl and the two little girls went to S. S. and as there was no service at our church Lizzie and her father went to Bigelow to hear Mr. Jackson. They went again in the evening notwithstanding the rain. I have not been at all well so did not venture out besides I had all the work to do anyway.

Monday, June 28, 1886

Still cloudy but it cleared off later in the day. I was busy with the kitchen work and Carl's lessons all the forenoon. In the afternoon I attended the regular meeting of the W. R. C. Began a letter to Ma after my return.

Hattie came back this afternoon. We hear nothing from the young people at Henley but suppose they are having a pleasant time.

Tuesday, June 29, 1886

A whole day without rain, clear and bright. It has been weeks since we have had such a one. While Carl was learning his lesson I went up street to do two or three little errands. Came home and heard his lessons before dinner. Four small cottages below us on 5th street are being vacated this week, they are to be moved away and a large Catholic school built on the ground they now occupy. I wrote to Jennie and Mrs. Bond, also finished a letter to Ma. After dinner I went to see Mrs. Floyd Smith and Libbie Field.

Wednesday, June 30, 1886

Weather delightful, bright and warm. Was occupied with a little extra cleaning in the parlor. Therza Spry called to invite Margaret to a little picnic tomorrow. In the afternoon Mrs. Duke called and invited J. W. and me to tea at their house tomorrow evening. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Titus called. Margaret did not come home today. Lizzie and her boys came in with Flora Field and will stay all night with Mary.

Thursday, July 1, 1886

Rainy again but not unpleasant. Lizzie went home at noon. I went to inquire about Flora who was not well when she came yesterday. In the evening we went to Mr. Duke's and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Their entertainments are always nice. Libbie, her parent ad children were present besides quite a number of others.

Libbie took our Lizzie + Ma out home with her to spend their 4th and make a little vacation visit.

Friday, July 2, 1886

Pleasant. Have been making a little preparation today for our company tomorrow. Did my usual Saturday sweeping today. In the afternoon I put up the lace curtains in the parlor after which Jimmie drove down to the farm with Carl and me and got some apples. J. W. Will + I went to prayer meeting. Wrote to Mother Ricker after our return.

Miss the little girls very much.

Saturday, July 3, 1886

Pleasant though pretty warm. Many are celebrating the 4th today by going to picnic but none of us leave home at such times. Our little girls are enjoying their 4th with Lizzie and her children on the Camp ground lately occupied by the party from town. Libbie, her Father + Mother, little boy Charlie, Pa and Mary took tea with us and we had a very pleasant evening though it was short as the guests were late coming on account of Flora's being sick and unable to come. I wish Ma could have been here. Will's silk worm moths are out and beginning to lay eggs. They are beautiful white creatures and live without eating.

Sunday, July 4, 1886

Pleasant though warm.

I did not venture out today as I was obliged to go out to church last morning I was there. Rev. Mr. Robinson of Ironton preached for us twice and his sermons were excellent so they said. It is now a little doubtful about Mr. B.'s coming after all as his people refuse to let him preach his farewell sermon.

Monday, July 5, 1886

Quite warm and bright. Did the usual morning work then got dinner for Hattie as she is not well enough to do all the work. Wrote to Margaret. Pieced quilt pieces all afternoon and now have enough to commence putting them together, want to finish it if possible for Margaret's birthday. After tea Mary + I called to see Mrs. Smith, there Prof. Lowes' sister Mrs. Irvin. G. A. R. post met at their new hall on 3rd st. for the first time this evening. Wrote to Ma.

Tuesday, July 6, 1886

Bright and warm. Helped Mary make candy for Libbie Field, in the forenoon. Had Will begin again on his Latin and Carl on his Arithmetic, they have had a three days' vacation from lessons.

After dinner Bessie Hall came to visit Mary a few days. She is a very lovely girls, one whom we all greatly admire.

Wednesday, July 7, 1886

Warm. My present work is to finish a quilt begun as much as a year ago. Laid it aside long enough to do the weekly mending today. Could not go to prayer meeting as I cough too hard. Rec'd a package of photos from Mrs. Bond today, all the members of her family, Mrs. O. S. herself, Harvey, Eva Mabel, and Walter Carlton.

Thursday, July 8, 1886

Weather quite warm. Went down street in the morning, took Mrs. Smith some handsome roses, called at the photo gallery and then paid a bill at Mr. Connolley's. Spent the rest of the day sewing on the quilt. In the evening I went again to take a book to Mrs. Smith and

made quite a visit as she had no other caller at the time. She is very lonely and a great sufferer. Wrote to Mrs. Bond thanking her for the family photos. Dr. Kline called to see about my cough.

Friday, July 9, 1886

Warm and dusty. Have sewed busily on the quilt nearly all day and finished piecing it. Bessie Hall was over and made me a little visit this morning. I was very tired from my day's work and as I could not attend prayer meeting owing to my cough, I asked Jimmie to take me out in the buggy a little while. Came home and was just beginning to prepare for bed when Rich came in and talked until 11 o'clock. We had a very pleasant visit.

Saturday, July 10, 1886

Very warm and dry. Have not been at all well but managed to do the usual housework and then went to preparatory lecture in the afternoon.

Afterwards went to do some errands but the stores were full and I was too tired to await my turns so came home. After tea took a little drive and while the boys were having their turn, I called Gussie Halderman a few minutes. The first of four little cottages to be removed from below us passed our house this noon. Bessie went home from Mary's today.

Sunday, July 11, 1886

Very warm. I was not well enough to go to church, was lying down most of the day but dressed and went to Communion in the afternoon. Rev. E. P. Adams preached today and conducted the afternoon service. No accessions to the church. In the evening J. W. and the boys went to the 2nd church.

Monday, July 12, 1886

Weather warm and dry.

Have felt better today than yesterday. Mary and I went to do a few errands, see a wonderful lily in Mrs. Titus' yard and bid Libbie Field good-bye as she goes away tomorrow. Will leave Flora here for the present/ After dinner Mary gave me a dozen new linen collars which she made for me and then we began quilting the quilt I piece for Margaret.

Tuesday, July 13, 1886

Pleasant though if it were not for the breeze it would be very warm. I spent most of the day with Mary holding the work for her as she was quilting my quilt on the machine. The train from Henley was late so we were almost done when the folks came home, the three girls, Lizzie and her boys. We managed to keep Margaret busy until the quilt was put away so she did not see it.

Wednesday, July 14, 1886

Pleasant. Lizzie and Mary were doing errands this morning early then I gave Margaret material for making chocolate creams to out with the candy for her Papa's birthday box. We managed to get the quilt all done except binding. I did not go to church in the evening but Lizzie

went with J. W. and the children in my place. It rained in the afternoon. I helped the little girls + John prepare presents for Dwight as it is his birthday.

Thursday, July 15, 1886

Pleasant for after the shower of yesterday. We had a nice box of candy for J. W.'s birthday and think he will enjoy it as much as anyone could. I was very busy all day and did not get over home until after tea when I went and basted the binding on Margaret's quilt. It is hard to tell where so much of the time goes still it seems to go and leave very little behind in the way of accomplished work.

Friday, July 16, 1886

Beautiful day. Margaret packed our baggage and got Carl, Mary and myself ready to go home with Lizzie and her children. L. came in to take me out with her for a little visit and so we got ready and left on the noon train. J. W. took me to the depot in the buggy but the others rode out in the back. Rich came on the next train from Cin and we hope to have a pleasant visit together.

Saturday, July 17, 1886

Quite warm all day and in the evening quite a thunder shower came up. A new set of croquet was brought out today, also an ice cream freezer so we had a game of croquet before tea and made ice cream in the evening for tomorrow. I wrote long letters to Mary and Margaret in the afternoon in response to one I had from Mary at noon.

Sunday, July 18, 1886

Warm and pleasant.

The entire day being spent without Sabbath service of any kind at church made it rather a long day and I missed J. W. and the children still the day was pleasant. Enjoyed the music in the evening but could not sing as it makes me cough.

Monday, July 19, 1886

Bright and pleasant though very foggy in the morning. Wrote to J. W. to Lizzie and Ma. Did some darning and bought at the store materials for some waists for the boys which I hope to make this week. A postal from J. E. said Jennie Carson's baby Carl died yesterday. He was a fine child and am sorry for his parents.

Tuesday, July 20, 1886

Pleasant though the sun was quite hot.

Lizzie planned a little picnic over at the deserted Cam ground and just as we were ready to start, J. W. and Lizzie drove out so we had their company and were very glad of it. We took the croquet and put in most of our time playing while the children waded or played in the creek. It began to rain before the wagon came for us and we got sprinkled but the hard rain came later.

Wednesday, July 21, 1886

Quite pleasant this morning after the rain but still warm. Jimmie and Lizzie left for home soon after breakfast. Lizzie and I sewed on some shirts for Carl, the material for which I bought over at the store. I enjoy I enjoy running the new machine. It was a birthday present from Rich. Is one of the latest improved Singers in which the works all drop through an opening in the table and when covered it looks like a handsome desk. Lizzie is not able to run it herself at all.

Thursday, July 22, 1886

Warm and bright. I cut out Will's waists and sewed industriously on them until late in the afternoon when L. proposed a walk up to the quarry on the hill. The walk was pleasant and we all enjoyed it very much. I was quite tired though before I started. The lessons and the writing which seems absolutely necessary, are a fair day's work for all the strength I have.

Friday, July 23, 1886

Warm and dry.

Have sewed on Will's waists today and finished them all but the buttons, with L's help. She made the button holes. After our work was laid aside we went out to play croquet awhile. Rich came from the store and Mrs. Hill had been asked to come so she came and I gave my mallet to her so Rich, Mrs. Hill, Lizzie + May played one game which lasted until supper time. L. was taken very sick just at the table and had to go to bed. Rich sent to Otway to telegram for the Dr.

Saturday, July 24, 1886

Warm. We spent a quiet day. Dr. came out on the early freight train to see Lizzie and had to stay until the afternoon passenger train. Left medicine and directions for Lizzie and we hope she will now get along. I finished off Will's two waists and sent them in by Dr. McClure.

I have made four since I came out.

Sunday, July 25, 1886

Warm and close. There was preaching at the church more than a mile over the hill but I was not able to walk so far. Lizzie was in bed all day and left badly most of the time but towards the evening she felt better. I went to bed very early. Hattie came out from our house to attend her sister Jennie's funeral service held at the church where Mr. + Mrs. Herder went and saw her. Jennie died last spring but these country funerals are often delayed.

Monday, July 26, 1886

Very hot and close.

Spent the morning with Carl's lessons, letters to Enos and Mary and Jimmie. Hemmed a table cloth for Lizzie and mended baby's lace cap. After dinner we prepared some scraps of woolen goods and began a Japanese quilt. L. was in bed all day but sat up and sewed after 4 o'clock. Together we made five blocks. It rained hard late in the afternoon.

Tuesday, July 27, 1886

Still warm but a little more pleasant after the rain. The entire forenoon was taken up with Carl's lessons and my writing. I wrote to Ma, Mary and Jimmie. Lizzie and I decided to go together to town tomorrow.

Wednesday, July 28, 1886

Quite hot. After breakfast and lessons I went to work on the patch work and finished up the squares begun and when the train came we had fifteen squares ready for the silk famay (?) stitches. As Lizzie has been sick and I have spent so much time with lessons and letters we think we have done well. Rich and all his family except Margaret came with Carl, May and me to town on the afternoon train. Jimmie Lizzie R + I went to church in the evening. Mr. Blackburn was to come on the late train + be here tomorrow for the picnic.

Thursday, July 29, 1886

Bright, pleasant day but very warm. The great Union Picnic composed of all the S. Schools in town was held at Peebles' Park today. About 2600 people being present. None of us went. I was not able and Lizzie Peebles was sick up at Mr. P's so Mary + I went up and stayed all the forenoon with her. Lizzie R's eighth birthday has been most happy. A little bell from Mary, a dime from Hattie and one from me bearing the date 1841 her father's birth year, dress from Aunt Mary B. Moore, play house from Margaret + Will + many other little treats. In the evening we took her with us to see the Riggs family.

Friday, July 30, 1886

Very warm with slight rain in the afternoon while we were at Buena Vista. This is Grandmother Moore's birthday, 93 years old. In the morning J. W. and I loosened two sides of the bed room carpet and stretched it again so it now covers the floor. It was hard work but I wanted it done. Pa had planned to go and see Grandma at Aunt Maria's. The boat was late, did not leave until 1 PM so Margaret, being my eldest child, and I being my father's eldest followed him to the boat and made the visit with him, returning on the little steamer Handy.

Saturday, July 31, 1886

Very warm. I did not rise until nearly nine o'clock as I was so tired from my exertions yesterday. Went over home to see Lizzie and while I was there Mary Peebles came in to see her also. At this time, Jno, Wm and Elizabeth are here with our children and having a lovely time. Lizzie and her children went to Mr. Peebles' to stay over Sunday. Margaret paid the bills for Mary and helped L. get ready to go. After tea I went up to the stores on Chillicothe st. and then to Dr. Ellis'.

Sunday, August 1, 1886

Cloudy with a slight rain. Rev. J. I. Blackburn preached his first sermon as our pastor this morning. I went through hardly able to do so. Congregation large and much pleased with the sermon. After dinner I had to go to Dr. Ellis for treatment as she leaves the early part of the

week and I was needing it badly. Came home and soon began to feel very badly. Was obliged to miss the evening service though very sorry to do so.

Monday, August 2, 1886

The rain of last night cooled the air, settled the dust and made it all delightful for the drive to Winova which J. W. Will and Carl started on at about 7 o'clock this AM. I was to have gone but was not able to rise this morning. The treatment I took yesterday has laid me up. Lizzie and her children came down and spent the forenoon here before going home with me. They are moving to Minneapolis, Minn.

Tuesday, August 3, 1886

Weather simply charming. Just delightful for the drive J. W. and the boys are having. Had a card from them today at Hamden. Am still unable to sit up though a little better than yesterday. Immediately after dinner Mary Murphy called to see me and after she left Aunts Maria McCall and Mary B. Moore came to see me. I wrote a card to the folks.

Wednesday, August 4, 1886

Weather unusually cool and pleasant for the season. I am still in bed. Pa came in to see me after dinner and late in the afternoon Mrs. Emma Voorheis called. I was very sorry to miss church this evening as it was Mr. B's first Wednesday meeting. No one could go from here except Margaret and Lizzie. Soon after they left Mrs. Jno Nichols came in and with me until almost 8:30 o'clock. Had a postal from J. W. who says they reached Winova safely yesterday afternoon and found all well.

Thursday, August 5, 1886

Weather delightful. So cool that I keep a comfort drawn over me as I lie in bed. Am still unable to sit up except a few minutes at a time while in bed.

Clara Pursell came in after dinner and made me a nice long call. Before she left her little Mae came with the children in a petition for her to remain in to tea. A Reception was given Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn at the church this evening but none of us could go.

Friday, August 6, 1886

Another lovely day. I have sat up in bed and done a little sewing for Mary, helped her with a lawn basque. Margaret is fifteen yrs old today. Aunt Mary remembered her as usual, gave her toilette mats for her room and has almost finished one she has begun and Mary + I quilted it on the machine. Mrs. Miller, Minnie's mother, made me a nice long call this afternoon. It rained in the evening. No one went to prayer meeting much to my regret.

Saturday, August 7, 1886

Lovely day after the rain of last night. Have not felt so well today, will not be able to be up to meet J. W. + the boys when they come this evening. The folks returned about the middle of the afternoon, much earlier than I had expected them. Carl did not come home with Will +

his father. He stayed to come home next week when Ma comes as she reached Winova yesterday on her way home.

Sunday, August 8, 1886

Pleasant. I was still unable to be up this morning. All the children except Carl went to S. S. and afterwards to church. I spent the entire day in bed. Uncle Jimmie was here as usual in the afternoon and took tea with us.

Monday, August 9, 1886

Weather lovely rather warmer than it has been. I have not been able to sit up any yet, except in bed a little while at a time. Did some basting on May's dress for Margaret who is making her a calico dress, also some mending on J. W.'s coat and Will's pants. After tea Mrs. Towne called and made a pleasant little visit.

Tuesday, August 10, 1886

Weather warm. Still in bed. Have had a number of callers.

First Clara Pursell came, then Mary Peebles. Later Uncle Jimmie with Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn. After tea J. W. took the children out riding and while they were gone Mrs. Greene + Dwight came then Beatrice and Same Moore. The latter two came to invite Margaret + Will to a picnic Thursday but it is not probable that they can go.

Wednesday, August 11, 1886

Warm and dry. Was in bed until supper. J. W. Will and Lizzie went to church in the evening. We had expected Ma this evening but had a letter saying she would not be here until Friday. Mrs. L. N. Robinson died today at Mrs. Gaylord's house where she has been sick ever since the close of the Riggs family Reunion two weeks ago. It is a sad ending for some of the family.

Thursday, August 12, 1886

Very warm and dry. Was in bed until afternoon when I dressed and wrote to Mother Ricker and had just commenced a letter to Jennie Greene when Uncle Jimmie came and made a long visit. Soon after he left Sadie Crossley came and made a long visit. She came down to Mrs. Robinson's funeral. I am better today and sister Mary is still neither of us very well.

Friday, August 13, 1886

Rained in the night and a little this morning, settling the dust and making it more pleasant. I dressed in time to go to dinner and then did a little towards straightening up the house. All the forenoon I lay in bed and did some mending. Lizzie and the boys came in on the afternoon train + went out at 5 o'clock, from Winova. Carl came with the. Mrs. Prescott called. Mrs. L. N. Robinson was buried today.

Saturday, August 14, 1886

Lovely morning. J. W. took Miss Helen out for a drive and did not return until noon. Ma came over and sat all the forenoon with me as I am still in bed. In the evening J. W. took Ma out to the 5 o'clock train on the C. + E. road and she went to spend Sabbath with Lizzie whom she just missed seeing yesterday.

Sunday, August 15, 1886

Pleasant though quite warm. Mrs. Blackburn went to Ironton to assist in the dedication of the Pres. church then and the installation of Mr. Robinson his friend as pastor of the church. We had no service consequently. Mr. Work is taking his vacation and none was held at the 2nd P. Mr. Jackson is at Camp meeting but Pres. Elder Westervelt preached at Bigelow so J. W. and the children went there. I was up part of the day. Uncle Sam was here in the evening.

Monday, August 16, 1886

Cloudy all forenoon with hard rain before dinner. Miss Helen spent part of the forenoon with me. She is kind to come often since I have not been able to go to see her since she came. Letter from Mrs. Bond.

O got out my silk quilt squares and began embroidering them as I cannot do much and that is light work.

Ma, Lizzie and the children came in on the afternoon train and were over to see m. Mrs. Lowes was here also. In the evening Bertie Spry, Flora Field Essie Cochran and Isabel Murray came to see Margaret.

Tuesday, August 17, 1886

Rained in the night and all the forenoon. However Margaret got ready and went with Lizzie and the children to Winova, leaving at noon via S. V. R. R. It cleared off after dinner and was beautiful.

I was in bed nearly all day but am really getting better. The home folks come often.

Wednesday, August 18, 1886

Lovely day, cool and clear. Arose before dinner and afterwards had a visit from Ma + Helen then walked over home for a while. Had a short drive before supper. Am feeling much better. Wrote to Jennie.

Ma + Helen went with J. W. and the children to church and I went early to bed.

Thursday, August 19, 1886

Pleasant weather.

I did not rise very early but was up most of the day. Too long for my strength. Cousin Sadie Crossley was here after dinner and I asked her to come again to tea when she had made her calls. She did so and I had sent for Uncle Jimmie and asked Helen to come over so we had a little tea party.

Friday, August 20, 1886

Bright and warm. Did not arise this morning until late then Helen brought me some peaches which Ma had prepared with some other things and we had a little lunch together. Afterwards she read about the Blennerhasset family while I made button holes in some collars. Florance Crossley was here to tea. Was sorry Margaret was away. J. W. Carl + Lizzie went to prayer meeting. Had letter from Enos.

Saturday, August 21, 1886

Cloudy in the morning but very warm and bright after dinner. The circus procession was on the streets this AM so we took time to look at it then I went over home and made button holes until nearly dinner time, have made all now in a day new collars which Mary made for me.

In the evening J. W. took the little girls and me out for a drive and while passing the circus tents we saw Dwight with Edward and Elizabeth G. Later in the evening Helen R. went with J. W. to take a ride.

Sunday, August 22, 1886

Warm with a very hard rain in the afternoon. I was unable to go out to church. This is Will's birthday, Mary gave him a book, Reminiscences of A. Lincoln. After evening service Helen and Rich came to inquire after me.

Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Monday, August 23, 1886

Cloudy and showery in the forenoon. I have been able to do a little work today and found plenty of mending awaiting me. After dinner went over home with some work but Mr. Bierce came on the C + E train so I did not work much until I came home. Helen came and read while I mended Carl's pants. After tea I walked up to see Mrs. Blackburn and later Helen and I went to Clara Pursell's gate on an errand.

Tuesday, August 24, 1886

Cloudy in the morning but clear later. I spent most of this day over home. Mr. Bierce wanted to have a Bible reading on Ephesians so I went over to it. The folks invited us + Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn to tea and after tea Mr. Nichols + Prof Lowes were in to see Mr. Bierce. We had another Bible reading on Hebrews this time then some singing.

Wednesday, August 25, 1886

Warm but pleasant.

As Mr. Bierce was to leave on the noon train we did not try to do anything until after he was gone.

After dinner, which Helen shared with us, we read and sewed and talked, then in the evening Helen went to prayer meeting with J. W. and Lizzie.

Thursday, August 26, 1886

Bright and very warm.

Dr. Kline called this AM to see if I needed any change in my medicine. Am much better. Have sewed all day mending different articles, among them Margaret's white dress. Helen took dinner with us and spent the afternoon here. Ma and Mary were out. Mary + Helen took tea with Prof + Mrs. Lowes. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Friday, August 27, 1886

Warm and bright. I had some errands to do down street so Helen went with me. We called to see Maggie Mason and her mother while out. I went later, alone to see Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary. Spent most of the afternoon over home helping on Helen's white dress which Ma + Mary gave her for a birthday present. In the evening she went with us to prayer meeting.

Saturday, August 28, 1886

Very warm. Have been very busy all day. There were two dresses to be altered before being washed and a skirt to be made for Lizzie to wear tomorrow. I accomplished all I undertook except finishing Mary's dress which needs more trimming in order to lengthen it properly. Was quite tired in the evening. J. W. had headache and could not take us out to see the big tent as he had expected. Has worked there nearly all this week. Fannie Moore Geiger has a son.

Sunday, August 29, 1886

Very warm. The children, except Carl, went to S. S. Then with us to church, and Ma went with us also. Helen Robinson celebrates her birthday today but in a quiet way of course. Enos sent her a beautiful Bible. I wanted a little book for her but did not succeed in getting it. Went to church in the evening. Like Mr. Blackburn very much.

Monday, August 30, 1886

Rained last night and was showery today. Was busy all forenoon in the back room upstairs where the children had played until everything was upside down. After dinner I went to the W. R. C. meeting, my first attendance since occupying the new hall. A remarkable event of the day was the invitation as a member of Mrs. Elizabeth Kendall whose 79th birthday this or rather completes her 79 year. A very active energetic old lady and a devoted friend of soldiers. Mary Cook of Cin was over home to tea and I saw her there.

Tuesday, August 31, 1886

Delightfully cool and pleasant. Have been busy all day doing little troublesome things which do not show when done.

Flora Field left Ports. Today for New York and Saturday will sail for Liverpool, her home being in London. Bertie Spry + Isabel Murray came down and joined with Margaret in writing her a letter to be read on shipboard.

Great Earthquake in U. D. Shock here first at 9:20 PM and again 15 min later. The first I ever felt.

Wednesday, September 1, 1886

Little is talked of today but the earthquake which occurred last night. No mention was in the Tribune as it was too late for that and the Cin papers could get no particulars from Charleston S. C. because of the broken communication. Miss Emma Bell was here in the forenoon. I was sewing nearly all day. About 4 PM Ma, Mary Helen + I rode down tot eh farm. I was so troubled with my cold that I could not enjoy it.

Thursday, September 2, 1886

Foggy and cool in the morning so we had fire in the sitting room but when the sun we well up it became warm enough. In the afternoon Mary and Helen went over on the hills with some young people. Ma spent the afternoon with me and helped fit a basque for Margaret. Clara Pursell called and made me a pleasant visit. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Friday, September 3, 1886

Cool enough for fire in the morning and warm during the day. Have been busy sewing on a dress I am making over for Margaret. J. W. is still busy at the Reunion grounds which are now almost ready for the meeting next week.

Letter from Jennie Ricker saying she cannot stop on her way East. Could not go to prayer meeting being too tired. News of the great Earthquake still fills the papers. It was appalling and the shocks still continued in S. Carolina though less severe.

Saturday, September 4, 1886

Weather continues good and the preparations for the Reunion go on in every direction. People are beginning to arrive already. Late this evening J. W. took Margaret and me out to see the Campgrounds. The great tent it nearly ready for the meeting. The news of the earthquake still fills the papers and the shocks continue at intervals though much lighter and like other great excitements, it is gradually passing away.

Sunday, September 5, 1886

Warm, bright and pleasant. We all went to church in the forenoon. The children had gone to S. S. but Carl returned and said his lesson to me.

Mr. Blackburn continues to give up earnest practical sermons.

Monday, September 6, 1886

Weather pleasant. Everybody is getting ready for the Reunion of the Army of W. Va which was held here last year also.

This evening I went with father and Mother to call upon Col. Gilruth and wife, formerly this afternoon bringing her baby and Lizzie came on the late train with three of her children.

Tuesday, September 7, 1886

Weather bright and warm. Town filling up with people. The Trades display this afternoon was a large one. It was the opening of the Reunion. Uncle Jimmie came to tea with us and joined the party which went to the great tent in the evening. Rich took the whole party. Ex-president Hayes, wife and daughter are here and several other noted Genls will be here. Genls Crook, Sheridan and Powell among the number.

Wednesday, September 8, 1886

Cloudless and warm.

Helen stayed all night with us last night as Jennie's baby was asleep over home and could not be moved without waking. I went this morning to attend a meeting of the W. R. C. called to meet Mrs. Battels the Dep't President. After an early dinner Helen and Jennie, Rich, Jno, Wm, Elizabeth, Lizzie, May + I went to the Camp ground and Helen remained with us to eat the supper we sent Will home to get. The others came back after supper, the older ones only. There are good crowds of people we think and the Reunion is another success.

Thursday, September 9, 1886

Weather dry and warm, a little but no rain. Went to the Reunion grounds about 4 PM and remained until 10. Had our supper there in picnic style. Jennie and Helen took supper with us, Rich, Lizzie and the boys came after having their supper and all spent the evening in the tent. Some of the speeches and poems were good, the music is good and altogether it is very pleasant though it grows tiresome before the end of the evening comes. Paid 10.00 to settle pew rent and got receipt for 1 quarter in advance.

Helen stayed all night here.

Friday, September 10, 1886

Weather cooler, dry and warm, but a pleasant breeze is stirring. Last day of the Reunion, Rich, Lizzie and the boys went home this noon and Jennie left the house after dinner to go home but decided to wait until Monday owing to the irregularity of the trains and the crowded cars. Helen stayed all night with Margaret again last night.

Saturday, September 11, 1886

The rains of yesterday and last night settled the dust, cooled the air and made this a most delightful day. I have been trying to get the hats in order for school next week, the books gathered up and things made ready for school. Jennie went up to Mrs. Greene's to spend a day or two. J. W. took Helen a delightful drive after tea. The moon is full and every circumstance was favorable for such an occasion.

Sunday, September 12, 1886

Rained in the night a little and the children went to S. S. under umbrellas. We all went to church and heard an excellent sermon on Burden-bearing from three short texts. "Bear your own burdens" Bear ye one another's burdens, least your burdens on the lord." In the evening

Helen went with us and the text was "For we shall all appear before the judgement seat of Christ" the theme being suggested by the recent Earthquake and more recent Reunion.

Monday, September 13, 1886

A lovely morning and a very busy one. The children all went back to school. Margaret into the C + Will into the D, classes of the High School. Carl to Miss Lynn's room, Lizzie to Miss Bishop and May to Miss Young. Miss Helen Robinson went to Henley on the noon train and J. W. little Mary + I went to see her off. After dinner Ma, Mary + I went to the train with Jennie Greene who left the via C. W. B. for her home so we now feel the Reunion is about over.

Tuesday, September 14, 1886

Beautiful weather, cooler than last week and no dust.

Ma and I went to do some errands and while out called to see Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Floyd Smith, three pleasant calls. After dinner I sewed on skirts for Lizzie until tea time. After tea helped Will with his Algebra. The children all start very well and seem to be glad school is opened again.

Wednesday, September 15, 1886

A light drizzle in the morning turned to a steady rain before noon. It is fortunate the Reunion was held last week instead of this. J. w. is rejoicing that the tents are all packed away ready for transportation. He has had hard work for the past three weeks.

Thursday, September 16, 1886

Beautiful day. Mary came over this morning to say she had received a telegram from Jno who said he would be in Ports. tonight. Jimmie and I went up to call on Mrs. Smith and the children then came home and waited until train time when we drove out to meet John and brought him home.

Friday, September 17, 1886

Pleasant weather. The first school week is ended and the children seem quite settled as though there had been no vacation. We went to prayer meeting in the evening and had to hurry home as it was quite threatening over in the west.

We visited with John today and did not try to do much else.

Saturday, September 18, 1886

Beautiful day. After breakfast Jimmie asked me to go to the farm with him but as John came in for a little visit we decided to wait until afternoon. Ma and John went to Henley, on the noon train. We had our drive in the afternoon and enjoyed it very much. The children were invited up to gather Uncle Jimmie's walnuts.

Sunday, September 19, 1886

Showery all afternoon and before supper we had a very hard rain storm. I went to S. S. and spent the hour in Mr. Blackburn's Bible class. About twenty persons were present, several being old and gray-haired. It rained during the morning service. Subject for morning was the New Song mentioned in Rev. In the evening it was How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation.

Monday, September 20, 1886

Cool and pleasant since the rain. Did the usual Monday work for Hattie then spent the rest of the time mending. Just before tea I walked up to see Uncle Jimmie. Stopped at Mrs. Blackburn's but she was not in.

J. w. wanted me to take a little ride so with the children we went out the Gallia road. Mary spent a very pleasant birthday thought she had few presents.

Tuesday, September 21, 1886

Cool enough for fire which was kept up all day in the sitting room. John was over in the forenoon. After dinner I began altering Margaret's garnet cashmere dress which is too short. Took a drive before supper. The weather and roads are just right for delightful drives. Russell Tewksbury + Minnie Johnson are to be married this evening.

Wednesday, September 22, 1886

Pleasant. Spent the forenoon, yes most of the day getting Margaret's cashmere dress on the band again, then I had to fix the blue gingham over as it was too short. Lizzie and her boys came in with Miss Robinson on the 2:30 PM train. J. W. took L + the boys to the 5:30 train in the buggy, and they went home again. We went to lecture in the evening.

Thursday, September 23, 1886

Showery all day. Put away the ironing and did various things in the morning. After dinner Helen + I went to visit Carl, Lizzie + Mary at their schools. It was a rainy afternoon so Mary did not care to make calls + we used the time in that way then made a long call at Mrs. Floyd Smith's in the rain to call upon Lulu McCene Bradley who now lives in Alleghany Penn. She was one of the girls in my young days. Bart went home after dinner. Was here in the forenoon.

Friday, September 24, 1886

A warm day and one which has been busy in a certain way. The early morning was cool and I wore a heavy dress which almost made me sick before I got home from school. Miss Helen and I went to the H. S. and spent the forenoon listening to recitations. Called upon Kate Crichton at the close of school but she was out, so H. came home to dinner with me. After dinner we returned the calls of Maggie + Mary Peebles Mrs. Lowes, Mrs. Graham, + Mrs. Connolley. John came over and slept at our house as cousin of Pa's is over home and they have

no spare room left. We all went to prayer meeting and afterwards Margaret finished the evening at Minnie Miller's.

Saturday, September 25, 1886

Very warm again, the sun seems almost scorching hot. Spent the morning at my usual duties then went to the store and bought a little muslin from which I made underwear for Will in the afternoon. After dinner J. W. took all our children and miss Robinson out in an express to see if they could find any pan-pans.

Sunday, September 26, 1886

Rained but not all day. Children all went to S. S. Helen slept here last night and went home after breakfast to go with the folks to ch. They have another extra guest, a cousin of Pa's, Mr. Wesley Moore I think. Helen came back to tea with us and being tired from walking with Pa to the Cemetery, she and Margaret retired earl. J. W. + I went to p-n. with Uncle Jimmie and came home with us.

Monday, September 27, 1886

Looked like rain most of the day and early in the morning it rained hard again in the evening but Hattie managed to dry the clothes between rains. Did my usual Monday work and visited over home as much as I could since Helen expects to leave for home tomorrow.

She was here several times today.

Tuesday, September 28, 1886

The weather is lovely, just right for traveling and John and Miss Helen R. left at noon on the S. V. R. for Boston with every prospect for a delightful trip.

After seeing them off I came home and ripped up my day dress to wash and make over. Got it all ready to begin sewing on before night.

Wednesday, September 29, 1886

Pleasant. Began working on my dress but had to stop and do the mending and put away the ironing. There are always several pieces to repair in some way. Went to church in the evening, Mr. B. was away attending Presbytery and prayer meeting was held by Mr. Stearnes.

Thursday, September 30, 1886

Beautiful weather but a little cool. We need fire. Sewed in the forenoon on my old black cashmere dress. After dinner I went to the farm with J. W. May is not well, has a bad cold so I went to the Dr. for medicine then stopped to see Mrs. Tewksbury who has been quite sick but is now better.

Friday, October 1, 1886

Quite cool and windy but the sun shone brightly.

I sewed a little in the morning and after dinner Ma and I went to see Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Richard Lloyd Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Titus and Mrs. Richardson. After doing a few errands we called to see Mary Ellen then came home. Went to church in the evening. It was the first of the new Teachers' meetings to be held each Friday evening.

Saturday, October 2, 1886

Beautiful fall day but quite cool in the morning. Had fire in both sitting room and dining room. After dinner Hattie went home to stay until Monday. I have been busy all day cleaning and mending. In the afternoon J. w. took Margaret out riding. Lizzie and her boys came in on the afternoon train and returned on the 5 o'clock. Margaret went to Mrs. Spry's to spend the evening with a few of the girls.

Sunday, October 3, 1886

Lovely weather. The children all went to Sabbath School but I could not go and was not ready in time for morning service as I had dinner to prepare. Went in the evening. We continue to like Mr. Blackburn very much and think his sermons good. The congregations are large and attentive.

Monday, October 4, 1886

Beautiful weather. Have had the work to do as Hattie did not return until late in the afternoon, consequently I did not get my skirt done though I sewed on it in the afternoon. Ma came over and helped me awhile.

Tuesday, October 5, 1886

Pleasant as can be. Hattie washed today as she did not return in time to do so yesterday. I had the work to do and pies to bake for the Reading Room dinner so was kept pretty busy. Took a ride in the afternoon and finished the skirt I was making over after we returned from our ride. After tea J. W. + I went to call upon Mr. + Mrs. Chris Young who are in town a few days. Looked for L and her boys this evening on the late train but they failed to come.

Wednesday, October 6, 1886

Lovely day. We found this morning that Rich, Lizzie and the boys came in last night and stayed over home. She spent the forenoon at the dentist's and went over home for dinner, sending Margaret, Carl and her boys to the Reading Room for dinner as she felt that she must be represented there. She + I visited the schools and did some errands all the afternoon until time for her and the children to take the 5:30 train for home. We went to church in the evening.

Thursday, October 7, 1886

Heavy fog in the morning which lifted about 9 o'clock and half an hour later J. W. and I started to drive out to Henley. The road and weather were all that could be asked for and we enjoyed the drive greatly. Found L. and family well and looking for us. Addie Nesmith went out on the train to stay a couple of days so she was there also as Mr. N. has no house yet. After dinner we took a walk down the road in search of sweet-briar bushes and found three. Retired early as I was very tired.

Friday, October 8, 1886

Beautiful day. We spent the forenoon in the house and needed fires for comfort in the morning. I wrote to Jennie then finished the trimming I had commenced for Lizzie's skirt. After dinner we gathered up our things and those L. had given me for the children and said goodbye. Addie Nesmith will remain until tomorrow. We had a most delightful drive home and found all well. Made a birthday call upon Pa but he was away from home. Went to prayer meeting.

Saturday, October 9, 1886

Weather lovely, heavy fog in the morning which cleared up later and the sun shone bright and warm. Did a few errands after the morning work was done. Preparatory service was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock and Lizzie Ricker was examined by the Session and received. I hesitated about permitting her to go before the Session but she has been wanting to go for a long time and Mr. Blackburn talked with her this morning and expressed his opinion in favor of her going.

Hattie Jones left today to go back to Dr. Davis'.

Sunday, October 10, 1886

Beautiful day though somewhat dusty. Children went to S. S. As we have no cook Margaret remained at home to get dinner while the rest went to church. Communion services were held in the afternoon at which time Mrs. Blackburn + Mrs. Hadley, Mr. + Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Reese and Miss Edwards were received by letter and out little Lizzie upon examination. She was only eight in July yet the Session seemed quite satisfied with her examination. She is the first to unite upon profession since Mr. Blackburn came. We trust her life will prove her profession to be a good one.

Monday, October 11, 1886

Lovely day. Am feeling well and have been busy all day, no girl do far. Bought a nice little cow this morning, paying \$20.00 which I had saved up for a time of need. Think she will sometime be very good. Letter from Lizzie in which she said the girl I was expecting from the country is not coming. Uncle Jimmie was here a few minutes today. Had written to Grandma and read us the letter.

Maggie Peebles was here a few minutes on an errand.

Tuesday, October 12, 1886

Lovely weather. Heavy fogs in the morning but pleasant after they rise.

The foliage is beginning to turn but I think the colors are not so brilliant as they were last season. Weather too dry probably.

Wednesday, October 13, 1886

Beautiful day. We decided this morning to drive up to Long Run about 12 miles away, to see if a girl could be found. Had dinner early and started about 1 o'clock. Had a delightful drive but found no girl. Saw nine large apple trees in bloom, also seven in one orchard. Also a small cherry tree with a few blossoms on it. Went to church in the evening. Mr. B. is absent attending Synod and the usual monthly Missionary exercises were held.

Thursday, October 14, 1886

Rained in the night and a little this forenoon. The children got wet at noon coming from school Mary came home from school this evening with fever and headache and was not well all night though we did not sit up with her. She went to sleep early and rested well.

Friday, October 15, 1886

Beautiful day but the signal is up for a cold wave.

Have had a busy day with not much to show for my work. Jimmie and Ma drove down to the farm in the afternoon and got a few things.

We put out a few rose slips yesterday and I wanted to start a few more today but did not have time. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Saturday, October 16, 1886

Lovely day but much cooler than it has been. Ma and Mary drove out to Henley this morning to spend the day. Bart was over home to dinner and Margaret got dinner for Pa, Bart and Henry. After dinner Jimmie and our boys drove down to the farm after some walnuts. Mary is sick again this afternoon, has fever and her eyes look badly.

Sunday, October 17, 1886

Beautiful day. I did not try to go out this forenoon as I had work to do and Mary did not want me to leave her. When dinner was about ready I sat down with her awhile and asked about her throat, of which she had not complained previously. Found it looking badly and so different from anything I ever saw that I concluded the Dr. had better come and look at it. He came about 3 o'clock and said she had diphtheria. It is one of the diseases of which I have always been afraid and was slow to believe that it had come so near me. We began treatment at once and will take the best possible care of her, hoping she will soon be well. Mr. J. s. Peebles called.

Monday, October 18, 1886

Weather favorable and Mary seems to be doing as well as possible but when the Dr. came he said he had stayed all night at Uncle Enos' with Ralph who has membranous croup and almost died before morning. He is so very ill that a Dr. must watch him all the time. The other children must be kept out of Mary's room and no outsiders allowed to come in, as I have no hired help, it keeps me very busy. Bart went home but left Elizabeth as she was with May yesterday.

Tuesday, October 19, 1886

Beautiful weather. Mrs. Wingo washed for us yesterday and ironed today. Mary is doing as well as we could wish, or expect rather. Mr. Blackburn called to see her, Mary Peebles + Dell Ramsey also called at the door to inquire about her. The public are objecting to our older children going to school and they had to have a certificate from the Dr. before they could go again, though they are isolated from Mary. People do not know, of course, how careful we are not to expose the others.

Ralph Moore gets no better, the Drs. Kline, Rickletts and Corton opened his wind pipe and inserted a silver tube to give him breath.

Wednesday, October 20, 1886

Weather continues good and May still improves slowly. She has been up and dressed every day, so far, sitting in a chair near the fire as I think her less likely to take cold than if in bed, when I cannot watch her all the time. She gets very lonely but does as well under the circumstances as any little girl could. Carl and Lizzie came home at noon to stay as their teachers had orders not to go after them to return while May is sick.

Thursday, October 21, 1886

Weather still beautiful and our little girl doing nicely. They say Ralph is easier and they feel encouraged about him but two or three doctors stay there every night to take turns watching him. Carl has not been well today, had sick headache and went to bed. In view of May's illness I had to take Will out of the room where Carl sleeps until we are sure he has no throat trouble so tonight the children were each in different rooms. Wrote to Mother R, also Lizzie who wants to help me and sent for some sewing to do. I sent what she asked for today.

Friday, October 22, 1886

Beautiful fall weather but dusty and air loaded with smoke from bonfires of leaves. Margaret and Will have managed to remain in school all week. Carl is better and up again today. May seems quite like herself, but cannot leave the room nor have the others in with her. The little girls will be glad when the quarantine is raised and they may play together again. Lizzie and her papa went to prayer meeting.

Saturday, October 23, 1886

Sill lovely weather only very dry and dusty. Was busy all day as usual rather more so than usual as Mary is not well. The Dr. did not come in at all today and I thought her so much better that I did not give her much medicine. Ma and Mary have busied themselves at home for two days past and brought over an armful of sewing to show for it. Flannel skirts for Margaret + me with a beautiful quilted skirt for me besides and goods for some other things. They are very kind and helpful to us.

Sunday, October 24, 1886

Beautiful day. I did not try to go to church in the morning as I wanted Margaret to go and thought I could leave Mary better at night. Allowed her to take dinner at the table but the Dr. came in soon after and discovered that her throat was worse again so she had to be put back on the old treatment. Dr. Jeffers preached for Mr. B. morning and evening but I could not leave Mary at all and missed hearing him.

Monday, October 25, 1886

Lovely weather but very dry and dusty. Mary still improves but the Dr. said not to allow the children to go to school, the younger ones, and to keep up the treatment with Mary. Had a letter from Jennie. Hattie Jones came to bring me a girl but I decided not to take one now. Am feeling very well and if the children get well I can get along awhile.

Rev. J. I. Blackburn was installed pastor of the 1st ch. this. Dr. Jeffers, his old teacher gave the charge to him, Rev. C. L. Work charged the people and Rev. Robinson preached the sermon. I wasn't there.

Tuesday, October 26, 1886

Cooler than yesterday with heavy fog in the morning. Mary has been much better today but Carl has not been well and went to bed at noon. Had a chill about 4 o'clock. Ma and Mary were over to look after us and lend a helping hand. Barton sent me the filler and directions to go with the fountain pen he left at the office and told me to get and keep.

Wednesday, October 27, 1886

Began raining last night and continued all day, a real chilly fall rain. At noon or about 1 o'clock we heard a noise like something heavy falling in the house. Investigation revealed nothing amiss about the house so we thought no more about it until sometime after when different persons came in and told of different experiences in the same line. It was found to be another earthquake shock but so different from the last that I did not think of its being one. It seemed to be felt only on 6th + 5th streets so far as know. J. W. + Lizzie went to the church. The sick are better.

Thursday, October 28, 1886

Cloudy and showery.

Mrs. Wingo came to wash but the weather was not very favorable and things could not be dried out of doors. Rain is needed very much as the river is so low that the boats can scarcely run at all and it has been weeks since the Bonanza stopped.

Friday, October 29, 1886

Bright and lovely. Just as I had finished putting my room in order, Uncle Enos called to inquire about Mary who is better but still has some spots on her throat. She was so much better however that I went to prayer meeting in the evening. J. W. + I calling on the way down to inquire about Ralph who is improving slowly but the Drs. still stay with him most, if not all of the time.

Saturday, October 30, 1886

A lovely day though foggy in the morning.

Margaret and I were busy all day, she having some errands to do after finishing her work. Lizzie and the boys came in this afternoon and brought the basket of work which she has been doing for me this week. A grey, flannel dress for Margaret, blue flannel dresses for the little girls, waists for Margaret, two gowns for Lizzie and an apron for me. Her goodness knows no bounds.

Sunday, October 31, 1886

Beautiful weather.

Could not go out in the forenoon though Mary is much better. All the others, except ourselves, went to church as usual. After dinner I head the lessons and read a little. Went over to see Pa who is better but not out yet. In the evening J. W. Will Lizzie + I were at church. Mr. Blackburn preached a very striking sermon from Samuel, taking as his subject Mephibosheth. Uncle Jimmie was here.

Monday, November 1, 1886

Weather pleasant.

The Sulphur and burnt Alum which I used on May's throat yesterday seems to have effected a cure for her throat is better today than it has been at any time, in fact looks well. She has had quite a siege and I am thankful she is so much better.

Tuesday, November 2, 1886

Very pleasant for the season. To our great surprise Bartie Greene came walking in this evening having brought a girl, Martha Iams, to live with Ma. He will return tomorrow and take Elizabeth home. He is such a trusty Manly little fellow he could go anywhere. The boys wet with him to see his Grandmother + Elizabeth after tea but he came back to stay all night with Carl. This was Election day and the Reps won in this county, as over the state in general. Mr. + Mrs. Chris Young called this evening.

Wednesday, November 3, 1886

Our 16th Anniversary passed in the most quite common way. Jennie's usual letter of congratulations came to me before breakfast and was my only celebration. Bartie spent the forenoon with our children or all the time he could do so, took dinner with them and then went to his Grandmother's to start from there for home on the afternoon train. Elizabeth was with him. Rained all the afternoon. We went to church as usual.

Thursday, November 4, 1886

A very pleasant day. A load of hay was brought and put away today for our little cows. The new one is proving to be an excellent cow and I think was a great bargain. Without her we would now be obliged to buy milk.

Friday, November 5, 1886

Nothing out of the ordinary routine marked the day. The work kept me busy all day and in the evening we went to prayer meeting. I wrote to Mother Ricker. Jimmie and Mary Moore drove out to Henley today. The weather being delightful for the trip. Mary Ricker and I went over home to eat dinner with Father + Mother but we were not gone long. Put the dinner on the table for the children then came home + washed the dishes.

Saturday, November 6, 1886

Rather cloudy, cold + gloomy. Have been very busy all day at various occupations.

Pink Holmes came over after dinner and helped me out. I went to see after a suit of clothes for Carl which he needs for tomorrow, got one for \$4.00 which will do very well. While out I called to see Mrs. Barr who lately untied with our church, also saw Miss Colton. Was very tired and went early to bed.

Sunday, November 7, 1886

A bright pleasant day but quite cold. I went over home before church time. I went over home before church time and Mary gave me a cloak which she and Jennie had each worn until they had something to take its place It did not quite fit me but Margaret put it on and it looked as though it had been made specially for her. She will keep it. I went to church in the evening as usual.

Monday, November 8, 1886

Weather seasonable. Ther 22°

Mary was not quite well enough to go back to school but she studies most of the time at home. I wrote a couple of long delayed letters today, one to the Audubon Soc. + one to Mrs. Bond. In the evening I wrote to Mrs. Towne. In the afternoon Julia Johnson came to see what I wanted as I had sent for her, and I did a churning in bowls just to show her how rich our cream is and how easy it is to make butter from it.

Tuesday, November 9, 1886

Rather a dark, cloudy day. I managed to make a good beginning on some blue aprons for Lizzie. Ma came over late in the day and made the button holes in one of the aprons. Before tea Mattie Wood came to make a short call. I had sent him word that it was not possible that I could get up to see her. Mary is better but still coughs so that it is not safe for her to go out and I can't leave her.

Wednesday, November 10, 1886

Weather mild and pleasant though the indications are for rain. Have sewed a little today, cut out another apron for Lizzie and will have three new ones for her when they are done.

Mrs. Graham and Clara Miller were here soliciting for the G. A. R. Fair to be held in December. Ma and Mary went to church with us tonight, the first time in a long while. Barton was there with his mother and Dwight.

Thursday, November 11, 1886

Cloudy but no rain any of the consequence until late in the day. According to promise, Mattie Wood came to take tea with us and I sent for Uncle Jimmie who came also and they seemed to enjoy their little visit very much. Had a letter from Mother Ricker but have not had an opportunity of writing her this week. My time seems full occupied. Barton was here this morning.

Friday, November 12, 1886

Rainy all day and towards evening it became much colder. Have managed to sew a little today and almost finished one of L's aprons, it will be ready for her Monday, Ma and Mary came over and went to prayer meeting with us. Before service there was quite a flurry over a sudden attack of illness in Capt. Jno Lodwick who had walked too fast going to c. and for a time it seemed that he might not get over it.

Saturday, November 13, 1886

Weather quite wintry though part of the day was sunny. Was home all day and busy. Mary P. Moore called in the afternoon. Lizzie came in on the afternoon train with R. and the boys and went home in the evening. Ma went with her to stay until Monday. Uncle Jimmie came upon my invitation to take a bowl of mush and milk with us.

Sunday, November 14, 1886

Weather pleasant.

Margaret was not feeling well enough to go out today so I went to church both morning and evening and she looked after Mary and the dinner + Ma and Mary went to the 1st ch. this evening and after service told the sexton to put their name on their old seat. I enjoy seeing them again very much.

Monday, November 15, 1886

Weather bright and pleasant for the season.

Mary did not go to school in the morning while it was cool but after dinner I allowed her to go, much to her delight. I was over to look after Miss Wingo this morning, then to Uncle Sam's and lastly to see Ruth about washing. After dinner I went to Mrs. Blackburn's and took some cream. Came home and sewed on May's apron.

Tuesday, November 16, 1886

Beautiful day. Ruth came to wash and remained to iron so it was nearly all done today. She stayed awhile after supper.

Jimmie and I went to Bigelow to a Ministerial meeting to hear the Temperance question discussed.

It had begun to rain when we left church. I finished May's apron except the buttons which she sewed on then put the apron on and wore it to school in the afternoon.

Wednesday, November 17, 1886

Rainy and dark. At church time in the evening it was raining very hard but J. W. Carl, Will, Henry, Ma, Mary + I went to prayer meeting.

Had a letter from Lizzie this evening.

May still coughs a great deal, she went to school only a day and a half and cannot go again until she is better.

Thursday, November 18, 1886

Ex-president Chester A. Arthur died today.

Lizzie came home from school this morning with a toothache and we decided that it was ulcerated.

After dinner I proposed that she go with me it taken out so she got ready at once and we went. She was very brave and it was soon out, had three roots + was ulcerated so it would not have been any better. I then went and got some flannel for underwear for May.

Friday, November 19, 1886

Weather quite pleasant. The day passed as usual until John + William suddenly appeared and we knew their mother was behind them.

She did her errands and was making a little call here when Jimmie spoke of my going home with her and the children and everyone said I must go. They packed me + my work off in a hurry and a few minutes later I was on my way to Henley.

Saturday, November 20, 1886

Beautiful day. We did not have a very early breakfast at Lizzie's so I had a good morning nap for a treat. Spent the forenoon making Mary's underwear that I took out with me and after dinner I came home on the 1:50 train. Was met at the depot by J. W., Will, Carl + Alex Crouch.

Rode down in the buggy and found all about as I left them last evening. Clara Waller + Kate Crichton called soon after I came. Did some errands and was out to Aunt Mary's before tea.

Sunday, November 21, 1886

Rainy all day though no hard showers fell. Margaret was not well and only came downstairs when we went to church. I went twice as Margaret could not go at all.

Monday, November 22, 1886

Rainy all day. Mary still has too much cold to go to school but follows me so closely with her book that she will not lose much. A box was started to the boys today for their Thanksgiving dinner. I have done little aside from the regular work except write a letter to John and his family.

Tuesday, November 23, 1886

The third day of the rain has been the worst of all but late in the evening it cleared off beautifully. I have been very busy all day and had no interruptions owing to the weather in large measure. After supper I burned my left hand with water from the kettle and could do nothing after that but hold it in alum water. J. W. put some craped potato on it afterwards and I did not suffer much.

Wednesday, November 24, 1886

A lovely day. Mrs. Wingo washed and ironed most of the things, I finished up after supper.

Lizzie and her children came in after dinner to stay until after tomorrow. I could not go to church this evening being too tired and still not through with any work. Had a letter from Maggie bell yesterday, I think.

Thursday, November 25, 1886

A light sprinkle of snow fell in time to grace the day as Thanksgiving hardly seems like itself without snow. The weather was very changeable and unpleasant. Our family dined over home with Father and Mother, Uncle Jimmie W. being the only other person at the table as Mary never sits down with the rest. Lizzie + her family took dinner + supper at Mr. P's. We, as a family of brothers + sisters were widely scattered. J. W., Will, Carl + L. went to the 2nd church this AM.

Friday, November 26, 1886

Quite bright and pleasant. Margaret and Ruth took the little girls (E + M Peebles) to have their pictures taken. At noon Lizzie and the children all left for home, having had a little candy making at our house before starting. In the evening the boys and I went to prayer meeting, J. W. having gone to a Com. meeting at the hall. Miss Ryan, sewing over home made over a short black cloak I have had for many years into a very good short coat for me.

Saturday, November 27, 1886

Bright but rather cold.

Miss Newton came in to see after Margaret who has been absent from S. S. for two Sabbaths as she was not well. Later in the day Miss Emma Bell called to see after May who has not been so well today. We began giving her Cod Liver Oil today to see if it would not build her up. She is very thin and pale. Mrs. Duke called to see after me just before tea.

Sunday, November 28, 1886

Quite pleasant.

I was not out today, Margaret having been home two weeks I wanted her to go in the morning and there was no service in any of the churches in the evening, all uniting in the opening service of the Gospel Temperance meeting at the Rink. J. W. and four of the children went. Mary went over home to dinner today but did not stay long, she seems a little better but far from well.

Monday, November 29, 1886

Weather mild and pleasant though cloudy with indications of rain. Was at home all the forenoon and at the W. R. C. all the afternoon. The Dept. Inspector Mrs. Hays was present and it was almost dark when I got home.

After tea I attended the Temperance meeting at the Rink and heard Mayor Camp address a large audience. Our entire family have signed pledges. It being the 1st for the children.

Tuesday, November 30, 1886

Snow on the ground this morning but it was very wet, cloudy all day with a little rain and snow.

Late in the afternoon I went to see Miss Lynn who was not at home, then to Aunt Mary's, Mrs. Wingo's, Ruth's and Mrs. Millers'. J. W. and the boys + Margaret went to the Rink to attend the Temperance meeting. J. W. gave me 7.00 this morning. He is figuring on a Dakota farm again. Mr. Folsom wants him to try it again next season.

Wednesday, December 1, 1886

Rainy and disagreeable early in the day, rather snowy I should say, then windy and altogether unpleasant. J. W. and the boys went to the Rink early but Lizzie and the boys went to prayer meeting first then to the Rink. Maj. Camp is a good speaker and tells so much truth that it cannot fail to convince many of the sin and folly of intemperance.

Thursday, December 2, 1886

Very cold. Everything frozen solid this morning unless well protected. Ruth washed and ironed most of the clothes today. I was busy until 4 PM when I laid aside work and went to the Temperance prayer meeting at the Rink. A few surrounded a red hot stove and kept comfortable warm. Went again in the evening. Will Peebles, Mr. Chas Row, Mr. Drake and

many others signed the pledge. Willie is working hard and faithfully, to get Henry to sign though H. does not drink, he lacks the courage to go up forward.

Friday, December 3, 1886

Cold. Thermometer at 6° this morning and seemingly colder than yesterday. Was very busy until 3:30 PM when I finished some ironing and dressed for Temperance prayer meeting. Margaret + Will were examined this morning and home in the afternoon so I could go. The Rink being cold, Ma asked them to go over to their parlors an offer which Mr. Badger gladly accepted for those who had gathered there I remained with May in the evening while all the others went to the meeting.

Saturday, December 4, 1886

Cold and raw.

Was busy all day until time for the 4 o'clock Temperance prayer meeting. When I dressed hurriedly and went over. Brought Uncle Jimmie home with me to supper. The evening meeting was well attended and a petition for legal voters to the State Legislature was circulated. May Camp is deeply interested in the work and knows how to interest others.

Sunday, December 5, 1886

Quite cold but bright and pleasant for the season. I was not feeling well so had Margaret attend S. S. and church in the morning and I did the work. Lay down awhile after dinner then went with the others to the Temperance meeting at the Rink both afternoon and evening. Large crowds were present both times. I took May in the afternoon and kept her close by a stove so she did not take any more cold.

Monday, December 6, 1886

Beautiful and clear but cold. Everything frozen hard. Ruth came today to stay all week and do some house cleaning, also because I must necessarily be away from home a good deal this week, helping a little at the Fair held by the W. R. C. + G. A. R. + O. L. H. Have also to spend some time at the dentist's. Went to Dr. Dennis' after dinner and was in the chair until almost supper time. I then went to look after the Com work a little and called upon Mrs. Jno Foster but no one seemed to be at home. J. W. was elected Commander of the G. A. R. Post this evening.

Tuesday, December 7, 1886

Beautiful cold winter weather as pleasant and favorable for the Fair as it could be in winter. I was busy at the Rink nearly all day, Maggie Silcox and I having charge of a supper table. We helped decorate the dining department in the forenoon then set the table. I was obliged to spend a couple of hours with Dr. Dennis as he could not finish yesterday.

Wednesday, December 8, 1886

Beautiful winter weather, cold clear and dry. I was at the Rink most of the forenoon but did not work. Made arrangements for my place to be filled tonight. Was there several times during the day on errands then came home to go to church and will not be there this evening. Prayer meeting was well attended, several persons were present who never came before the Temperance Meetings were held. Lizzie and her family came in this afternoon to stay overnight. J. W. + the boys attended the Fair but the girls and I remained at home.

Thursday, December 9, 1886

Weather still beautiful, as fair as fair can be, but cold.

Thermometer registered 18° this morning. I started a fire in the hall stove this afternoon for the first time this winter. Ruth is house cleaning upstairs and needed the fire. It was children's day at the Fair and I had charge of the Lemonade stand. Our little folks did not go until evening when we all went and stayed until late in the evening.

Friday, December 10, 1886

Weather clear and fair, not quite so cold as it has been. Lizzie and her children went home this noon, she having remained a day longer than she had expected in order to make candy for the fair.

J. W. all the children and I were at the fair this evening. There was a large crowd at the Rink, and it was late when we reached home. The Fair has been a success and it is estimated that the receipt will amount to \$1500.00 to divide between the W. R. C. and the H. A. W.

Saturday, December 11, 1886

Bright, clear and cold. The children slept late and before they were up, J. W. and I went to the Rink to carry home the things loaned from our house and by Mother. I have taken a severe cold and May has more than she had. Sister Mary is also sick with cold, or nearly so. Before J. W. came home to stay, they Rink was all in order for the Temperance meeting tomorrow. It is wonderful how quickly the changes are made.

Sunday, December 12, 1886

Weather milder again.

I was in bed all day trying to get rid of my cold as Ruth was here to do the work. Mary was not well in the night but seemed better today. There was another large Temperance meeting at the Rink this afternoon but I could not go.

Uncle Jimmie called as usual for Lizzie to go with him to prayer meeting and church, Will and his father were the only other representatives of our family.

Monday, December 13, 1886

It was raining when we awoke this morning, I did not get up until after breakfast as Ruth was here to wash and I wanted to spare myself as much as possible. May was still in bed today,

the first day for her and a most unusual occurrence. Ma was over twice during the night after things and had Mrs. Dr. Ellis and Aunt Mary to help her nearly all night.

Tuesday, December 14, 1886

Rain over and weather clear and cold again. Am better but not well yet. Mary is still in bed, I went over to see her today. She has a very bad cough of an asthmatic nature.

I was down street to see her today, had to see Dr. Dennis about finishing the work on my teeth. Went to a meeting at the church but did not stay long. Ruth went home to stay after supper.

Wednesday, December 15, 1886

Cold and snowy. As some of the children saw flakes enough to cover the ground, the sleds were brought out. I wanted to go out today on a little business and to church in the evening but am not yet over my cold sufficiently to go out in such weather. Mary Moore is still in bed though somewhat better than she was yesterday.

Thursday, December 16, 1886

Bright and beautiful though cold. Was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner I went over home with my work and sat with Mary until time for the children to come from school. Mary is still in bed. She is having an unusual siege for her.

Friday, December 17, 1886

Snow on the ground from yesterday and this morning a rain fell freezing as it well until everything is coated with ice. Mary Moore is still in bed and I was over to see her twice today. After dinner I went to Dr. Dennis' and he finished the work on my teeth. I paid him 5.00 of the \$9.00. Went to see Mary Peebles who is confined to the house with a lame ankle and bad cold. J. W., Margaret Will and Carl went to prayer meeting. Barton was at church this evening to our surprise.

Saturday, December 18, 1886

The ice disappeared from the streets today but it is very muddy and unpleasant out of doors.

Barton was here a few minutes today noon and I asked him to take dinner with us tomorrow, he promised to do so. They are very unsettled as well as ourselves and may leave Winova very soon.

Sunday, December 19, 1886

Quite cold. I was not out until evening, at least not to church. In the afternoon I went to the Gospel Temperance meeting at the Rink and saw some sign the pledge who very much needed to do so. In the evening I went to church and heard the 2nd of the series of sermons on the Prodigal Son.

The McConnells have taken a seat again after a long absence from church. Barton + Uncle Jimmie dined with us.

Monday, December 20, 1886

Cold. I have been preparing today to make some candy, made a little beginning after gathering up the necessary articles. Mary has been in bed a week today and last night Mrs. Ellis stayed all night with her for the second time. The cough is very hard to control. Mary has neglected the warning symptoms so long that it will now be hard to make up the lost time.

Tuesday, December 21, 1886

A very fair day for the season. Ruth was here to wash and iron and I was over home making candy nearly all day. I never made any account before but with Ma's help and some advice from Mary I managed to get a nice variety of good candy. Was very tired and went early to bed. This is the shortest day of the year but it has been long enough for me to get very tired.

Wednesday, December 22, 1886

Rained. The weather is quite warm, the river very cold, a little ice still floating and as a consequence a heavy fog kept the Bonanza back, she did not arrive until about 4 PM. Mary is still unable to be up and I am back and forth very often but cannot stay there nights. We went to prayer meeting as usual this evening and found a good audience notwithstanding the weather. Opened a new barrel of sugar.

Thursday, December 23, 1886

Rainy all day and very disagreeable for errands out of door. We were busy in the morning getting a little box ready to send to Kirkwood. After dinner I went down street to do a few errands but was not gone long. In the evening Margaret went to an entertainment given by Mr. Sparks to his class, the "C" being his special charge, he entertains them once a year at his home.

Friday, December 24, 1886

Rainy all day. The children were in school as usual, Xmas coming on Sat. the holidays do not begin until then. The children had been told that they must not expect any tree from Santa Claus so I told them we would have one without waiting for him to bring it. The plan pleased them very much and the dripping little dwarf that Dan brought was all they wanted. They dressed it themselves after will put it up in the parlor. The box from Kirkwood came today so they had the pleasure of distributing its contents. A Waterbury watch for Carl was in it but we saved it to surprise him tomorrow as he was not in when it came out. Sabbath School entertainment came off this evening and we were all present to see Prof Sparks as Santa Claus in J. W.'s Buffalo overcoat.

Saturday, December 25, 1886

Again we have cloudy gloomy weather on Xmas day, it looks as unlike the holiday as it well could at this season of the year. After breakfast the children went in to the parlor to take another look at their tree which gave them such pleasure last evening. It had accumulated quite a number of things after they went to bed, and they were correspondingly delightful with its improvements.

The boxes from Kirkwood, Winova, Newton and Henley had arrived and contents were distributed, also Uncle Jimmie's packages and Mr. Thompson's Christmas cards which are never forgotten and each year are more handsome. He is very kind to always remembers the "little Ruckers" as he calls our children. I was unable to do much this year and did not attempt to give all around. My nice fountain pen I gave to J. W. s silver thimble to Margaret and an inexpensive reference Bible to Lizzie. A box of candy to each of our fathers completed my list except the promise of a blackboard for Jennie's children.

Among the gifts I received were napkins, stockings a mull muffler, a pretty glass dish. Photo of Mr. Warner and little J. W. Moore a book from one of the Newton friends. I should enjoy such occasions more had I more to bestow on others. A beautiful needle case containing a complete assortment of the useful articles came from Jno + Wm and a machine pin cushion from the little girls I presume. Margaret went to spend the day with Minnie Miller and Uncle Jimmie Wood came to dine with us. In the afternoon I went to sit awhile with Mary who is still in bed.

It seems very strange to see her there day after day and have Dr. Ellis stay every night with her. We hope though she will soon be better. I wrote to Helen Robinson this evening.

Sunday, December 26, 1886

The signals indicate snow and colder weather. I was not out until evening, when I went to church and heard Mr. Blackburn preached the 3rd of his sermons on the Prodigal Son. All the children except May went to Sabbath School. I had a note from Jennie enclosing as notice of the sale of their household goods at Winova Wednesday of this week. They will move here sometime soon, perhaps this week.

Monday, December 27, 1886

Snow this morning but it ceased falling about 9 o'clock. Will started on horseback for Henley about 9 and when the afternoon mail came a card from rich announced his safe arrival. I attended the W. R. C. meeting in the afternoon. Called at Mrs. Miller's on my way and Clara + I went together. Sister Mary was up and dressed when I called to see her before tea which looked more encouraging than to see her in bed as she has been two weeks today. Elected pres. of the W. R. C. today.

Tuesday, December 28, 1886

Weather cold and clear.

Was busy at home all the forenoon. After dinner went to see Mrs. Tracy (Belle) then stopped to see Mary who is sitting up and much better. I also had to look for a washerwoman

and found Mrs. Wingo enough better to undertake the work again tomorrow. Went to Aunt Mary's for a few minutes.

Wednesday, December 29, 1886

Clear and cold, so cold that clothes hung upstairs to dry froze on the line.

Letters from Lizzie tell us that Will is enjoying his holiday visit at Henley in spite of the weather. I did not go to prayer meeting this evening. Margaret and her father went and I wrote to Mary Warner Moore.

Thursday, December 30, 1886

Very pleasant for the season. A good day for Will to come home from Henley but he will not come before Saturday. Mr. David D. Jones died suddenly about 12:30 PM while out on the street. The sad news reached Mrs. Jones as early as possible, the same hour that she heard of her son Jim's suicide last year. It was a sad and singular coincidence. I called this evening but did not see her. Anna Tracy Burke died today at her father's of consumption.

Friday, December 31, 1886

Rainy late in the day.

Was busy at home until late in the afternoon when I went again to Mrs. Jones'. Did not see her but Maggie Mason and Emma Williams had come home so I saw them. It has been a very gloomy, dark, rainy day. A sad close to a year that had a sad beginning to Mrs. Jones. In the evening we went to prayer meeting. Barton and his family arrived in Portsmouth this week, he + Jennie came this evening with the last of their household goods. They will live in Mrs. Greene's house.