

# Diary of Louisiana Moore Ricker – 1893

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*Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Cold with rain and some wind. All of us except Will went to S.S. and I remained to church. Margaret was obliged to leave during service on account of her cold.

In the evening it was very stormy but I went as it would be our last time with Will for several months.<sup>1</sup> The evangelists Messrs. Potter and Miller were present and the church filled.<sup>2</sup> They will hold a series of meetings here for two weeks beginning tonight.

Week of Prayer

*Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Cold and unpleasant. Carl talked of going as far as Col. with Will today but the weather was too unpleasant. Will left at 11 o'clock for Ithaca and school. Carl has today for a holiday but it is not a very good one. We took Mary to Dr. Geo W. Marshall today who at once said she greatly needs glasses to correct her vision. Is quite near sighted, her teachers have said so often and Mrs. Cook told me so last week.

Geo Darius called.

*Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Weather growing colder with some snow. very blustery. I went to our church and not finding the afternoon meeting, went to Sixth st. M.E. ch. with a lady who was also looking for it. Mr. Potter is a good talker and Mr. Miller a fine singer. Went to the meeting at our church in the evening taking May, as no one else was able to go.

*Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Snow enough for sleighing and a number of sleighs out. Carl was out awhile this evening, late.

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<sup>1</sup> Will began attending Cornell in the fall of 1892.

<sup>2</sup> Messrs: used as a title to refer formally to more than one man simultaneously, or in names of companies.

Bessie returned from Springfield this afternoon. I went to the meeting at 2.30 P.M. and brought Oella Tappan home to tea as Margaret asked me to do. This is Clara Ricker's and Charlotte Bannon's birthday. J.W. and I went to church this evening and sister Mary went with us. Quite a houseful and some interest.

Excellent singing.

### *Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Snowy and cold and clear. J.W. was unable to get up, or rather had to go to bed again this A.M. and I went for the Dr. who did not get here until about 3 o'clock. After he left prescriptions and I had attended to them, I took both Lizzy and May to Dr. Marshall who said both needed glasses and while the fact is to be regretted, I am thankful to know it in time and here at home.

Mother Ricker's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Margaret's new glasses came and will do her for years.

### *Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Snow quite deep and sleighs plenty. J.W. was in bed all day and the Dr. was here again. Have tried hard to accomplish something but only got one thing done, May's quilted skirt which she needs. Had a card from Will who is somewhat homesick and needs one or two little things he forgot to take. No one well enough to go out to church tonight. Margaret sent Will 3 ½ lbs homemade candy.

### *Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Still snowing lightly and sleighing good. Was busy with fires and house work all forenoon. J.W. better and up before supper time. L.M. and I went to the Dr.'s again and completed the examinations of L's eyes and ordered her glasses. The Dr. brought two pairs for Mary at supper time. He says she should not go with them at all, even for a short time. I went to see Fannie who was not in so I visited with Uncle Enos.

### *Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold and snowy.

Went to Sabbath school and remained to church. Dr. Tappan preached an excellent sermon this morning which he urged people to do what they could to help, and not hinder the success of the meetings. He is entering enthusiastically into the work himself. The five churches unite at Bigelow tonight so the others are closed. I went, as did Margaret, Lizzie and May.

*Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold windy and stormy. I very much wanted to go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch. to the Old Peoples' meeting in the afternoon but could not. Went in the evening to Bigelow. Am much pleased with Messrs. Potter and Miller and think they will do good here and am rejoiced at the prospect.

*Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold and clear with deep snow which is now beaten down until the walking is not so bad. Went out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> church in the afternoon and heard Mr. Potter give an excellent Bible reading on What it is to be a christian. Stopped with Maggie Peebles at Dr. Marshall's and got Lizzie's glasses so now all three of our girls wear glasses. Maggie P. had her eyes examined. Went to church in the evening. The Methodist methods do not trouble me as they have sometimes. Fannie Griger and children went home.

*Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Thermometer 14 ° below zero this morning. Great suffering must result from this weather. Did not try to go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. church to the afternoon meeting, so I wanted to go in the evening to Bigelow. A young man was connected tonight, a stranger to me but one I have been watching with interest since Sunday, learned his name is Stevenson.

It is one year today since Carl's accident which practically ended his school days.<sup>3</sup>

*Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Thermometer still below zero and the river frozen over today. wanted to go to the afternoon meeting at the Baptist church but Mrs. Richardson came to make out W.R.C. reports and I only got through in time for the childrens' meeting at 4 P.M. Went to Bigelow in the evening and enjoyed the service. Am not doing much now attend the meetings and do a little work for them.

*Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Thermometer 4° and heavy snow still on the ground. Spent some time this A.M. writing letters, sent on to my old S.S. pupil Jns Heer and in the evening got a long and gratifying answer, such as one as encourages the heart of a teacher. Went to Bigelow with J.W. and the three girls to the last meeting held by the evangelists. The house was well filled and much interest manifested. Trust great blessings are yet to come.

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<sup>3</sup> Louisiana's Diary, Monday, January 11th, 1892, "Carl had a bad accident just after dinner today and cut off the end of his middle finger of right hand with the knife of the food cutter. We were very much frightened, fortunately his father and Will were still here and as soon as possible Dr. Titus and Kline came and dressed it with a view to saving it if possible. There is a slight hope that it may be done."

Had a letter today from a S.S. pupil of long ago which gave me great pleasure and encouragement for future work.

### *Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Ther zero at 7 A.M. Snowed almost all day. sleighing good and sleighs quite common on the streets. Was busy at home all the forenoon and about 3 P.M. I went up to Mrs. Thompson's near North Waller and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the snowstorm. Had a pleasant call with her and the children. went to see Mother but was called home to see Hattie Gates who came on Alumni business.

River frozen over so people are crossing on the ice.

### *Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Ther 8° below at 7 o'clock A.M. 10° below at 10 o'clock P.M.

There were three fires during the day, the sand house at the B&O.S.W. a barber shop and just after noon All Saints' church was badly burned in the inside.<sup>4</sup> The organ melted into ruins. It was fearfully cold for firemen. The union revival meeting was held at 5<sup>th</sup> St. M.E. ch. being well attended in spite of the intense cold. Being 10° below zero when we came home.

### *Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Ther 7° below at 7 o'clock A.M. The river is frozen over so that people cross and skate on it with safety. May crossed with her papa this evening. Spent the after noon at Corps meeting and the evening at the Union revival service, only May and I could go as various reasons prevented the others and many christians are working earnestly, and souls are being saved.

### *Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Thermometer 2° below zero this morning and river still getting more solid. Bright and clear.

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<sup>4</sup> The three fires were mentioned in the January 21, 1893, Portsmouth Times. The fire in the barber shop on Second street was started when the porter threw a bucket of hot ashes on a pile of dry kindling. At the B. & O. Roundhouse, the fire originated from the stove used to dry sand. The final fire of the day began with a defective flue at the north side of All Saints church which caught the wainscoting on fire. Damages to the church were estimated at \$7000. All of the windows were busted out, the organ pipes melted, woodwork charred, and all fixtures and decorations were either burned or drenched with water. A large collection of irreplaceable church music was reported as destroyed and memorial lecterns were also damaged.

Went up street and got some flannel for skirts for Lizzy and May. Gussie Halderman made me a long call. Went to the meeting in the evening as usual, am enjoying these privileges very much.

### *Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold still. It has been years since we have had such a long continued cold spell. Carl has been feeling badly all day but did not give up until after supper. Went to bed with a head ache hoping to sleep it off. We went to church and when I came home I gave him some pills and retired myself. At 2.30 A.M. we had to get up and do something for him as he was pretty sick. Did not sleep much more. Sent for Dr. Kline early in the morning.

### *Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Not quite so cold until night when it turned colder again and froze things harder than ever. Carl was in bed all day, but more comfortable than during the night. Was so easy by night that Lizzie and I went to church, as none of the others could go. Lew Watkins died this P.M. about 5 o'clock. He is the third man who has died within half a square of us in the past two weeks.

### *Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Ther only 8° below zero this morning but the hot water pipes were frozen for the first time this winter and it was after 7.45 when we got our breakfast. Sun shines brightly. Carl is better but not up. Wrote to Mother Ricker. Carl was so much better he came downstairs before tea. The Dr. called to see him about bed-time. J.W. and I attended the meeting at Sixth st. church in the evening. Have full and considerable interest manifested.

### *Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Not quite so cold and during the day it thawed some in the sun. Did some writing in the morning for the Relief Corps.<sup>5</sup> After dinner I went to call at Mr. Johnson's Pastor of Sixth St., then to the store on Chil. St., then to Brunner's on 2<sup>nd</sup> and some other places and finally crossed the river on the ice, J.W. and I.<sup>6</sup> The ice is smooth and strong, covered with snow and boys are skating and sledding on it. Several sleighs crossed while we were on it. Some double teams.

### *Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Thawing some in the sun, but the side walks are covered with ice, snow and water.

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<sup>5</sup> Woman's Relief Corps, recognized in 1883 as the official women's auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

<sup>6</sup> Brunner's, located on the corner of Market and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, carried dry goods, carpets, oil cloths, window shades, etc.

All went to S.S. as usual but Margaret hurt her finger on the door latch and could not attend church. In the evening Lizzie, J.W. and I went out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. ch. as did Miss Hall, also. The Union meetings will be continued at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch. this week. Mary Ricker went before the session this noon, I went with her.

### *Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Still thawing in the sun and freezing in the shade. Spent the forenoon at Dr. Dennis' having work done. Spent the afternoon with Mrs. Dennis holding a special meeting of the Relief Corps to elect and install officers. Mrs. McCall being President and I agreeing to keep the corps for the present at least. Went to church in the evening. The interest continues unabated. Could not write to Will.

### *Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Milder but teams were still crossing the river today though the ice must be unsafe now. Was at Dr. Dennis' part of the forenoon. Wrote to Will when I came home. Went to pay Dr. Marshall 5.00 on acc't. the glasses for the three girls (four pairs) cost 43.00 which is partly paid. Went to the meeting at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch. in the evening. The walking is very bad.

### *Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather and still moderating and walking very sloppy and slippery. May was not well at noon and I went with her to get some medication for her cold. Sewed in the afternoon on a night shirt. Went to church in the evening. The meetings seem to increase in interest and scores are inquiring the way of life. The hearts of christians are being warmed and encouraged as they have not been in years.

Long letter from Will.

### *Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather bright and spring like. Can open the windows for a little fresh air.

Spent a part of the morning with Mother as I aim to do every day. Sewed in the afternoon and finished the shirt. Went to church in the evening. The house was full as usual and wider interest manifested. A number of young even have been converted but as a rule the men hold back though they attend the meetings regularly.

### *Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and spring like. River still frozen over and people walking across. Was over home both before and after dinner with my sewing. Went to see Mrs. Finney and talk with her awhile about the boys. Went to church in the P.M. and found the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. ch. crowded beyond all previous occasions. Standing room all taken and the upper room was filled with an overflow meeting. Over sixty persons went forward.

*Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Mild and melting. Icy in the shade. River still closed. Was busy all forenoon at home and made Mother a call after dinner. At 3 P.M. went to Preparatory Lecture, with the tree girls. Miss Bessie and Katie Miles made five, Mrs. Miles asked if Katie might go with us.

Retired early, having been up late evening this week attending the meetings.

*Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. The ice broke and began running out this morning about 7 o'clock. all went to Sabbath school and church. Communion services were held after morning sermon and thirty-two persons rec'd into the church. Mary was among the number and the last one of the family that was to come in. We are very glad. A great fire occurred in the evening, the Wheel Works and about seven dwellings burned to the ground. The fire interfered some what with the Revival Meetings still the 6<sup>th</sup> st. M.E. and Baptist chs. were well filled.

*Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rainy all day. Examinations began and children have all afternoon. Wrote to Will. Visited with Mother. Went to Dr. Dennis's but did not get my work all done. Afterwards went to call upon Mrs. Robb and her daughters. The Robb family, except Ella united with the church yesterday. Ella is in my S.S. class. Went to church in the evening. Talked with one whose husband is a Catholic, and who is greatly distressed because she feels she cannot accept Christ unless her husband does.

*Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Colder than yesterday and still wet but no rain falling. J.W. had a good long letter from Will who keeps well and seems to be studying hard. Began ripping up May's red dress to make over.

Went to the meeting at the Baptist church which was crowded to overflowing and I with others, went below and had a prayer meeting. It was a good meeting.

*Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Rainy all day. The River is rising rapidly and a steamboat, the Bellevue crossed the river this A.M. for the first time since the freeze-up. Went down street after dinner to Dr. Dennis', Mr. Hull's, Uncle Enos', then up to Mrs. Johnson's and Dr. Marshall's. The Union Meeting was held in our church this evening on account of the crowd, there not being room enough at the Bap.

Wrote a note to C.L. this A.M. He still holds out against his convictions.

### *Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy in the morning but plenty of sunshine in the afternoon. A presage of more cold weather. Was at the dentist's again this A.M. and had the nerve in my tooth killed for the third time. It dies hard. Went to see Mame Knowles and had a profitable and pleasant talk with there. The Alumni Com met at our house this afternoon and took steps to pay Mr. Knittel's bill.<sup>7</sup> Wrote to Will. Went to church, house full, meeting good.

### *Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Bright and sunny but considerably colder. Was over home with Mother in the forenoon while mending Carl's pants. Lizzie and her two little girls came in on the noon train. They are going to have Dr. Marshall examine E's eyes. Was over home awhile then came home to attend to some duties. Went to the meeting at our church in the evening. House full and quite a good deal of interest. I was glad to be of some help to one who was in trouble and who went forward and gave her heart to Christ, Mrs. Nettie Bays.

### *Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pretty cold. Lizzie Peebles came over early this morning to as May to go out to Dr. Marshall's with Margaret. They went and she joined them later.

She and Elizabeth went home on the afternoon train but Margaret remained with us for further examination. Was busy all day and can hardly tell what I did.

### *Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold and disagreeable. We had a good start and were in time for S.S.

Remained to morning service and at 3 P.M. Margaret and I attended the woman's meeting at the Baptist Church while J.W. went to sixth st to the Men's meeting. Both were large and interesting. Mrs. Duduit came home with me as far as the corner and went to stay with Mother until the evening service at Bigelow. That meeting was very large and the interest dep. We rejoiced on the conversion of Earnest Young. I was disappointed because Charlie L. still holds out.

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<sup>7</sup> Knittel, baker and confectioner on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Portsmouth.



*Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rainy and unpleasant. wrote to will as usual. Was busy one way and another all day. Find a good many things to do relative to the meetings. Tonight Margaret and Bessie went with Carl to hear the Lotus Club though M. wanted to go to church.<sup>8</sup> The attendance was not so large as usual owing to various influences.

*Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold again, and it grew colder as the day advanced. I spent the forenoon with Margaret at Dr. Marshall's office while he made his final examinations and prescribed the glasses. Went to see Mrs. Bays on my way home but she could not see me. Went to church in the evening. There were more present that last night but still the effect of outside influences was felt. I felt generally disappointed in some expectations. Long letter from Will.

*Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold and disagreeable. Had some mending to do and took it over home to sit with mother. In the afternoon Maggie Peebles came to see me and before she left Mrs. E.E. Miller called. The meeting at Bigelow this evening was the last until Sunday when there will be Union services for that day. It was surprising to see the crowd of new converts go forward at the close and sing a hymn. Great good has been done.

*Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Another change in weather and rain and sleet fell all day. Was busy all forenoon about housework. Washed and ironed the dining room curtain and transom shades. Wrote to Will, Jennie Greene and Mother Ricker. After dinner went to see Mother and then to pay something on Herms' bill.<sup>9</sup> Got some envelopes and groceries, a Bible and then went to the drug-store. Was in the rain all the time. Rich called before supper. Miss the meeting but the weather is so bad it is well there is no service.

*Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold and windy. Margaret Peebles took dinner at her Grandpa Peebles' and then went home with her father. I went this morning to see if Mrs. Tappan cared to take Grace Collett for her beard while Dr. Marshall treats her eyes. Mrs. Tappan said she would so Rich will report to them about it. I can hardly tell where my time goes, doing so many little insignificant things.

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<sup>8</sup> The Lotus Glee Club was affiliated with the National Guard of Portsmouth and considered to be a leading organization of character.

<sup>9</sup> Herms Dry Goods Co. sold dry goods and notions, trimmings and white goods at 519 Chillicothe St. according to the 1892 Portsmouth City Directory.

*Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and pleasant. The river is very high and still rising. Was busy at home all day except when I went to see Mother.

Mrs. Bays came in the afternoon to talk about uniting with the church. Many were in and out during the afternoon. In the evening Charlie Lockhart came to see me and another was here to see B. I made some alterations in the corduroy skirts for L. and M.

*Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. All went to Sabbath School and church as usual. There was some thing of an increase in the school, one in whom I am much interested Chas. R. Lockhart came upon my invitation and joined Maggie Peebles' class. I remained to the session meeting with Mrs. Nettie Bays and Willie Wilkins, as they wished me to do so. Attended the jubilee service at Bigelow in the P.M. and saw a grand sight, about 200 new converts went forward and sung a hymn. The meetings have been wonderfully blessed. Dr. Marshall has come out as a christian and stood with the others tonight.

*Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rain and light snow which continued until nearly noon. I wrote to Will and then took the letter to the P.O. after which I made a short call at Dr. Marshall's office. He begins tomorrow to treat Grace Collett's eyes free of charge. Did some mending while visiting Mother then went out and made calls at Mrs. Gharky's and Mrs. Draper's. Bought a Bible to give away and was told that Pearl Selby had bought thirteen for that purpose. WE miss the meetings in the evening. Margaret went home with Oella at tea time. J.W. ordered a Mackintosh for Will.<sup>10</sup> Mrs. Silcox was here.

*Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Was busy all forenoon at home and in the after noon the Missionary Societies Far and Home met at the church so I was there. Was re-elected Pres of the Foreign against my protest. Grace Collette came in to stay at Mrs. Tappan's during treatment but at supper time Mrs. Tappan came to say she was afraid to keep her so I shall be obliged to make other arrangements for her as I agreed to find a place for her.

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<sup>10</sup> Mackintosh: a form of waterproof raincoat, first sold in 1824, made out of rubberized fabric.

*Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Damp and unpleasant. Have had a hard day, have walked the streets all day trying to find some place for Grace Collett to stay while Dr. Marshall treats her eyes. Her trouble being contagious under certain conditions no one wants to take her in their homes. The work was not all in vain however because a movement has been started tonight and which may result in opening the City Hospital which has been closed to all applicants hither to. Went to prayer meeting.

*Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Damp and unpleasant was busy all day, went to Dr. Marshall to ask about Grace Collett's eyes and then to see Mrs. Bays and came home to mark verses in Charlie's bible. Sat awhile with Mother with my work. In the evening Margaret and I went to the Baptist church where Mr. Snodgrass is still holding meetings. Charlie went forward tonight with others who desired to be Christians. Wrote to Will and Mrs. Harrison of Yazoo City, Miss.

*Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rainy all day and very stormy all night. There were a few gleams of sunshine after noon but it was soon clouded over again. Spent most of the forenoon marking a bible for Charlie R., gave it to him in the afternoon, as he was leaving for home. Went to Teachers' meeting at Dr. Dennis' in the evening four present. Sat awhile with Mother after 3 o'clock. Wrote to Mother Ricker or rather sent a letter I had written. Bessie came home from school sick this morning.

*Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Snowy and blustery. Went to see about my tooth but did not get it finished. Went to see Maggie Peebles and found Mrs. Pratt there, having come to recuperate after her long illness. Wrote a letter to Cora Lockhart at Pond Run. Had a letter from Effie Ellis, Charleston, S.C. who expects to visit us in the spring. Was over to see Mother who continues to improve slowly.

*Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather quite cold again. Unusual storms prevailed in some sections. The river reached its highest mark today, 53 ft 6 in.

We all attended S.S. and church as usual and Dr. Tappan preached a timely sermon on the revival work which should continue though the special efforts have ceased. A wind and rain storm in the evening kept many from the services but we all went except Bessie.

*Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold and clear again. Ground frozen. Had a letter from Mrs. McCall in Grahamsville, Fla. which contained flowers and sweet odors. Went to Corps in the afternoon. Had a letter from John which was quite gratifying in some respects. Went to Dr. Dennis' again but that nerve is not yet dead though he has been three weeks treating it. Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Hudson called. Also Mary Ellen. Wrote to Will.

*Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Cold. Snow. Water falling. Amanda left for a two week visit. Have had a number of callers. Mary Ellen, Grace Collett, Dr. Marshall, Carrie Stearns, Mary Moore, and in the evening the Endeavor Soc. held a business meeting here. Had a nice letter from Cora Lockhart. Wanted to write two or three but could not find time for one. Grace Collett came this afternoon to remain while Amanda is away and help us as best she can while being treated for her eyes.

*Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Weather seasonable, not very bright. Schools and Banks closed today so our family have had a holiday. Carl went with the Ports. National Bank force (except Mr. Silcox) to Brush Creek on Mr. Reed's invitation. A queer time for a picnic in the woods, at Camp McCulloch but Mr. Reed wanted all to go. I was up to see Maggie Peebles and saw Mrs. Pratt and her friend Miss Patterson. Went to church in the evening. Carl returned at 9:30 P.M.

*Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

School again today and our usual receptions. I am busy with the housework Grace helps me considerably but can not do cooking or such work as interferes with her eyes. Had a woman here to iron today.

Wrote to Will as I usually do Thursdays and sent him papers.

*Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy, and umbrellas are a necessary part of one's street outfit, though in the afternoon it was quite pleasant. Phil. G. Lovey was buried from our church this afternoon leaving Lydia Knowles a widow after being married just a year. Last Saturday (18<sup>th</sup>). Met as Mis. Com. at Mary Peebles after the funeral and went to Teachers' meeting at Mrs. Robb's in the evening, Margaret and I.

*Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant. Had a busy day from first to last, and can not now remember a thing that was done of any consequence. Of course was over to see Mother and Julia was here to give Lizzie her music lesson. Bessie Hall spent the forenoon at Dr. Marshall's and May went along for company. J.W. had a letter from Will. Uncle Sam and Aunt Maria called. She has sold her place and is going to give me some old relics.

*Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cool but pleasant. All went to S.S. and morning service as usual. Had an addition of twenty five or six to our membership, among whom were some we were specially interested in. Mr. Chris G. Young being one of them. I was glad to see Mrs. Nettie Bays among the number I have been greatly interested in her and she goes from here some to live in Cin. where she will need the help of christians.

*Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Have been at home most of the day. Went to Dr. Dennis' but could not have my tooth filled so came home. Went to see Mother. Father has gone to St. Louis and we hope will go to Kirkwood while there. MRs Bays came to see me this afternoon to say good-bye and get a few parting words from me. Wrote to Will as usual and sent him papers. J.W. and I took tea over home with Dr. and Mrs. Tappan and Dr. and Mrs. Van Tine. Letters from Mrs. M.A. Harrison and paper from her and Effie Ellis.

*Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Quite pleasant. The event of this day has been the Missionary Meeting here. Fifteen ladies were present including some new ones. Mrs. Jno Foster being our new secretary. Mrs. Pratt came with Mrs. Peebles, as she still considers herself a member of our Soc. and contributes liberally to it. She has been very ill and is lame from a fall but is improving. Finally had my tooth filled and made Mrs. Helfenstein a call. Went to see Maggie Silcox who leaves Monday.

*Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Weather fair but windy. Have been at home most of the day. Spent a while over home with some ripping I had to do on May's red dress.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Dr. T. was not present. Carl and I had letters from Will who keeps well and busy. This is Robert Peebles' birthday and I did some errands for Lizzie and sent him a letter and some little wax candles. Father came home delighted with his trip to St. L. and Kirkwood.

*Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day, which I have spent at home so far except for the little while I was over to see Mother. Uncle Sam was here. Wrote to Will and Mother R. Must now get our evening dinner.

*Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy part of the day and grew colder about 4 P.M. Mr. Samuel Huston Sr. was buried from our church this afternoon, Dr. Tappan preaching the sermon and Mr. Badger assisting in the services. Mr. Huston was in his 93<sup>rd</sup> year. Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, being his birthday.

John Peebles was thrown from a road-cart and hurt this afternoon while returning from Otway to Henley. His father took Dr. Titus out this evening. S.S. Teachers' meeting was held at our home, 15 being present. Lizzie and her class went in the hills with Prof. Smith.

*Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Snowy and dismal. Inauguration Day and Cleveland takes his seat for the second time. We have been very busy all day. I went out a while late in the afternoon, went to say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Silcox who leave Monday for California for his health. Paid some bills and called to see Mr. and Mrs. Chris Young. In the evening J.W. and I went together to see Mr. and Mrs. Silcox.

*Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant day, but snow has made the walking bad in places and it looks very wintery everywhere. We went to S.S. and church as usual.

(Father started to St. Louis much to our regret, we would rather he had waited until tomorrow. Error) Had no service in the evening owing to a Union Meeting at 6<sup>th</sup> in the interest of a Y.M.C.A to be started here. Many went away unable to get one.

*Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day but I have not been out to enjoy it except to go over and sit a couple of hours with Mother while I ripped up May's red waist.<sup>11</sup> Wrote Will as usual. Had a letter from Miss Lockhart. We all went to hear Leland T. Powers portray some of the characters from David Copperfield. He did it well, we thought.

*Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rainy in the forenoon, clear in the afternoon.

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<sup>11</sup> Waist was a common term in the United States for the bodice of a dress or a blouse or woman's shirt from the early 19th century until around 1910.

Amanda returned at noon today. Have spent the afternoon ripping and washing Lizzie's red dress. Took both of them to the dyers. Was down street only a little while. Margaret has gone to a C.E. meeting at the 2<sup>nd</sup> church. Spent the evening playing Gospel songs and then wrote to Mrs. Margaret F. Willson. Ass't I & I offices of W.R.C.

### *Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Variable with rain before night. Grace did my housework and I began on some repairing of my dresses. wrote to Miss Lockhart. Had letters from Will who continues well and happy in his work. Went to sit a while with Mother while I did some ripping on my blue tricot dress.<sup>12</sup> We all went to prayer meeting except Lizzie who had to study. After the meeting, Carl, Margaret, and Bessie went to hear Dr. Nourse lecture.

### *Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy. Spent the day on my dress which was in need of repairs. Was over home twice with it to sit with Mother while I sewed.

Wrote to Will as I usually do on Thursday, also to Mother Ricker.

Spent the evening at home practicing.

### *Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A little cloudy in the morning but beautiful in the afternoon. Grace sponged and pressed my dress and it looks quite well again. In the afternoon I went to call on Mrs. Jones and Maggie Mason, Mrs. Richard Lloyd and Flora Field, Mrs. John Heer and her mother Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Lydia Lorey and Mrs. Pearl Selby.

Went to S.S. Teacher's meeting at Uncle Enos' in the evening. Mannie Hancock died tonight about 10 o'clock after a long illness with typhoid fever.

### *Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A rainy, dismal day throughout. Have sewed nearly all day on things for myself, fixing over clothes. Went to see Mother in the afternoon and rested awhile. Was tired from sewing. Mother has not felt so well for several days, but is not seriously ill.

Lizzie did not take her music lesson today as she had expected to go to Sciotoville with Prof. Smith's class, but the weather was not suitable. Spent the evening playing on the piano.

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<sup>12</sup> Tricot: a fine knitted fabric made of a natural or man-made fiber.

*Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Lovely day, and one we can enjoy after so much dismal weather. Twenty-eight years ago today our little sister Anna died. We went to S.S. and church as usual, also the evening meeting which was well attended.

Teachers held a meeting to take action on the death of Mary Hancock who died last Friday evening. Maud Caruthers and Mrs. Ed. Welch were buried this afternoon.

*Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful spring-like day. Wrote to Will then went to do a few errands, to see Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Patterson, now laid up twelve weeks with rheumatism and Mrs. W.V. Simmons with a sprained wrist. on the afternoon attended the funeral of Mamie Hancock at our church, Dr. Tappan preaching the sermon from the words "the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." Mark 5-39.

Her father goes on crutches having been badly hurt by a fall three weeks ago. Mamie was an amiable girl, a constant active christian, and a great loss to her family and friends.

*Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and pleasant but grew colder in the afternoon. Was with Mother in the forenoon and was just dressing after dinner when Miss Lockhart called and made me quite a visit. I was glad to meet and talk with her. Went down street later to see about my pen which was sent to N.Y. for repairs. No letter from Will today.

*Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather rather cold and unpleasant but a few flowers, crocuses are beginning to bloom. Have sewed a little today but find I cannot stew steadily any length of time and feel well. All of us but Lizzie went to prayer meeting. Will's letter has not come yet.

*Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant weather, and Bessie came home to dinner at noon which she does not usually do. Everybody is going to see the petrified woman on exhibition here now but I have not cared to go.



*Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A dismal day. Those who went out in the morning without umbrellas needed them before night. Was over home with my darning in the forenoon but worked here most of the afternoon. Intended going to S.S. Teachers' meeting in the evening but a very wet snow changed my plans as the meeting is to be at Mrs. Comins on East 3<sup>rd</sup> st. Wrote to Lizzie Peebles and Alevina Caden.

*Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

About 3 inches of snow on the ground and still falling this morning. Cleared off later and was pleasant in the afternoon. Hills still white with snow. Sewed on Lizzie's red dress all forenoon while sitting with Mother. Wrote up the new Record Book for the Relief Corps after dinner then went out to pay a bill or two and make a few calls. Saw Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Jns E. Jones at their homes, but Mrs. Lewis was out. Had letter from Mrs. Thomas of Jackson inviting us to stop with her during Presbytery if I go.

Charlie L. was here.

*Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant day. All went to Sabbath school and church as usual. There was nothing unusual to mark the day.

*Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Quite pleasant. Wrote to Will, Mrs. Thomas and Jennie Greene today. Sewed awhile in the forenoon out at Mother's and after dinner went to Relief Corps. Did a number of errands and after coming home we went a second time. Maggie Peebles and I called at Mr. Joe Bratt's, Mrs. Bratt died of typhoid fever last night leaving a baby five or six months old. Barton and Elizabeth G. came today. Got my pen back from N.Y.

*Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant, overhead but muddy under foot. Elizabeth Greene was here all day except when making Mother a little visit. Barton was in twice to see E. who is not well. Margaret has been sick all day but went to school. Went to see Miss Emma Bell about Relief Corps work after dinner then to see Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Titus. Have worked some on the red dress. Received from Will four specimens of his work at wood turning. Also a long letter.

*Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Regular spring weather. Was over home all the forenoon and out most of the afternoon.

Mary and I made a few calls. Went to see Mrs. Joe Reed and daughter, Mrs. A.C. Thompson and daughters, Mrs. Pratt at Mrs. Peebles' and Mrs. Draper. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Mrs. Joe Bratt was buried today, there being six other funerals, some of the bodies having been here before that.

### *Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy and windy and warm. I spent the forenoon over home and remained to dinner with Mary, Father had gone to Ironton.

Wrote to Effie Ellis and then went to the W.C.T.U. meeting, had not been before a long time.<sup>13</sup>

Wrote to Will and sent him papers as usual. Made Mrs. Stewart a call after the meeting. Wrote to Mother Ricker. Had a note and paper from Alevina Caden.

### *Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Was over home both before and after dinner with my work. Mother has not felt so well lately and seems to want me all the time. In the evening Margaret and I went to S.S. Teachers' meeting at Dr. Dennis'.

Barton went home on the early train and left Elizabeth with us.

David E. Davis died this A.M.

Earnest Young stopped to see the things Will sent.

### *Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather. sat all the forenoon with Mother and finished off Lizzie's red dress so both are now ready for use again. In the afternoon I was too tired for anything, tried to take a nap, then got ready and went out. Got a bolt of muslin and a pattern for use next week. Went to see Mrs. Elizabeth Kendall who is now 83 years old and still vigorous, was out making garden when I called.

### *Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day, but somewhat cool. Fires are still quite necessary. We all went to S.S. and church as usual in the forenoon. in the afternoon attended the funeral of Mr. David E. Davis at our church, and in the evening went to the Union Meeting at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres church. The Union Meetings are to be held once each month during summer. The house was full.

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<sup>13</sup> Woman's Christian Temperance Union: one of the first organizations of women devoted to social reform. Originally organized on December 23, 1873 in Hillsboro, Ohio the group influenced the temperance movement and supported the 18th Amendment.

*Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Amanda and grace were up early and at the washing. The wind was cold and Amanda took cold before the day was over. Wrote to Will as usual. Went to the Lecture Course Concert, the Mozart club in the evening and just after the music began, news came that Mr. Chas. P. Lloyd had dropped dead in Weaver's barber shop on Chillicothe St. He was a very strong looking man and his sudden death comes like a shock to everybody. He leaves a wife, one daughter and a mother over 82 years of age. E.T.G went to Henley.

*Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Was over home with Mother in the forenoon and entertained the Foreign Mis. Soc. in the afternoon. Nine other ladies present, Mrs. Pratt among the number. After the society, Mary and I walked up street but I had previously gone after the Dr. for Amanda as she is not at all well. One of our latest church members died today of Typhoid Fever, a Mr. Cottrell.

*Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Was busy at home part of the time I had my work at Mother's part of the time, Weather fine. After dinner Mary and I went to Mrs. Cas. Lloyd's where we saw Mrs. Tracy. We then called at Mrs. Drew's after which I went to see old Mrs. Lloyd at her home and from there came home. Have always thought a great deal of Mrs. L. and sympathize deeply with her in her sorrow. She is left very much alone now as Mrs. Tracy lives in Columbus and Libbie in London. Went to prayer meeting. Letter from Will. Elizabeth returned from Henley.

*Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

One of the mildest, dustiest days of the year. Was at home most of the forenoon. Went to Mr. Chas. P. Lloyd's funeral in the afternoon. Rev. Arthur S. Johnson preached the discourse from Cor. 5-1. After the funeral. Mrs. Wm Russell and I went to sit with old Mrs. Lloyd while the others were gone. She was alone at her house, excepting that Mrs. Robb was downstairs. It is sad for her, indeed. Mrs. Russell's trouble was very similar to her son Chas. died suddenly, too.

I wrote to Will.

*Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Bright and not so windy as yesterday. went down street in the forenoon to do some errands. Got the cup and saucer that Mary had painted for Mother white china with forget-me-nots. Read a letter from Helen telling of her nice surprise last Friday, a piano which Enos got for her.

Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Went to S.S. Teachers' Meeting at the Reading Rooms.<sup>14</sup>

Mrs. Dennis and I called upon Mrs. Gross at the Hotel Portsmouth.

### *Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Miss Bessie went to Columbus to spend her vacation and Elizabeth Green went that far with her on her way home.

Did a little sewing but not much. Uncle Sam was here in the evening for a short visit.

### *Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893*

Pleasant. Dr. Scovel President of Wooster Col. preached both morning and evening and we had two fine sermons but we were almost too tired to enjoy them.<sup>15</sup> He preaches long ones. I heard him at Lima last June and was much pleased with his sermon on the Gospel of Work. Messrs. Doggett and Mueller are here in the interest of the Y.M.C.A.

### *Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Grace had a letter from home this morning which took her home at noon. She did all she could before leaving, was sorry to go just as we begin house cleaning. I got a woman to come this afternoon and help.

Gave Grace a pink gingham dress before she left.<sup>16</sup>

### *Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Had a woman come to help with the house-cleaning but she ironed and let Amanda help Margaret who was putting the front room in order. Charlie Jack prepared it today, and it can be all finished tomorrow.

### *Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant. Had a woman come to help with the cleaning. Have the boys' and girls' rooms cleaned except putting matting on the girls' room.

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<sup>14</sup> The Reading room was located at 64 West Second Street, created by Mrs. Rachel Hamilton's will to be set up as a free reading room for the men and boys of the city as long as expenses were provided by the citizens of Portsmouth.

<sup>15</sup> Sylvester Fithian Scovel, D.D., LL.D., President of Wooster College 1883-1899. Born in Harrison, Ohio in 1835, he graduated Hanover College in 1853 and New Albany Theological Seminary in 1856. He served as a pastor for 9 years until he was called to the pastoral charge of the First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, PA in 1866 and served here until he accepted the Presidency of Wooster College in 1883.

<sup>16</sup> Gingham: lightweight plain-woven cotton cloth, typically checked in white and a bold color.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening. The annual congregational meeting was held and Messrs. Thompson and Molster re-elected.

Letter from Will.

### *Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and very windy. Had Mrs. Porter again today and the housecleaning went on. I wrote to Will in the forenoon and sent him papers as usual. In the afternoon went to W.C.T.U. the regular business meeting.

Was over home awhile with Mother.

Went to see Mr. Thompson after Temperance meeting. Lizzie Peebles was here in the evening.

Wrote to Mother Ricker.

### *Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm, windy and dusty. A storm is surely brewing in the neighborhood. I worked hard all forenoon taking paper off the wall in the back hall. Got very tired and overheated. went over home and altered my new basque. Began taking cold. Lizzie went to Louise Dever's party. I was not able to attend Teachers' meeting at Dr. Tappan's.

### *Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm and close.<sup>17</sup> Indications of a storm. Windy and dusty. Almost useless to clean home. Margaret painted the wood work in her room this week but could not finish on account of the dust. Bessie returned from Columbus on the evening train, late. J.W. and I were at Dr. Dennis' all evening, she was attending a Com meeting and I was visiting.

### *Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Fresh and pleasant after the rain of last night which was accompanied by some thunder and lightning. All went to Sabbath School and church as usual. The new time is now used in the announcements and S.S. is at 8.30, church at 10.30. Communion services in the morning, and two persons received on profession, several by letter. A stranger Rev. Mr. Harrock preached in the evening. Grace C. returned.

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<sup>17</sup> Close weather: warm and humid or stuffy.

*Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rained hard most of the night and was cloudy in the morning but cleared off quite cool later in the day. Wrote to Will and Mrs. Carroll and postals to Lizzie P., Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Myers. Called to see Mother on my way to the P.O. Arthur Ball died while I was up street so I went to see Miss Ball, his sister. Mrs. Bowman died about 4 P.M. Three teachers have been thus kept out of school this first day of the term. I went to see how Ford Haldeman is, he has been sick a week or more. Bought a new pair of shoes.

*Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright in the morning but rain began to fall about 3 o'clock P.M. I went to see Mother, called to ask about Ford and then went to the train to start to Jackson with a good many others to attend Presbytery. Dr. Tappan and Oella, Mary Ellen Moore, Mrs. Evans, Prof. Lewis, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Molster, and I went from the First Ch. Also Mrs. Reilly not appointed. Mrs. R.W. Thomas had invited me and I went to stop with her. It rained hard when we reached J. Attended the opening service in the evening. Rev. Mitchell preached.

*Wednesday, April 12, 1893*

Sunshine and shower alternated. Had a pleasant day though. The new church is very nice. have not been in Jackson for more than 20 years. Met some of the old friends of the Ricker family. Was busy attending Presbyterial Meetings all day. In the evening. Mrs. Dr. Francis of Cin talked on Home Missions and was followed by Dr. Lyle of the Presbyterian Hospital of Cin who interested her hearers very much in the course she presented. Oella went to tea with me as did also Mrs. Harry Campbell of Ironton.

*Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rained hard all forenoon at times but our journey home was pleasant. warm and bright after dinner. The larger delegation returned full of praise for Jackson people. Found all well at home, and Enos here, also letter from Will. E. left at 3 P.M. Housecleaning has gone on slowly owing to delay in getting paper. Carl and Ed Reed went out to Camp McCulloch on horse-back. Retired early not being able to do anything. Put down the new matting in the two rooms for the three girls.

*Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Carl and Ed rode home in a hard rain all the way from camp but I was waiting to help Carl get dry and warm and hope no harm will result. Wrote to Will, John M., Mrs. Thomas, Miss Johns and Mother Ricker.

Did not go to s.s. Teachers' meeting at Dr. Tappan's because I was taking cold and there was a hard wind blowing.

*Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather such as might be expected, with rather more wind than usual. The house-cleaning went on all day but is not yet finished.

Grace finished putting down the matting in Margaret's room and now both her room and the little girls' room have pretty new matting on the floor. The new paper on their bed-rooms and the parlor is a great improvement.

*Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant but cool for the season. Winter clothes and customs are still in place. Went to S.S. and church as usual. There were several baptisms in the morning service. the Turner children, Mary Phoebe and George, I think, and Mr. Guilford Heaton, the later being received into the church.

Went to church again in the evening.

*Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and pleasant though fires are necessary to comfort. Was busy as usual all forenoon and went to Relief Corps in the afternoon. Mrs. McCall is back from Florida and brought us some souvenirs from Mt. Lookout.

Amanda is sick again with cold and I went to the Dr. for medicine but he was out.

*Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy with slight rains all day. J.W. and I went on the morning train to Athens to see John and were glad to find him so much better, so glad to see us and so pleasantly situated. He introduced us to his friends, Drs. Dunlap and Cook and their wives, Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Kline and others. We spent a pleasant evening with the family in the sitting room. I had not seen him for nearly 5 years.

*Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful morning but still looks a little like rain. We had a good night's rest, good breakfast and lunch and all the kind attentions which could be shown us. John took us through the Conservation, we got a few flowers which he carefully did up for me and at 11 o'clock we were sent to the train. Found all about as usual on our return home. Carl took Mr. Sam Reed and Ed Reed up the canal after banking hours and had an accident before their return. Sam Reed is hardly expected to live but we hope for the best. The boys were not hurt except for a few slight bruises.

*Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and very windy. The event of this day was the going home of Grace Collett. We shall miss her greatly. I was down street most of the forenoon. Went to the shop, the drug store, etc and then called to inquire about Mr. Sam Reed. We were thankful to learn that he was still living this morning and the symptoms were more comfortable, still the result can not be known for some days. Mr. Silcox has been telegraphed for. Carl is only slightly bruised for which we feel thankful to an over ruling Providence.

*Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Very, very windy. So threatening in the after noon that we kept May at home as we are afraid of the building she is in when the wind blows hard.

Was down street this morning but not afterwards. Father is in bed and I went after medicine for him. S.S. Teacher's meeting was to have been here this evening but the only ones who came were D.T. and the girls.

Lizzie P. and William were in.

*Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Bright but very windy. We seem to be having our March wind in April. Was at home all day except when I was with Father and Mother. The former is in bed with an attack of influenza or something similar. Finished altering Margaret's dress for spring wear. She has bought new blue sailor hats for the two younger girls. She takes great satisfaction in buying things they need.

Mr. Sam Reed continues to improve slowly.

J.W. and I called at Dr. Dennis's this evening.

*Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful morning but wind and clouds the rest of the day. All went to s.s. and church as usual in the forenoon. After dinner I spent some time with Father and Mother who are neither of them well. in the evening we went to a Union Meeting in the interest of the Y.M.C.A. held at Bigelow. Messrs. Doggett and Gordon spoke, Mr. Mueller having been called away to his sick father.



*Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day, but frost in the morning. Wrote to Will and Aunt Maria. Father better and out again. A forenoon filled with little employments, necessary but not showy. Was over home in the afternoon. Put up their lace curtains, no one else ever does that, or at least it is usually my job. Our own were washed this afternoon and will be to put up tomorrow. Mr. Reed's condition is still precarious.

*Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rained all forenoon and most of the afternoon. Put up the lace curtains in the parlor and was ready for the meeting of the For. Mis. Society in the afternoon. Eleven ladies came through the rain. It was voted to invite the W.F.M.S. to hold their next annual meeting in Portsmouth and I was authorized to telegraph the message as the meeting occurs tomorrow in Erie, Pa. Jimmie went to sit up with Mr. Reed tonight.

*Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rainy. Jimmie thought Mr. Reed somewhat better this morning, still there is very little encouragement. Was over home a part of the day. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Mr. Tom Martin and Margaret Peebles were here this evening. They go home on the morning train. We all wrote letters to Father Ricker today as tomorrow will be his birthday.

*Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Father Ricker is 80 years old today. Have had considerable running to do today and little to show for it. Had a letter from will and answered it. The family was so scattered that at tea time only May was here to eat with us. Amanda had taken special pains with the meal and was disappointed that so few were here to enjoy it.

*Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day and quite warm. Was over home awhile both before and after dinner. in the afternoon I went to see Margaret's Arbor Day exercises at school. Had been helping her get ready for it. Was not feeling well and could not go to Teachers' meeting in the evening. Oella was here. Miss Purdum was here in the forenoon to see me. Saw a rainbow around the moon.

*Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rained forenoon and evening but was pleasant in the afternoon. Mary had Flora Field, Oella Tappan and Lena Kline to tea with Margaret this evening and I have done little but run errands since 11 o'clock. Margaret also had her children who were in the Dolly piece photographed and it was an all-day job to get them together.

*Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Took umbrellas but did not need them after all. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Was over home in the afternoon to see Father and Mother, neither of whom feel very well. In the evening Dr. Tappan had a large congregation to hear him say something on the school question which is agitating the public mind at this time. His views on the subject are sound and approved by the general public.

*Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Rainy all day, or nearly so. Wrote to Will as usual also to Mrs. Bond of Toledo. Was over home both before dinner, and most of the afternoon. Mother does not improve very rapidly. Began taking steps about the Alumni meeting for this year, being chairman of the Com. This has not been an ideal May-Day.

*Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy with rain in the early morning. Was over home with work in the forenoon, then did some errands. Went to Mrs. Euth's funeral at our church at 3 P.M. Another shocking accident occurred some after noon today, Mr. Ed. McAleer being kicked by the horse he was harnessing, his skull fractured so that he died soon after. A busy energetic, prosperous builder with contacts all over town suddenly called away. Mr. Reed still lives and improves so slowly it is hard to see any difference, or encouragement in his case. The Alumni Com. met at our house to begin work this evening. Aunt Maria has come from Buena Vista. Expects to make her home with Jennie.

*Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy and so damp and cold that we have fire again in the hall stove as well as the sitting room. Was out seeing about my bonnet. Wrote to Jennie. went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

*Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Wrote to Father and Mother Ricker as tomorrow will be their wedding anniversary.

Mary Moore, Margaret and I attended a reception at Mrs. Frank Kehoe's in which Mrs. Carrie Brooks shared with Mrs. Kehoe. We were to have had a Com. meeting in the evening but neither Miss Comins nor Mr. Kehoe came so nothing was done.

*Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant still we carried umbrellas as it was threatening. High waters and storms prevail. This is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Father and Mother Ricker's wedding. J.W. sent them a letter and sent Ira money to get them a bunch of banana. Went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. ch. in the evening with Isa Abbott, having promised Miss Barber that I would go and talk to their society a little about the Mt. Whites.

Union Mis Meeting at Baptist Ch.

*Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant. Was very busy all day helping Margaret with her room which is not yet finished. We put up pictures and sash curtains and did other things. Was very tired and began taking cold again as a result.

*Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Did not need umbrellas today which is unusual, all were ready for s.s. in good time, and attended all the services of the day. Was over home with Mother in the afternoon.

*Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and lovely.

Letter from Will this morning, I was writing him when it came. Also wrote Will L. Ricker at Kirkwood.

Sewed on Lizzie's school dress but did not finish it, have another cold and went after medicine for it. Mother about as usual.

*Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Began raining in the night and continued until near noon, when it cleared off. Mrs. Boyerton and Pearl went home this evening. Was over home both before and after dinner. Went to see about some Alumni business and also to the Missionary meeting in the afternoon.

*Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant, have had much rain all spring and things grew fast and look pretty. Have sewed some and done some other work. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. This is Uncle Sam's birthday. Aung Maria went to take dinner with him. I was over home with my work. Went with her to get a dress in the afternoon. She gave me a fine picture of Washington which came today. It belonged to Grandfather Moore.

*Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful and quite warm. Was out on Alumni and other business, met Lizzie after school and she went with me. Bought some rods for sash curtains. Wrote to Will and sent him papers as usual. Was over home a part of the day, with Mother. Richard spent most of the evening with us.

*Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Was busy all day with shades and curtains and did not then get through. Teachers' meeting was held at our house in the evening, Dr. Tappan and daughters, Maggie P. and Venitia Ramsey being the only ones who came. Bessie, Margaret and I being here.

Helen came this evening and will stop awhile with us.

Rained and hailed awhile this forenoon. Cards are out for the Bannon Damarin wedding.

*Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy and cool enough for fire and heavy wraps. Helen and I were down street in the forenoon and afternoon. had been to market previously. Finished putting up the sash curtains in the front room upstairs. Worked in the yard with Margaret awhile putting out some plants. Went up street after supper with Bessie.

*Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. in addition to our usual number we had Helen to go to Sabbath School with us this morning and he went to church with us in the evening but sat with Mary in the morning.

She always receives a warm welcome from her many friends here. Dr. Tappan leaves Tuesday for General Assembly and will be gone about a month but the pulpit will probably be filled during his absence.

*Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant a part of the day. Rained some in the morning. May finished putting together a miniature Eifel Tower which Helen brought her and Lizzie from Grand Rivers. It was made in Chicago I think and is in very small sections but when finished is 16 inches square at the base and nearly 40 inches high. It is made of some light substance resembling wood or leather and is beautiful.

*Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather cloudy with some rain. Not favorable for the Bicycle race from Columbus to Portsmouth.<sup>18</sup> Those who came into town on their wheels were covered with mud so I was told. The Alumni Com. meeting this evening was almost a failure as Mr. K. was out of town.

*Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant all day but it looked stormy in the evening after church. The weather is very unsettled. Lizzie came in last night and went out at noon taking Helen with her. She and I were out doing errands before noon. Got some old library books from our s.s. which she will repair as best she can for their s.s.

*Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant and warm. Was surprised and pleased to see Grace walk in again today. The Dr. is able to treat her eye again so she is here for that purpose. Wrote to Will and sent him papers. One of his tennis club friends was married last night. Miss Mattie Fox and Dr. Teachner.

Carl is painting, all his spare time and will greatly improve the looks of the back hall.

*Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather delightful. Summer dresses are in demand.

No S.S. Teachers' meeting but a Com meeting for the Alumni Anniversary. Spent a long evening working on the list and other arrangements for the reunion. Accepted invitation from Rich and Lizzie to hold it at Hurley.

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

Warm and bright until night when it became very stormy looking but the fury of the hail storm was spent west of us. Miss Bessie and Lizzie went with Prof Smith and the D. class of the H.S. to Manchester on a geological tour. The rest of us worked busily all day. M and M in the yard most of the day and I a part of it. Wrote awhile in the afternoon on a paper which I want for next week. M and J walked down to Front street after supper.

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<sup>18</sup> The bicycle race was a relay from Columbus to Portsmouth with each rider covering ten miles. It took six hours and forty-nine minutes for the final rider to reach Portsmouth. That evening a banquet was held for the visiting riders at the Hotel Portsmouth and about fifty-five bicycles paraded the streets according to the May 20, 1893 issue of the Portsmouth Times.

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

Beautiful day and quite warm.

All went to S.S. and church as usual.

Rev. Mr. Elliott preached both morning and evening. was over to sit awhile with mother who seems to feel somewhat better.

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

Beautiful day and quite warm. I changed from winter to summer clothes. Was over home in the forenoon and at home most of the afternoon. Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Hattie Johnson were here and when they left I went with them as far as Dr. Davis' where I called to see Mrs. Dudley and then stopped at Dr. McClure's. Mrs. M. was out but I saw Mr. Hyatt who is now near 90 I should think.

Wrote to Will.

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

Fair and warm in the A.M. but rained hard before school time then turned cold and windy. Was to have gone to Henley with Aunt Maria but Mother did not feel so well so I did not go. Took Aunt to the train and saw her off safely. Was out before noon doing errands for Lizzie P. Had letter from will, Helen returned from Henley.

*Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. The 76<sup>th</sup> birthday of the First Pres. ch. or rather it is 76 years old today, it is also Oella Tappan's and Queen Victoria's. Mother was not so well today and grew worse all day so when night came I had to stay with her. ~~Aunt Maria and Helen returned from Henley and~~ Aunt Maria and Elizabeth Peebles came in from Henley and if Mother is well enough for them to leave the three will go to Zanesville Friday. I did not go to prayer meeting and Teachers' meeting and in my absence was elected the delegate to Canton to the S.S. Convention. June 20-23.

*Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Mother a little better and I slept some during the night. Wrote to Will and Mother Ricker this morning. Harry Bauman and Jessie Damarin were married at Bigelow M.W. church this evening, no bridesmaids but little Pauline Varner was the flower girl and carried the bride's bouquet. Arthur Bauman, Harry Miller, Percy Reed and Tracy Johnson were the ushers. The bride was beautiful as she always is and has been since a child.

Margaret attended the reception.

*Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rained but was delightful never the less. Aunt Maria, Helen, and Elizabeth Peebles left at noon for Zanesville where Aunt Maria will make her future home with Barton and Jennie, but Helen and E. will return next week.

We had no Committee meeting this evening as no one could come but Mrs. Hall and she was not really able. I was half sick myself and glad to be excused.

*Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant after the rain of yesterday. Was with Mother most of the day. Have not been well myself and scarcely able to do anything. Margaret went over home to sleep again while Helen is away at Zanesville. Arthur Titus was here this morning, his cousin Arthur was called home by the alarming illness of this brother.

*Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather delightful with us but in some parts of the country there are floods and storms. All went to s.s. and church as usual. Rev. Mr. Cooper of Red Oak preached for us both morning and evening. Was over home part of the afternoon and then went to Memorial services at Sixth st. M.E. church. Mr. Badger preached from the text "I have fought a good fight." He spoke well and denounced the horse races which are set for Tuesday. He leaves here soon for Washington.

*Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Mother is a little better but I stay with her most of the time. Carl drove Ed Reed out to Camp McCulloch, or near there, this evening and then returned home. Walter Oscar Finney went to Mr. Drees' and brought Andy home.

*Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

An exceptionally beautiful day and pleasant for the services at the Cemetery as it was not too hot and did not rain. I sat with Mother all forenoon and went with the Relief Corps to the Cemetery in the afternoon. Mrs. Silcox too Mrs. Milstead and me out in her carriage with Ella Smith.

Had a long letter from Will who expects to be home in a few days and will not write many more letters. The little girls filled four emblems for me and then went to the Hall to help fill baskets. I could not go.

*Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Not too hot. Carl is putting the third coat of paint on the kitchen and it looks well. Put new oil-cloth on the upper back hall floor so it is now done.<sup>19</sup> Attended the Missionary society at Mrs. Tappan's in the afternoon and as the sec'y had made a mistake in the hours, I was there a long time before the meeting opened. Was with Mother all the forenoon. It rained after we went to bed. Wrote to Will after church.

*Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day but somewhat windy and there were slight showers in the morning. Alwina Caden called to see me this afternoon. Letter from Mars Bard. Helen and Elizabeth returned from Zanesville. I have been helping with M's new white India silk which she is having made for Will. L. Ricker's wedding.

Did not write the usual letter to Will because it is possible that he may leave Ithaca before the letter would reach him. Have been busy all day and over home most of the time.

*Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Lovely weather but pretty warm. Enough rain to help things green and growing. Elizabeth Peebles went home. Alumni Com. met here this evening, except Mrs. Hall who came later. We accomplished quite a good deal. The money is coming in very encouragingly.

*Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Margaret had her school photographed attain this A.M. with better success. Have been busy with the winter and summer clothes the chests, drawers, etc.

Sewed a little but not much. Margaret got her white silk home. Several of us had a drive behind Andy, this evening. He looks and acts well. Mrs. Coates and Lillie called here to see Helen.

*Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Delightful day, rained last night and this morning which brightens everything. all went to s.s. as usual and also to church. Rev. Mr. McWilliams of Montreal preached for us exchanging pulpits with Dr. Tappan. We enjoyed the sermons both morning and evening.

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<sup>19</sup> Oilcloth, also known as enameled cloth or American cloth, is close-woven cotton duck or linen cloth with a coating of boiled linseed oil to make it waterproof.



The young Men's Christian Association was organized this afternoon by Jim Gordon, State Sec'y.

J.W. and Carl were present.

### *Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Clouds and showers. Pleasant weather for me. Sewed a little but spent most of the day putting closets and drawers in order. Gave a little time to Alumni work and some to errands. Mother seems much better. Had a card from Will saying he would leave Ithaca, today, for home. Wrote to Helen Ellis and Mrs. Bard, also Mr. Lawrence on S.S. work.

### *Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy and somewhat cooler since the rain. Bought two drawers of strawberries at 99 cts per drawer. They seem to be plenty though the cold weather hurt them some. The girls, Amanda and Grace made jelly of what we did not use on the table. Mother much better, and Mr. Reed improving gradually but slowly.

### *Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Delightful weather. Busy all the time and yet can hardly tell what I have done. Went to prayer meetings as usual after which there was a Committee meeting here with all present excepting Miss Comins. Discussed details of the plans and think the entertainment will be successful and pleasant.

### *Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and pleasant.

Enos, Helen, Rich and Lizzie went to Athens this A.M. I went over to sit awhile with Mother and sew on Margaret's dress.

Have been busy with other things as well. Prof. H.P. Smith and Mr. C.A. Mueller were here to tea and the latter spent a part of the evening here, but Mr. S. had another engagement after tea.

### *Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and pleasant. Spent most of the day on the Alumni invitations with Mrs. Silcox. Will took us in the carriage to deliver most of them in the afternoon. There will be about one hundred out of turn and two hundred in turn.

Enos, Helen, Richard and Lizzie returned this evening from a visit to John. They think him much better. In the evening they were all here and Enos took ten of us to Knittel's for ice cream.

*Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather. Spent most of the forenoon working on the Alumni invitations. After Mrs. Silcox had addressed the last of them, Margaret took me in the carriage to distribute them. Came home and sewed on Margaret's lavender gingham until three o'clock taking it over home after dinner. Later I went with Margaret to call at Mrs. T.J. Cochrane's and Misses Fimstone's. Then went with Helen to do some shopping. Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Peebles have been married fifty-eight years today. Great accident in Washington, Pension Building fell and killed more than twenty clerks besides injuring others.<sup>20</sup>

*Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Went to Sabbath school as usual. Had no service at our own church so we went to different places. Lizzie went with Lucy to Bigelow, Mary and I went to the Baptist church where Childrens' Day exercises were held, J.W. and Will failed to get seats there so went to Bigelow.

*Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful morning. The postman brought a card from Lizzie Drinock stating that she and Mollie, Jennie and Helen Ricker would be down from Ironton this weekend and after spending the night with Mrs. Tewksbury, they would come here. Mrs. T. being out of town and Margaret Johnson moving her plans made for leaving at noon for Cin, opened the way for the party to come directly to us, which they did. We were pleased to have them and the time will only be too short since they must go on Thursday. We seldom have an opportunity to entertain our eastern friends.

*Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Another charming day. Mary had prepared a picnic dinner and planned a drive to Henley for our selves and guests so we took an early start. Margaret being in school could not go but J.W. Will and I with the four guests filled our surrey and Mrs. Tewksbury's which Margaret Johnson had loaned us for the day.<sup>21</sup> We reached Henley about 10.30 and remained until 5 P.M. having enjoyed a pleasant day. The drive out and back is delightful in such weather.

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<sup>20</sup> On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Ford's old theater, the building where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, collapsed shortly after 9:30. The building had been used by the government as part of the office for the surgeon general of the army and there were 475 people present, mostly government clerks, when the building fell. An excavation for an electric light plant had been made in the cellar, weakening the foundation of the building.

<sup>21</sup> Surrey: a light four-wheeled carriage with two seats facing forward.

*Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy but did not rain more than a few sprinkles. We were busy visiting all forenoon and up to 4 o'clock P.M. when the little picnic party gotten up by Mary consisting of J.W., Lizzie Drinock, Helen Ricker, Jennie Ricker, Mary, Margaret and I drove up to Rushtown and had a nice supper. Came home and had ice-cream served at the house, ordered by Cousin Lizzie.

*Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Lovely weather. Have been very busy all day attending to the final preparations for the Alumni Reunion. Our visitors left on the noon train for Cin. where they will spend the night with the Hesford family and then go on to Kirkwood. Cousin Lizzie asked us to let her girl May the money she had expected to pay for Mollie but did not need. We decided to let May accept the offer and go Monday with Margaret and she then decided to take Lizzie also. This is Carl's birthday. I got him an umbrella.

*Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Surely the weather was most favorable for us and nothing could have been more pleasant than the occasion proved. Ten of us went out on the O.A.W. train to Henley to make needed preparation for the Alumni Reunion which was held on the lawn in the afternoon and evening. Everything passed off smoothly and it was pronounced a great success by all who attended. About 135 went out from town. It rained as we came home from the train. Miss O'C. came to sew Thursday on the dresses for the little girls to wear to Will's wedding.

*Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Have had a busy day finishing off the girls' white dresses for the wedding. I put in the last stitches after night and the packing was done all but a few last things before the girls went to bed. Margaret went over home and tried on her white silk so Mother and Mary could see how it looks. Oella was here to visit awhile with Margaret so she did her packing. Am glad the alumni is over and was such a success.

*Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day but warm. All went to Sabbath school as usual and then having no service at our own church, J.W. and I went to All Saints with Oella and Julia Tappan. Did not go anywhere in the evening as we must rise early in the morning. This is sister Lizzie's birthday.

*Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day, but warm. Were up early to see the three girls off for Kirkwood to attend Will Ricker's wedding and visit Father and Mother R. I put in some of my extra early time weeding the flower beds. Have a good many changes left with me, the bird to care for flowers to tend, dog and kittens to look after and endless jobs of my own. Miss Bessie is studying for the examinations which occur the last of this week. Wrote up the Alumni for the Tribune this morning. Relief Corps this afternoon. I have been appointed to attend the Nat'l W.R.C. Convention at Indianapolis in Set.

*Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day here, hope the Kirkwood bride shares the good weather. Will Lang Ricker and Bessie D. Bowen were married this evening at K. Margaret, Lizzie, May of our family being present. Robert Bill Rifenberick and Miss Ada March of Wyoming, O. were married this evening. We have the announcement card, sent from his parents from Middletown.

He misses our girls and visitors.

*Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Hot in the morning. Miss Maggie came and sewed today. Went up street after some materials and was hurried home by a heavy rain. The Citizens' Bank did not open this morning and there has been quite an excitement among the banks and businesses all day. The bank had a great many depositors and many people will be affected whether directly or indirectly. Dr. Tappan was at prayer-meeting having returned from his trip last night.

*Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Weather delightful. Occasional showers keep vegetation green and the air delightful.

Miss Maggie was sick today, came to say she could not work and then went home. I sewed some on the childrens' dresses and was over home in the afternoon. Had a Committee meeting in the evening to settle up the Alumni business as far as possible.

Not done yet.

*Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather.

Miss O'C. did not come but I sewed some myself and have finished the two dresses begun for the children. Mary Peebles called to see me, and Florence Ball was here to see Bessie and me but as Bessie was at school taking her examinations I had the call all to myself. Was over to see Mother after the callers left. Hear from the children every day.

*Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy and quite cool, must have rained in the vicinity.

Miss Maggie was still unable to come back so I had a chance to do other things that were waiting to be done.

Have been working a little on the Alumni accounts. Bessie finished her examinations and is much relieved. In the evening we had a delightful drive.

Alwina Caden called to tell me about the Canton S.S. Con. Said I was elected to help represent Ohio at the international S.S. Con. at St. Louis in August.

*Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

All of us who are at home went to Sabbath school and then to church morning and evening. Am glad to have our own pastor home again. in the morning his theme was the "unsearchable riches of Christ" in the evening he gave a plain statement of the Briggs case as settled by the General Assembly. We were glad to hear what he had to say about it.

*Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Delightful weather. Maggie O'Connor came again to sew and we began on my sateen which Margaret gave me. Have not felt at all well today and found it hard to keep at my work.

Had a letter from Margaret who says she will go to Grand Rivers this week. The little girls will remain at Kirkwood with their grandparents. It is said that the creditors will want Mr. Overturf to open up the Bank and go on with the business.

*Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful and delightful. Nothing could be finer than the weather for the past week. Sewed all forenoon. Missionary society met here in the afternoon and at 5.30 Carl took his father, Will and me out to the Bannon Reception held on their beautiful grounds. Barry and his bride were the center of attraction. Refreshments were served under the trees and the whole affair was lovely. Mr. and Mrs. Voorheis and daughters were there, sorry Margaret missed it. Grace went home. Bessie went to Henley.

*Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy with some hard rains during the day. Have not felt well but tried to keep at my work. Miss O'C is still working on my sateen dress. Margaret was to go to Grand Rivers today. Had a letter from her. Went to prayer meeting and being too early I went to see Mrs. Helfenstein about the picture of Mr. H. which she had hung in the S.S. room. She was pleased that the teachers expressed a desire to have his picture.

*Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather a little more pleasant since the late rains. The sewing went on as usual, also the letter writing I get some almost every day and write some every day, I think.

*Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm weather, work and little else to vary the monotony. Letters from the children almost daily tell of their having a good time. We have about given up seeing Will and Bess Ricker. Had a letter from him that contained little encouragement as to their coming.

Bess is not well.

*Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Weather warm and work went on as usual. The World's Fair is the main topic of interest nowadays, but we have no intention of going and feel less interest than we should if the Commission had not decided to open on Sabbath after having agreed not to do so. Put in a good day's work as possible under the circumstances. I am too tired and sleepy to do much good at any thing.

*Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Weather warm and dry and nothing to mark the day as different from many others except a Union Bible meeting in the evening at our church, which was well attended and attested the fact that many have not lost their interest in, or love for the Bible nor withstanding the late attacks upon it by so called "higher critics."

*Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Weather bright and warm. We have been sewing on my black satin which is being made over completely and having had it nine years I felt that is not a needless task. Lizzie and her children came in this afternoon to stay until after the Fourth. The little girls will sleep here as usual. The four children have been trying to amuse themselves here all the afternoon.

*Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

One of the most beautiful and also most quiet days I ever saw for the Fourth. Amanda went to Ironton on a boat excursion so I had the little bit of work to do. The boys went to Cin. on the Bostona last night to see what was to be seen there, so we were alone, and sat down with only Miss Bessie for company at table. Took a long drive in the evening. Mattie Wood called to see us. So only in town for a day or two.

*Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather warm and such as we might expect at this season. The sewing goes on but I am not doing my part, though I do what I can. J.W. the boys and I went to prayer-meeting came home and had some lemonade and peanuts. Hear from the girls nearly every day.

*Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm. This being Miss O'Connor's last day with us I tried to put it in faithfully but was obliged to go and lie down a part of the time.

She almost finished my black satin and made a slight alteration in the sateen which I can finish this week.

Our two weeks has been so broken into in various ways that it covered three weeks on the calendar.

Miss Hall went to Scioto to Furnace.

*Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm. Have been finishing up the children's dresses and trying to get them ready to send tomorrow as they must need them. Went over home with my work. Mother is still improving slowly and hoping that her glasses will help her still more.

Letters to and from the girls occupy a part of my time every day. Miss Emma Bell was here to make out reports with me this afternoon, we finished them.

*Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather unusually close and hot. The indications of a storm were realized before night when the sky was most peculiar and caused all who were out to seek shelter in haste. We were out in the carriage, brought Mary home hastily then went back up street after a water melon and bananas reached home just as it began to sprinkle.

Sent the girls' dresses to K.

*Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and not much better for the storm last evening which passed up the valley and only left us a few sprinkles. Had Communion services at our church and a few were received into the church. attended all the services from S.S. to evening sermon.

Miss the little girls very much but am glad to know that they are having a pleasant visit and giving pleasure to their grand-parents.

*Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and warm. Affairs moved on in the usual way. We hear often from the girls, think we had three letters from Margaret today.

Spent some time with Mother and after supper Carl took us for a drive down the river road and back the same way.

*Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm. Had letters from the girls and wrote them. Have sewed a little and spent some time over home. Mother got her new glasses this evening from Dr. Marshall.

After supper Carl took us out to call on Mrs. Alice Hurd Riggs at Mrs. Young's and we invited her to ride with us instead of sitting in the parlor. Her mother is sick there and she came to care for her and take her home as soon as she is able to go to Pittsburg. Terrible fire at the World's Fair, several lives lost.

*Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm. Have done nothing but a little mending an employment which seems never to be finished. Mother went down stairs this forenoon to the lounge made ready in the dining room and remained until after dinner. Has not been down before for several months. Is able to walk about as much as she likes but cannot sit up many minutes at a time.

Delegates to Canton S.S. Con. also C.E. Con. at Cin gave interesting reports at prayer meeting this evening.

*Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm. Was over home and found Mother down stairs again. Letter from John but none from the girls this A.M. Cloudy after dinner. Had com for the first time today. Attended the W.C.T.U. meeting and afterwards called to see Mrs. John Micklethwait whose husband died recently. J.W. Will and I drove out to call on the Bowman's and spent the entire evening.



*Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and dry. Wrote to Margaret who is still at Grand Rivers. Went up street in the evening twice, I think before noon. The weather is very trying. The girls keep well but do not write every day.

Had a pleasant drive in the evening.

Will and Charley were out after we returned and did not come home until late. It was too warm to stay indoors. Organ recital at All Saints to show off the new organ.

*Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Hot with promises of rain which were not fulfilled. Rain went by. J.W. is fifty-two years old today, is very well and happy.

Carl and three other boys went to Brush Creek after supper on a frogging expedition. He enjoys such things more than he does entertainment in houses.

Oella was here a few minutes.

*Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm. Had children's day exercises combined with the morning service but comparatively few of the older members of the congregation attended All Saints' Church was re-dedicated, having arisen from the ashes as it were. Bishop Vincent was here and Will went to hear him. We attended our own regular service in the evening.

*Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and none of us well. Not one escaped a touch of something. Carl went to Brush Creek at 3 o'clock this morning after a halter which he did not get. Attended W.R.C. meeting in the afternoon and then went with Mrs. Silcox to call on Mrs. E. Miller.

Had letters from Margaret and wrote to all three of the girls, also John Rode out in the evening.

*Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Still hot and dry.

Have spent most of the morning writing up W.R.C. business and my accy book. Was over home with my work in the afternoon.

Mother went down stairs in the forenoon and remained until after dinner, lying on the lounge in the dining room.

Lizzie came in at noon and brought Robert, for a little visit.

*Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm. Lizzie went home on the early train and Grace Collett came in after dinner but will not remain. Will make weekly trips to see the Dr.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. We have all been half sick this week but are getting better.

*Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Quite pleasant, some indications of rain.

Miss Bessie returned from Scioto Furnace this evening and I busied myself in the afternoon getting her room in order for her. Had letters from the girls, or rather Margaret. Hear from the little girls twice a week and Margaret every day.

*Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Very warm. Did about the usual things. Am not working hard but keep busy. Was over home with my work and saw Mother eat her supper with the others at the table, she has been down several times this week.

In the evening Carl took Mary, Miss Hall and me for a drive. When we returned we found Prof and Mrs. Lewis here. Before retiring, Miss Bessie invited us to go and get some ice-cream. Rained and is pleasant.

*Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Foggy and cooler in the early morning but hot by noon. Have done a variety of things today, included a little washing and ironing. Had a letter from Margaret and wrote a birthday letter to Mary Greene to send with a pink gingham dress from Margaret.

The first of the electric railroad was laid today on 9<sup>th</sup> from Chil. to Findlay streets.

*Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Hot. Went to S.S. and the usual services. Went over home after dinner hoping Mother would come over with Jimmie and me, but she was afraid to try it. She has not been here for more than a year. Cliff Thompson was here to see Will a little while.

*Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day but hot. Wrote to the children at their present places, Kirkwood and Grand Rivers.

Am not trying to do much. Mother came over and spent the day. Came about 8 A.M. and went home about 4 P.M. I was out twice in the meantime. Mrs. Peebles fell down stairs and hurt herself badly but not dangerously. Head cut and chest bruised.

*Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very hot and dusty. Went up street to do some errands and to inquire about Mrs. Peebles who is doing very well considering her fall. The For. Miss. Society met here in the afternoon, that is four other members came and attended the business which was to appropriate the quarterly collection and move forward the duration of \$50.00 from Mrs. Peebles to the Westminster Home for children of Missionaries at Wooster, O. Miss Bessie left for Haverhill.

*Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy all day. Rained a little in the morning and quite a sower in the evening. We hurried to get Mother out and back as it was quite threatening, but we went as far as Chillicothe on 6<sup>th</sup> and came home on 5<sup>th</sup>. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Wrote to Margaret and Lizzie.

*Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A beautiful and delightful day. Letters from Margaret and Jennie but did not write any. Sewed on my white waist again as the sleeves were not right. Mother rode as far as 3<sup>rd</sup> st this evening before supper.

I went to the W.C.T.U. meeting and then stopped to see Mrs. Hall a few minutes. Rode with Mother and then came home, found Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Prescott and Janie Johnson here when I returned. After tea J.W., Mary, Carl, and I drove on the West Side.

Rich was here when we came home or soon after.

*Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Hot but a good breeze to liven us up a little. Sewed a very little and washed some windows. Before supper I went to see Uncle Enos and Ralph Moore both of whom are sick, but Uncle E. is better. Wrote to the girls, all three of them. After tea J.W. and I walked down street to look at the river and while out made a call upon Mrs. Jons Maggie Mason and Emma Williams. Will went to a picnic on the Ky hills and Carl went driving.

*Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm but breezy. Had a letter from Margaret and wrote one to the little girls. This is Lizzie's birthday, 15 years old. We wrote her birthday letters yesterday. I also sent one to Jennie Greene who is 40 today.

Have not done much of anything. Prepared a lunch for the boys who started to drive out to Henry Springs for a little outing this evening. Had a letter and box of apples from Miss Bessie at Haverhill.

*Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very hot and dry.

One hundred years ago today, Grandmother Moore was born at <sup>22</sup>

She died at Buena Vista Ohio, October 18, 1888 in her 96<sup>th</sup> year.

Went to Sabbath school and church as usual. In the evening Rev. Henry L. Badger preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation composed of several denominations, met in our church. Baptists and Methodists and Episcopalians uniting. His farewell sermon to his own congregation was in the morning. Has been here 16 years and leaves for the new state of Washington Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Rainy and pleasant. Went out and made a few calls in the afternoon. Mrs. Selby and Mrs. Overturf were not at home but we saw Mrs. Harry Bannon, Mrs. Wm Russell, Mrs. Silcox, and Mrs. E.B. Moore. Mrs. Clara Pursell was not at home. The rain prevented mother taking her ride. Carl went to bed with a headache right after supper. Had two letters from sister who expects to return to Kirkwood today. Called on Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Tewksbury and Prescott after tea.

*Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Warm. Have done nothing special today. Was over home awhile with my work. Wrote no letters I believe. Called to see Uncle Enos who is better. Ralph still sick.

Carl took Mary and me for a drive after tea. J.W. had a Board Meeting to attend. Will drive a little while after returned but not long.

*Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant but hot in the sun. Amanda was helping me with the berries and we have 33 glasses of jelly and 7 jars of jam made. Never knew them so high and seldom so poor but we got very good ones for 40ct and 35ct a gallon. Bought 8 gals. Got very warm and tired working with the barriers but am glad to have them.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening, both the boys were there. Mother was over a few hours.

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<sup>22</sup> Louisiana didn't finish this sentence. Her grandmother Amanda Gunn was born in Connecticut according to her son's death certificate, and her grave at Greenlawn Cemetery marks her birth date as 30 Jul 1793.

*Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy all day but no rain. More blackberries which occupied my time until noon. Miss Bessie came down for the day and told me of a change in her plans, which however are not yet settled. Had a letter from Margaret which I answered. Have been alone all the afternoon.

Taking a bad summer cold from being overheated. Intended going to W.C.T.U. but failed in my purpose.

*Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Delightful day but hot in the sun. Have not done much of anything. Went to the Dr.'s for medicine for my cold, then to call on Mrs. Tappan and the girls, then with her to see Mrs. Spry and Fannie who have just returned from Virginia. Later I went to see Mrs. Peebles and Maggie. Mary was out with the little Peebles children to a picnic, I think. The County Fair, or rather Races closed today, Carl was the only member of the family who went near the grounds.

*Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant, the nights being cool enough for sleeping comfortably, though the middle of the day is hot enough. I worked quite steadily on the pink shawl today and think I put four balls of ice-wool<sup>23</sup> in the border. It is nearly done. Heard from the children and wrote them as I generally do.

Mother did not ride today nor did I, my cold being too bad.

*Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Delightful weather.

Attended the usual services beginning with S. S. in the morning. Scholl small owing in part to the large number of people out of town.

Our Margaret is twenty-two years old today.

Have not seen her on her birthday for several years, one or the other of us being away from home in August so often.

*Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and dry.

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<sup>23</sup> Ice Wool is a soft and fluffy material, used for interlining corsets and other fabrics.

Wrote to the children and took the letter to the Post Office. Intended going to the Dr.'s for medicine but changed my mind and came home. Finished the pink ice-wool shawl which Margaret had started for Oella Tappan's birthday last May, 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. and Mrs. Silcox called this evening and after they left we had a mouse chase when Dandy caught two mice in our room.

*Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Delightful weather.

Saw the Dr. over home and got some medicine which helped me before night. Took a drive in the evening and before we came home, we went to the train and brought in Lizzie and Elizabeth P. who came for a short call on Mother and will return in the morning. It was pleasant out and did me no harm I think.

Mr. Richard Peebles of Texas died today.

*Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and dry. Rain much needed. Mother feeling better, took quite a long ride for her, twelve squares. The letter today came to J.W. children still well and having a good time. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Young Neil Molster who was drowned while bathing at the dyke Monday, was buried this evening from the Baptist church. Family are strangers to me but I feel very sorry for them. Wrote Mattie Ward, Maggie Bell, Margaret and John.

*Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm and close. A rain in the vicinity but none to help us. Lizzie's family made a trip to Serpent Mound today and I should have enjoyed going with them but couldn't. Wrote to Mother Ricker instead of the girls as she has had four letters since the children have been there. Heard that Finley Rogers, son of Emma McCabe Rogers died today. After returning from a drive, Jimmie and I made a call at Uncle Sam's but he was not home.

*Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and very dry.

Father and Mother have been married 46 years today. Neither of them are well. Ada Moore is eleven years old today. She and her father were in to see Father. Have done some mending while sitting with Mother. Was out to do some errands and went to see Mary Peebles, Finley Rogers was buried this afternoon in Cin.

Wrote to Margaret. The old chest and secretary from Aunt Maria's came home all renovated today. The former came over the mountains from Conn. nearly 100 years ago.

### *Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rained during the night and a little today. Cloudy most of the day. Mother not so well and Father very poorly. Have been helping him make a list of his books a work he commenced yesterday, or the day before. Carl is painting the wood work in the library. Letter from Margaret and Will had one from Enos. Oella called to see me a few minutes to speak about the shawl. Wrote to Margaret and Mrs. K.E. Putnam. Father gave me Bartlett's Familiar Quotations.<sup>24</sup>

### *Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and warm. Attended the usual services all day. S.S. is small in numbers so many being away. Father is very poorly with his cough. Lies down most of the time.

### *Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and warm. Was over home both before and after dinner but Father was not at home either time so he is better. Worked on Will's winter underwear, getting it in good repair for the coming season. Heard from the children and also wrote them. Had a pleasant drive in the evening.

### *Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Quite warm. Slight indications of rain proved empty promises.

Was over home most of the morning with my work. After dinner went to do some errands for Mother and Mary and made a few calls on my own account. Called upon Mrs. M. B. Gilbert, her daughter Mrs. Kindall, Mrs. Frank Johnson. Mrs. T.J. Purcell and daughters, and lastly at Uncle Enos to inquire about Ralph. Barton and little Virginia and Aunt Maria came today.

Carl finished his painting over home.

### *Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Breezy, a little cloudy but still warm. Went with Virginia to Dr. Marshall to have her eyes examined, on our way home we saw the circus parade and stopping at Mrs. Dennis' saw it again. Rained in the evening and at night but we got to prayer-meeting and back without getting wet.

Heard from the little girls and wrote them as usual.

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<sup>24</sup> Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, often simply called Bartlett's, is an American reference work that is the longest-lived and most widely distributed collection of quotations. The book was first issued in 1855.

*Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Delightful after the rain of last night. was busy all day in various ways. Virginia and Id did some errands in the morning and then Lucy Tappan came to spend the day with Virginia in response to my invitation of last evening. it was pleasant to have the little folks around, the house has been so quiet all summer. Our new neighbor, Mrs. C.B. Taylor came to live in Mr. Vincent's house and I went to see her in an informal way.

*Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather. The late rains have freshened vegetation wonderfully. Barton took V. out to the Dr. this morning for her final visit and had his own eyes examined. At noon Lizzie P. came in and took Virginia home with her for a visit. was busy most of the afternoon washing and pressing the goods from which I want to make a house jacket for Will to study in this winter. Am beginning to put things in order for the return of the girls. J.W. and I went to the "Y" Lawn Fête at the Court House Yard.

*Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather. Have been busy all day with Saturday work. Took the linen scrim curtains over home to mend before putting them up.<sup>25</sup> Have done a little washing, writing, sewing, mending, work in the yard, and other things then went with Mary to call on Mrs. Taylor, after which I went alone to see Mrs. Jns E. Miller, Fannie Geiger and children came to Uncle Enos' for a visit.

*Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm. Attended the usual services, beginning with Sabbath school and ending with church in the evening. Was over home. This is Enos' birthday.

*Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Warm, dry and dusty. Was busy all forenoon getting things in order for the coming of Miss Bessie, Grace, and Miss Fisher this evening. They came before supper. Was over home a part of the day as usual and wrote to the children as usual. Attended the W.R.C. meeting at Miss Emma Bell's in the afternoon, instead of the hall. Mary and Ralph Moore left for the Red Sulphur Springs in Va.

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<sup>25</sup> A scrim or gauze is a very light textile made from cotton, or sometimes flax. It is lightweight and translucent, which means it is often used for making curtains. The fabric can also be used for bookbinding and upholstery.



*Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Warm and dry. Heard from and wrote to the girls, also wrote to Helen Moore and some W.R.C. letters besides. Was up to see Mary Peebles in the forenoon to draw up a resolution for the Corps upon the Sabbath questions to send to Nat'l Convention.

This is Will's birthday and we have nothing extra for him, but Carl gave him 10.00 a few days ago. Carl took Will, then his father and lastly the girls for a little drive in the evening. Sent regrets to Mrs. Tracy for Puss' wedding.

*Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Warm but breezy. Wrote to Mother Ricker. No letter came from the children until evening when Carl brought one to his father. Miss Bessie finished her examinations and got a five year certificate in Grammar Grade. Oella and Julia Tappan called in the evening before prayer-meeting and went down to church with us, so we had five girls with us, and Will came in alone, later. Beautiful moonlight nights.

Lizzie was in.

*Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very dusty, hot and windy. No letter from the children in either mail delivery. Wrote to Margaret. Was over home with my mending. The three girls have been visiting over home and resting. Grace went to New Boston in the afternoon. Will answered Clint Kimball's letter saying he would be glad to room with him the coming year at Cornell.

The young ladies had callers and I spent the evening alone as Carl and his father went to drive.

*Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm with a shower in the evening which caught us as we were going up on the Ky. hills. Bessie got a surrey and drove all forenoon, taking me with her party when she went to the cemetery. They all three went to Mrs. Farnham's to dinner, after which they and Claire, Oella, Julia, and Paul Tappan and I went over on the hills with our supper. Were late getting home, but had a fine view of the setting sun and felt repaid.

*Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rained quite a little in the evening but still not so much as we need. Bessie and Miss Fisher took tea and spent the evening at Mrs. S.O. Titus' while Grace went over home for the same purpose. After her return I went with her, in the rain, to get a birthday present for Miss Fisher, this being her birthday. We had incidentally learned it and Mary had given her a pin, tray and little pie, so I gave her a book. No letter from the children.

*Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm and dry.

Attend Sabbath school and church in the morning. Had exceptionally good lessons from the four girls, Lucy Moore, Ella Robb, Carrie Hadley and Margaret Ludwig. The latter is not a professing christian but is evidently thinking seriously upon the subject. I trust she may become not "almost but altogether persuaded" to be hone. The three girls in the house spent a quiet, pleasant, Sabbath.

*Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy all day with light rain. Had a postal from Margaret saying they would be home tomorrow evening. Steady light rain after dinner but not enough to wet the ground very thoroughly. River very low and boats not running except the very small ones.

*Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant day. The F. Mis Soc met here in the afternoon and had a pleasant meeting. The three girls were due on the late C&O train so we waited for them. They came in due time and we were all glad to see them and they glad to get home. It was ten weeks yesterday since they left. Uncle Drew left a basket of grapes and pears to us.

*Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. The children were busy unpacking and getting settled again in their winter quarters. in the evening I helped Father with his books until it was too dark to work longer then Margaret and I went to make a short call upon Mrs. Taylor. We all went to prayer meeting in the evening and it seemed good to have so many with us. Carl was the only one not there.

*Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Warm and dry. This is Rich and Lizzie's anniversary and Puss Tracy's wedding day. She will be married this evening at Chautaugua to Dr. Mallory and on the 13<sup>th</sup> they with Mrs. Tracy sail for Europe.<sup>26</sup> Our S.S. and Church had their picnic today at Scioto Furnace. The day was exceptionally fine, being cloudy and pleasant, no accidents and everything passed off well.

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<sup>26</sup> According to the Portsmouth Times, September 9, 1893, the wedding of Persis M. Tracy and Dr. Frank Burr Mallory took place in Chautauqua, New York.

*Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Warm and dry. Have sat with Mother with my work, helped Father with his books in the library, and tried to make myself generally useful and agreeable. Vacation is about over and we shall soon be settled down to regular winter work. It is pleasant to have the girls home again and they chatter like magpies telling of their summer experiences.

*Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Warm and dry. we were all at Sabbath school again this morning, the first time this summer. The pulpit was filled in the morning by Rev. Arthur Mitchell and in the evening by Bishop Arnett, both of the African M.E. Church now assembled here in conference. The colored church was rededicated today, I think after being remodeled and much improved. Went to see Mother awhile then spent the afternoon with Will as he will soon be gone again.

*Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cool in the morning but hot and dry during the day. Being Labor Day, a legal holiday no business was done. About 10 o'clock Carl took Margaret and me out to see the parade. Carl has about finished helping Mary paint the wood work over home. They have been working at it for weeks all their spare time. The great Connolley Excursion to Chicago started this morning.<sup>27</sup>

Father went to Zanesville this morning early. Miss Parrish came to stay all night.

The Ys had a meeting at our church.

*Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A little cloudy and I left on the morning train for Athens to see John. It proved to be a hot day. We were met at the depot and taken to the Asylum where John was ready to welcome us. He seems very well and we were cordially welcomed by the official family and spent the afternoon and evening very pleasantly. Had a delightful room given us. Dr. and Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Kline and others whom I have met before are still here.

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<sup>27</sup> According to the September 9, 1893 edition of the Portsmouth Times, two hundred and sixty people from Portsmouth and the vicinity joined an excursion organized by W.A. Connolley to the World's Fair in Chicago.

### *Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

We were greatly surprised this morning to find Father in the parlor when we came out from breakfast with Dr. and Mrs. Dunlap. He had come from Zanesville in the night and stopped by the Hotel until morning. Had a pleasant day and left at 3 P.M. for home. Train was two hours late and it was dark when we reached Portsmouth.

### *Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Lizzie was down from Mr. Peebles this morning and at noon went home with her children.

I must now get to work in earnest at Will's things, want to make him a study jacket out of Father's old dressing gown, and do all the mending and re-enforcing the seams and buttons that need it. Can not spare the time to go to the W.C.T.U. meeting today. Wrote to Mother R. today.

### *Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm. Jimmie gave me a tea-pot for my birthday and Bessie had already given me a nice scrap book, several days ago but she gave me her Rochester Lamp and Rose-jar today. She has always shown a most kindly feeling for me and I feel the same for her. The first week of school is ended and things are in regular running order now.

### *Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm. Sewed most of the day on Will's jacket which should be finished the first of next week. Rained a little in the afternoon. Bessie has a new black and white check calico, trimmed with black velvet and she wanted to wear it to Mrs. Titus' this after noon but when it began to rain she had to change her dress.<sup>28</sup> She did not return until late, then Carl came, and later still, Will who said Lew. H. Young had been murdered on the street a short time before by unknown parties.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> Calico is a plain-woven textile made from unbleached and often not fully processed cotton. It may contain unseparated husk parts, for example. The fabric is far less fine than muslin, but less coarse and thick than canvas or denim, but it is still very cheap owing to its unfinished and undyed appearance.

<sup>29</sup> The murder of Lew H. Young was reported in the Portsmouth Times on September 16, 1893. Lew Young was well-known to the area and often worked on the steamboats moving between Cincinnati and Portsmouth. Suspects were taken into custody after his death and James McCarty was eventually charged with the crime, although he was never convicted. Rumors and theories about Lew Young's death appeared in the local paper over the years.

*Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm. Attended Sabbath school and the usual church services. Spent the afternoon in making a short visit to Mother and talking with Will. This being his last Sabbath at home until next summer. Dr. Tappan's Text this morning was such harmony with my constant teaching that Will asked at dinner if I wrote or suggested it. "Thou shalt not follow the multitude to do evil." Exodus 23-2.

*Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm. Worked busily all day on the jacket I am making for Will. It is rather puzzling, not having a pattern. Bessie has been very busy, is getting along well with her moving and packing. She will take everything to Mrs. Dr. Titus' house except a few little things which she has given away. She is sorry to go but it is a great privilege for her to be able to do it.

*Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bessie Hall left for Mt. Holyoke to take a special course of study.<sup>30</sup>

Very hot today.

Bessie was busy with her packing most of the day but got everything done in good time and order. It rained a little in the afternoon. I was busy with Will's clothes and by hard work got the study jacket done and the other stitches all taken with some help from the girls. He packed his trunk with a little help.

*Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm. Had a flood of rain just after noon which covered the street and pavements from side to side.

Will left on the C.P.&V. this morning for Chicago where he will spend a few days before going to Ithaca. He will be the only one of our family who will see the great Fair which has been such an attraction this year. Hundreds of persons have gone from here. We attended prayer meeting as usual in the evening, Margaret and Lizzie remaining at home and the rest of us going.

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<sup>30</sup> Mt. Holyoke, est 1837, was a liberal arts college for women, in South Hadley, Massachusetts, United States.

*Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm and I began taking cold. Was out to see Mrs. Silcox, but she was not at home. She came to see me later and we went together to the W.C.T.U. meeting as it was election of officers. I was made Sec'y though I really ought not to accept the work. In the evening the Annual meeting was held in the Baptist Church. The Reunion of the 56<sup>th</sup> Reg't O.V.I. was held at G.A.R. Hall and was largely attended. Finished cataloguing the Library with Father.

*Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very warm all day. Put up two baskets of nice peaches and just as they were out of the way, got two bushels of tomatoes which occupied me all the afternoon except a little time when I was playing for Florence Crossley and afterwards walked down to school with her. She came in the forenoon to call and I invited her to remain to dinner which she did. Had such a cold that I could not ride in the evening. Had a postal from Will who is now in Chicago.

*Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Fair, cooler and rather windy. Spent two hours of the forenoon with Mother who has not been so well for several days. This is Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary's 30<sup>th</sup>, Anniversary. Lizzie was in last night but I did not see her. In the afternoon Margaret and I went to call upon Mrs. D.P. Pratt, Mrs. Higgins and Alice and Mrs. Jessie D. Bannon. Mrs. Taylor was here while I was gone. Cherokee Strip opened and occupied.

*Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant day, cool enough for my black serge dress.<sup>31</sup>

Attended Sabbath school and church in the morning but did not go out in the evening because of my cold. Dr. Tappan preached at the German Pre. Ch. to declare it vacant and Rev. Mr. Elfeld preached at our church.<sup>32</sup> Will spent today in Chicago and heard D.L. Moody.<sup>33</sup>

Mrs. H.C. Murray's memorial sermon was preached this morning.

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<sup>31</sup> Serge is a type of twill fabric that has diagonal lines or ridges on both sides, made with a two-up, two-down weave.

<sup>32</sup> Rev. E.A. Elfeld, who had been preacher of the German Presbyterian church in Portsmouth for three years, moved to Cornersville, Ind.

<sup>33</sup> Dwight Lyman Moody (February 5, 1837 - December 22, 1899), also known as D. L. Moody, was an American evangelist and publisher connected with the Holiness Movement, who founded the Moody Church, Northfield School and Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts (now Northfield Mount Hermon School), Moody Bible Institute and Moody Publishers.

*Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warm, dry and dusty. Was over home in the forenoon and at the Relief Corps meeting in the afternoon, at Miss Bill's. Afterwards went home with Mrs. Frank Johnson and later, called to see Mrs. Nettie Bays at her mother's Mrs. Taylor was here this morning.

*Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy but no rain.

very dusty and warm. Cold a little better. Anniversary of the battle of Winchester.<sup>34</sup>

Long letter from Will telling me something of his short visit in Chicago.

*Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy but no rain. Very dry, dusty and warm. Had a long letter from Bessie Hall telling of her arrival at Mt. Holyoke, Mass. May is thirteen today. J.W. and I drove down to Mr. Givens' today seeing after a cow. Had a pleasant visit but not a very pleasant ride as the road was freshly graveled most of the way. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

*Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

No rain yet. Cold not much better. Home all day sewing on a blue calico dress for May. Went to see Mrs. Jns E. Miller a few moments about the Missionary Meeting for next Tuesday. Was very tired and went early to bed. Had a postal from Will sent from Hillsdale, Mich. while en route to Ithaca.

*Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Still dry and dusty. Was both up and down street looking for blue calico for school dresses for Margaret and Lizzie. Sewed on May's most of the day. Carl had a letter from Will written from Geneva, N.Y. L. and M. had letter from Grandma Ricker. Got more medicine for cold which is not yet well.

*Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant.

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<sup>34</sup> The Third Battle of Winchester (or Battle of Opequon), was fought in Winchester, Virginia, on September 19, 1864, during the Valley Campaigns of 1864 in the American Civil War. Casualties were heavy on both sides but the Confederates were forced to retreat after a battle that lasted several hours.

Finished May's blue calico dress and she put it on this evening. Had intended going out but gave it up. Margaret went to see Mrs. Brent who is in deep trouble over the death of her brother, L.H. Young. The electric railroad is being pushed and it now looks as though we should have one sometime in the near future.

*Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day.

Attended Sabbath Schools and church as usual. Carl's class and the one Miss Hall had are consolidated and given to Mr. Pratt who I hope will have success with it. Went to church in the evening.

*Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant. Wrote to Will early and was busy all forenoon, when Carl came home for dinner he told me that Fred Titus died last night at 11.15 from the effects of his trip to Chicago and the World's Fair. Went with a party of boys and was overcome with the heat on Ohio day, the last day of his stay there.<sup>35</sup> After dinner I went to see Mrs. Titus and from there to see Mrs. C.G. Young, Mrs. Fulton, and Mrs. Dr. Fulton, and the Ball girls. Went to Miss Bell's and she was not home, later she came to see me.

*Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day but quite cool in the morning. We had fire for the first morning, opened the grate yesterday evening and had a little to sit by. The foreign Mis. Soc. met at our house this afternoon, there being two visitors. Mrs. Frank Johnson's mother and Mrs. D. P. Pratt, the latter we hope will become a member. Rich made us a nice call but J.W. was at a Board meeting and M. at the "Y".

A letter from Will.

*Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant but needed fire to sit by in the morning and evening. Spent the day making a night shirt to send Will for the one he lost probably in Chicago. Was over home with the hand work but most of it was done on the machine. Had to make a trip up street in search of some flanks which I have lost somewhere. Was at Mrs. Titus' a few minutes. She feels the loss of Fred very deeply, she and the Dr. being left alone now in the big house.

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<sup>35</sup> Fred Titus was the adopted son of Dr. Titus.



### *Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day, sewed all forenoon on Carl's night shirts and expected to try to finish them but after dinner the gold filling came out of a front tooth so I went at once to see Dr. Dennis and spent most of the afternoon in the chair having all that was necessary done. Mrs. McCall had been after me twice and I met her on the street so she came home with me to arrange some W.R. C. business. Sent Will a small box.

### *Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant. Amanda and Mrs. Shepard washed our bed clothes, after which we put up a bushel of tomatoes and I took down the parlor curtains which were washed and then I stitched them on the floor upstairs. Between times I was sewing on Carl's night shirts. After dinner, I went out to Clara Purcell's on an errand for Mary and when I came home, Lizzie P. was here. Margaret and Carl went to a concert at the Opera House for the benefit of the Elks. Rich gave me a ticket but I did not care to go.

### *Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cool and cloudy all day with a slow, steady rain setting in late in the afternoon which increased alter on. Mother has been so ill all day that I've been with her all the time except while doing a few necessary things for Carl. Lizzie P. did not go home until after dinner. Was getting the boys ready to go the World's Fair next Monday. Aunt Maria took tea with us. Mother a little better, but I expect to stay over home tonight.

### *Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy and cooler. Went early to see Mother then returned, went to S.S. and church, spent most of the afternoon hearing the girls' lessons and reading. Was over home and Mother seemed enough better for me to stay at home tonight so I went to church as usual and then came home with the family. Carl's clothes were all just ready and Margaret put them with the telescope valise ready for morning.<sup>36</sup>

Terrible storm in Alabama and Louisiana. About 2500 drowned.<sup>37</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> Telescope Valise: an extendable small traveling bag or suitcase.

<sup>37</sup> The Portsmouth Times ran an article on the incident on October 7, 1893. The storm knocked out wires and parts of the railroad between Mobile and New Orleans. It was estimated that the damages along the coast would exceed \$1,000,000 and a thousand lives were lost. According to the October 5, 1893 issue of the Sandusky Daily Register, a report from New Orleans estimated over two thousand killed and nearly \$5,000,000 in property damage.

*Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Rained and was very stormy early, but cleared off later and was pleasant. Carl left on the early train for Kirkwood. I took my writing, letters to Will and others, and went to sit with Mother. Was there all day and then had to return and sit up all night with her. Had a Postal from Carl from Cin saying he made the connection and would leave for St. L. on time.

*Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy with wind and rain at night. Was with Mother most of the day, having sat up all night last night. She is quite sick again. If it rained in St. Louis tonight as it did here the Veiled Prophets could not parade very much. I can not do much of any thing while waiting upon Mother so have been reading Women of the War with much interest. When one's patriotism needs a little stirring up it is well to read that book.

*Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant after the rain of last night. Sat up all night with Mother who is still quite sick. Tried to sleep a little today but did not succeed. Had several calls during the day, Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Pursell, Maggie Silcox, Maggie Peebles and her friends Miss Steele and Mrs. Ramsey. Went home and went to bed about 7, slept until 9 and then got up to sit with Mother until Morning. Letters from Will and Carl.

*Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Mother a little better. Relief Corps Inspection at 1 P.M. which I attended then returned to Mother awhile before going to the W.C.T.U. meeting to resign the office of Sec'y. Jimmie had a letter from Carl asking his advice about going to the World's Fair with Will Ricker of K-d. Stayed all night with Mother again. Sleeping a very little. Wrote a good part of the night. W.M.C.A. Rooms opened with a reception.

*Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Was with Mother last night though did not sit up all the time. Came home and slept in the forenoon. Went over and helped some with the wrapper which May will stitch. Brought the collar home to make. Lizzie came in at noon to see Mother and promised to return and stay all night, so I came home, went to Teacher's Meeting and then came home to stay.

*Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Went early to see Mother and remained until 11 A.M. almost finishing the blanket wrapper which we have been making for her. Went to preparatory lecture at 3 P.M. after which I walked up street with Mrs. Johnson and meeting Bertie Spry on the street, I returned her World's Fair Guide which she loaned Will.

Mother enough better to permit me to stay at home. Mrs. Robt Fulton, and Jamie Beasler called while we were out.

*Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Was with Mother early in the A.M. and in the after noon. Went to S. S. and church as usual however. This is Father's birthday. I sent to Mrs. Fulton yesterday and got a quantity of gay flowers for him which he found this morning in the dining room. Miss Bessie wrote him a letter.

*Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather. Was over home most of the day. Mother better. Called to bid Gussie Halderman welcome home but did not see her. Wrote to Will and Carl. It is probably that Carl left Kirkwood today for Chicago. Made Will an apron for work in the laboratory and sent it this evening. John Peebles was here with a camera and tried to take Dandy's picture.

*Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather. Have been busy as usual, trying to get something done on Lizzie's dress. Had letter from John wanting some errands done so I went down street, and while out stopped at the Home Mis. Soc. later I went back and remained to hear the readings.

*Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Wrote to Mother Ricker. Sewed on Lizzie's dress. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Dr. T. is in Cin at Synod.<sup>38</sup> Prof. H.P. Smith, late of Lane Theological Seminary is to be tried before Synod for heresy.<sup>39</sup> Our meeting was better than usual, good attendance and services interesting.

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<sup>38</sup> A Presbyterian ecclesiastical court above the presbyteries and subject to the General Assembly.

<sup>39</sup> Henry Preserved Smith or Troy, Ohio studied theology at Amherst College, Lane Theological Seminary, and in Berlin and Leipzig. In 1892, he was tried for heresy by the Presbytery of Cincinnati and found guilty of teaching that, according to a New York Times article on May 27, 1894, "Divine inspiration was no guarantee of truth. It put into the hand a Bible that was unreliable and incredible." Dr. Smith retired from the Presbyterian church and became a professor at Andover Theological Seminary and later at Amherst College and Meadville Theological School.

*Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Mild and pleasant. Sewed some in the forenoon. Went to W.C.T.U. in the afternoon and then came home and began paring apples for apple-butter, had two large tubs full to do. Lizzie Peebles was in to see Mother and spent the evening with us paring until nearly ten o'clock.

Wrote to Will.

*Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Awoke to find it raining hard and steadily. Did not slacken during the day. More the 3½ inches rain fell. Had Mrs. Shepard help with the apple butter and worked at it all day. It was 8.30 when Amanda and I finished putting it in the jars and I had washed the kettle and came home. Had 13 gals and 1 qt when it was put away besides some for the table.

*Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright but quite cool. Had a busy day. First brought home the apple butter with the help of the girls and put it away in the cellar.

Swept and dusted my room. Then after dinner helped the children with their room, having helped them move their furniture into the front room. Was stiff at night from the two days work.

*Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cool but pleasant. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Had new song books, Prof E.O. Excel's Triumphant Songs. I have had two of them since my return from Lima. Spent a part of the afternoon with mother who is somewhat better. Lizzie was not well and went to bed upon her return from church at noon.

*Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and pleasant. Was busy most of the morning writing to Will, and Helen. Had letters from both Will and Carl. In the afternoon went to the Relief Corps meeting at Miss Bell's. The three presiding officers being absent, we elected a Pres. Pro Tem. And proceeded to business. Decided to serve supper election night for the benefit of the Relief Fund.

*Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day.

Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Silcox's anniversary.

Have been at home all day sewing on Lizzie's blue calico dress which is almost done, can be finished in the morning before school. J.W. went fishing in the afternoon with Mr. Prescott but brought nothing home.

### *Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

An unusually lovely day. Have been in the yard most of the afternoon. Put out two dozen fine rose slips and brought in several geraniums and heliotropes, took down the window boxes and got things ready for a change in the weather.<sup>40</sup> Went to see Mrs. Ella Edwards Jackson and her baby. Went to prayer meeting which was unusually well attended.

### *Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day, 29 years ago today was the battle of Cedar Creek fought. Have been washing and pressing May's blue flannel dress to make it over. Wrote to Will, a long letter. Wrote to Bessie Hall in the evening, another long letter. Had a good letter from Carl, also one from John who has had his room changed and is much pleased over it.

### *Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Some clouds and light rain but more of the day was pleasant. Had another letter from Carl saying he would probably be home Sat. night. Wrote to Helen and brother John.

Washed, ironed and put up the sash curtains in Carl's room. Went out in the afternoon and invited my S.S. class to spend tomorrow evening here. Mother seems much better. Had the Green children nine in the group framed.

### *Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Had a postal from Carl saying he would not return until Monday. A pleasant day, and evening. My Sabbath school class consisting of Lucy Moore, Carrie Hadley, Margaret Luding, and Ella Robb in addition to Lizzie Ricker spent the evening with me. I had also invited Edith Moore with Lucy. Had a very enjoyable evening.

### *Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Weather still pleasant. Attended the usual services today, and spent some time with Father and Mother. Dr. Tappan preached in the morning and the evening services was given to a foreign medical missionary from Tripole a native of Syria. He had four costumes which were worn by four boys to illustrate his talk.

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<sup>40</sup> "Slip" is an old-fashioned term for a softwood cutting, a simple technique used for generations to propagate a new rose bush from an existing plant.

*Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Rainy and disagreeable towards evening. Was pleasant in the afternoon and I went up to see Mrs. Houston, Dr. Tappan's sister who is visiting him.

Oella brought me home. Before going there, I called on Mrs. Van Tine to help make arrangements for the Missionary meeting next week. The train was late as usual, owing to heavy travel and it was nearly midnight when he got home. We were glad to see him safe and well.

*Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. It was good to have Carl with us again this morning and he had to call on the folks over home to tell them about his visit to Kirkwood. He took May, sister and me for a drive in the evening. We have not done much riding lately, not having the time.

*Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Twenty-seven years ago to day. Geo. Bell and Maggie Cragg were married.

Have done some ripping, washing and pressing. Shall not do much in the way of making new clothes this winter. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Had a good attendance and interesting services.

*Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy with a little rain. Sewed on Mary's blue flannel dress. Which is being made over. Went to Bigelow church to a meeting of S.S. workers to plan for a County Convention after which we, J.W. and I went into the main audience room to a meeting of the Sons of Temperance.

Wrote to Will as usual.

*Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather pleasant.

Was over home with Mother who seems much better. It rained some today but not all the time. Went up to see Carrie Stevens after dinner, taking her some literature for her Loyal Legions work. Got some medicine for Carl who has a bad cold. He drove out in the country and was gone until 9 o'clock. Got some persimmons. Went to Teacher's Meeting fifteen present.

Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Duke's wedding anniversary. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Tappan and Mrs. Houston called.

*Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy, scarcely a gleam of sunshine all day. Went out in the afternoon to see Mrs. Paterson who has just returned from Hot Springs. Went to see Mrs. McFarland, my old nurse who died Thursday. The meeting of Relief Corps at Miss Bell's was a failure, only three of us being there. Called at Mrs. Kline's on my way home. Letter from Bessie Hall.

*Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Attended the usual services from Sabbath School at 9 a.m. to evening service. Was over home awhile and heard the girls repeat their lessons.

Heard after church that Carter Harrison, Mayor of Chicago, was shot at his home by a man who claimed he had been promised an office but had not received it. The deed was done last evening around 8 o'clock.

*Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather. The autumn leaves never were more beautiful. Wrote to Will, and a note in Lizzie's letter to Miss Bessie. Was over home. Took dinner with several of the family as guests at the new Delicatessen on Court St. Made calls in the afternoon on six members of the Relief Corps, Mrs. Milstead, Whitney, Wells, Gross, Yeager, and Miles. Mrs. Drake was not where I expected to find her.

*Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Did a little sewing in the morning but not much, leaving to prepare for the Mis. Soc. which met here in the afternoon. A letter from Will to Carl came and I opened it without looking at the address. We had a dozen ladies besides myself and a very pleasant meeting.

*Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Weather mild.

Wrote to Mother Ricker. Attended a called meeting of the W.R. C. at Mrs. Johnson's this afternoon. Mrs. Dennis called for me with her horse and buggy and after driving awhile we called for Mrs. Yeager and took her with us. A dozen were present. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

*Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Somewhat cloudy and unpleasant.

Was busy at home in the forenoon. Wrote to Will as usual and sent him papers. Went to W.C.T.U. in the afternoon, have finally found a successor in the office of Sec'y in Mrs. Frank White. Am so busy with other things that I am very glad of it.

*Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Rather a cloudy, gloomy day. Our wedding anniversary passed quietly, no celebration of any kind. I was out to see Lizzie Young and asked her down to dine at Mary's and take tea with us tomorrow.

Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. A large attendance.

*Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather damp and gloomy with some rain. Mary invited Margaret to dine with Lizzie Young and Mary Y at her home today. M. did not get there until after dinner as she was late getting through with her lesson. I was over awhile in the after noon while Gussie H. was there Lizzie Young and Mary Y. were here to tea but left early. Mary Ricker and I went to Miss Damarin's to the entertainment given for the Home for Aged Women.

*Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful weather. All well and attended the usual services also spent some time with Father and Mother. The latter is improving more rapidly lately and is very cheerful.

*Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant. Was busy at home all the forenoon and some after dinner. Mrs. Silcox came and asked me to go with her to Dr. McClure's and to do some errands. We went and later went out to Mrs. Johnson's to attend a Corps meeting in regard to a lunch to be given election night. Before the others got there, Mrs. S. and I went to see the Chrysanthemums at Mrs. Herms' and sent him papers as usual. Letter from Bessie

*Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A little cloudy in the A.M. but clear and beautiful later. Election day passed very quietly. In the afternoon I helped with preparations for the lunch to be given by the W.R.C. tonight.

At supper time, Carl met with another bad accident, crushed the end of the fourth finger of left hand in the cage of the feed-cutter. His father being one of the clerks at the polls was away so I had to attend him. Wrote to John.

*Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Election news exceeds the highest hopes of republicans. Gov. William McKinley re-elected by an overwhelming majority. Lizzie Peebles was in and we were down street together. I went to help a little at the clearing up of the lunch room. Called at Mr. Peebles' with L.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening but J.W. had to attend a board meeting.



John's 35<sup>th</sup>, birthday.

### *Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Was busy all forenoon changing furniture in the parlor to get the piano away from the fire. Wrote to Will at noon. Did some errands after dinner. Went to see Mother and Mrs. C. S. Green. Mrs. Dr. Sellards and daughter called. Had Lizzie Young, Oella and Julia to tea. The latter two had to leave early but Lizzie remained and sang for us most of the evening.

### *Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A little cloudy but no rain. Bright after dinner.

Was busy washing and pressing my blue tricot to make over. Mrs. Harry Greene called in the afternoon. Walked up to the store to do an errand for Mother. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. Very good attendance. Papers are full of the news about the election. Greatest Republican victory in thirty years.

### *Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Foggy in the morning.

Was at home until after 3 o'clock when I went to see Mother awhile, later I walked down to the office to get some money changed then walked home with J.W. Met Rob't Town who has been with his mother getting their old home ready for sale. They do not intend occupying it again. Margaret took her fourth lesson in art embroidery and does nicely.

Letter from Will.

### *Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Quite chilly but bright and pleasant looking. Attended S. S. and church as usual and in the afternoon went to a Y.M.C.A. meeting at our church under the leadership of Mr. Krapp, the Y.M.C.A. Supt or Sec'y I believe he is styled.

Went to church in the evening. Lizzie Young sang in our church this morning.

### *Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day after the fog and clouds of the morning had passed away. Was busy with a dress which I want to make over. Gussie Halderman called before tea and she and I went together to see the silk embroidery of Miss Gholsen, of whom Margaret is taking lessons in the evening. J.W. and I went to Bigelow to a S.S. meeting after which I went to meet with Gussie at the store and see the Republicans jollification.

Carl took Mother a short ride.

Wrote to Will and Bessie Hall.

### *Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant but growing cold. Was still engaged most of the day with the washing and pressing of the green dress. Mrs. Cornelia Duke called in the afternoon and later Mrs. Dr. Titus came to ask for some rose slips which I gave her. Spent the evening at the piano until I became too cold and tired to play longer.

### *Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Clear and growing very cold. A little snow and much wind.

I made ready and started the hall fire before dinner, and now have all the fires going. Was out both before and after dinner. Went to see Mrs. Towne a few minutes. She is packing up to empty her house for sale. Went to see about underwear and cloaks in the afternoon. Called at Mrs. Darrius'.

Letter from Will.

### *Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Exceptionally beautiful day. Lizzie Peebles was here a few minutes this A.M. The event of the day was the Reception at Mrs. Kline's. Lena and Mrs. Dennis assisting Mrs. K. while a number of girls helped serve the guests with refreshments and lemonade. It was a delightful occasion. I went early and remained late being requested to do so. Mary Moore went with me and Margaret went after school. Electric cars began running today. Opened with great ceremonies. Arthur Titus called.

### *Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Not as pleasant as it was yesterday, quite cold and disagreeable in the evening. Went to Teachers' Meeting in the evening. Dr. Tappan being away Prof Pratt taught the class. Mrs. Dr. Titus came this afternoon to get some rose slips.

### *Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy and disagreeable in the morning but pleasant in the afternoon. After dinner went to call at Mrs. Kline's only saw Lena as Mrs. K had a headache. Then called upon Mrs. C.P. Lloyd who was not at home. Found Mrs. S.O. Titus and Mrs. Farnum at home. Came home and as the girls had not yet returned from the Gymnasium, I went after Mother's medicine, attended the annual Magazine Meeting at Mrs. Cotton's.

*Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Fair and cold.

All went to S.S. and church, as usual, in the morning. Had lessons and read in the afternoon. Went to church again in the evening.

*Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Wrote to Will and finished a letter to Bessie H. Went to Relief Corps meeting at the Hall in the afternoon. Went to see Mrs. Pratt afterwards and it was late when I got home. She has been away and only returned Friday. Miss O'Connor did not come today, not having finished over home.

*Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Stormy. Rained when we awoke in the A.M. Bew all day. Some ice on the pavements, slushing like snow. Miss O'Connor came to sew and we began on Margaret's red cloth dress. Went to do some errands in the morning and worked at the ripping, pressing, and so on, all afternoon. The girls are dressing paper dolls for Margaret tonight, have four doz. to do, for the school.

*Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Weather still unpleasant. Had a busy day with the sewing and other things which came up from time to time.

Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual and went to prayer meeting in the evening.

*Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Cold. We have begun on a cloak for Lizzie, one to be made over and modernized, the material being good and warm and when combined with pretty velvet will make a nice cloak. Attended the reception given by Mrs. J.K. Duke and Mrs. A.J. Padan at the beautiful new home of the latter this afternoon. Was very cold while I was out. Went to see Mrs. Halderman on my return as it was too late to see to sew much.

Wrote to Will as usual.

*Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

More bright and pleasant. Took some work and went over home awhile this A.M. Was busy all day but do not make rapid progress. Attended Teachers' Meeting in the evening.

*Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold. Lizzie had her music lesson as usual in the morning then she and May went to the Gymnasium in the afternoon. L. had hoped to have her cloak finished to wear but it was late, almost bed-time when I put the final stitches in it. Mrs. Towne and Mrs. Lodwich called after supper, Margaret being at Mrs. Halderman's and J.W. at a board meeting missed seeing Mrs. Towne who leaves soon for an indefinite time.

*Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Raw and cold. We all attended Sabbath school and the regular services as usual. Was over home in the afternoon to sit awhile with Mother.

*Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Warmer with rain.

We made over a cloak for May today which was not so much of an undertaking as Lizzie's and was finished this evening. It began service as a new market for Lizzie Peebles, was given to Margaret and now is made to fit Mary and does nicely. Wrote to Will as usual, and sent him papers.

*Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A pleasant day. Sewed and did some errands in the forenoon. Spent the afternoon with the Foreign Mis. Soc. which met here, as usual. Small attendance but a good program and Misses Moneghan and Scott sung a duet for us, at the request of Miss M.E. Peebles who had charge of the program today.

Miss Maggie has been making over Margaret's black silk waist. Wrote two or three letters.

*Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rained in the evening after church J.W. and I went to mail a couple of letters and were caught in a very hard rain. I have written ten letters to be received on Thanksgiving beginning with Will, my abunt brothers and sisters, Mother Ricker, Aunt Helen R., Bessie and Nettie Black, now at the hospital in Cin. Lizzie and her family came in today to be ready for Mr. Peebles birthday celebration tomorrow. He will be 80 years old. Home Mis. Thank offering meeting.

*Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Very pleasant for the season. Lizzie and seven of the young Peebles were down to see us before church. We all went to Thanksgiving service at our church, the sermon being by Mr. Gobiet. Mother not being able to take much dinner, could not dine with us but Father came and seemed to enjoy it very much. Had a good letter from Will, also one from Miss Hall which we enjoyed and I then sent it to Mrs. Cotton who is specially interested in her letters as she usually mentions Ethel.

*Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy with indications of snow or rain.

We resumed our sewing this morning and succeeded in finishing Lizzie's green dress which is very nice.

There was no school today and the children went to the Gymnasium, as Prof Smith wants to go to Cin tomorrow. Margaret and I went to Teachers' Meeting this evening. I wrote to Will instead of yesterday as usual, having written Mon and Tue.

*Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Rain and snow, icy in the evening. Had a letter from John in reply to mine of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Lizzie took her music lesson as usual. We worked all day on the blue corduroy suites, lengthening and altering them. Finished and began on the new flannel waists to be worn with them.

In the evening, J.W. and I went to Uncle Enos' to call on Miss Ida Robbins who is spending a few days there. Margaret finished her piece of embroidery which she has been doing.

*Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Rainy and gloomy as it can be. We were all able to attend S.S. and morning service as usual but the S. School was the smallest in years, about one hundred less than usual.

I have been taking cold and decided at the last moment not to go out in the evening. Went to bed after taking some quinine.<sup>41</sup>

*Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold, icy, and snowy. As dismal as it can be. Wrote to will and had letters from him and Enos in reply to my Thanksgiving letters.

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<sup>41</sup> Quinine: a bitter crystalline compound present in cinchona bark, used as a tonic and formerly as an antimalarial drug.

The limit being reached today, all children not having a certificate of vaccination were sent home from school and teachers will be find heavily if they admit them again without the required certificate. Miss Maggie and I made the red and black plaid waists for the girls to wear with their blue corduroy suits.

Am better than yesterday and may escape the threatened cold after all.

*Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold.

The last day of Miss Maggie's sewing for us this time. I went to the Dr. for some medicine, to the store for some articles for the sewing and then to bed where I remained the rest of the day. Have something like an attack of the Grippe.

*Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Was feeling somewhat better and got up about 11 o'clock and did a few necessary things to help Jimmie off. He left on the C.P.&V. at 1.45 for Cin to attend the Loyal Legion meeting and will go on to St. Louis tomorrow to see his parents. I remained up all the afternoon, having company most of the time. Mabel Russell called to see me. Mrs. Taylor came to go to church with us and Margaret and Carl were the only representatives of the family.

*Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Bright and pleasant. Still sick in bed so missed the S.S. Convention after all, it occurring today. Lizzie Peebles, John and Frank Smith came in to attend it. Mrs. J.B. Folsom called in the afternoon but I did not know of it being her until she was gone. Before supper I came down stairs and had two callers, Mattie Ward and Mrs. Halderman. Have been very miserable all day. Missed the reception at Mrs. Grace Miller's today.

*Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Still in bed and not able to put my hands outside of the covers until evening. Gussie Halderman was here to sit awhile with me.

*Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather rainy, was fair in the morning but soon changed. Lizzie took her music lesson and Margaret her embroidery lesson and all three went to the Gymnasium class in the afternoon at different hours. I was still in bed all day though somewhat better. Rained hard in the evening. Wrote to J.W. and Will.

*Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

A bright pretty day but one which was long to me as I was unable to be out or even sit up all the time. Carl and the girls went to Sabbath School and church, I was in bed and J.W. away. The fire places smoke so badly that we shall be obliged to let the fires go out and have the chimney examined tomorrow.

*Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Was feeling better and got up after having a light breakfast, as the men came to work on the chimney. They were here nearly all day and stopped the smoking in the sitting room. Wrote to J.W. and Will. Mrs. Prescott called to see me and later, Mrs. Halderman was in. Have been up all day. Margaret has gone to the Gym. Class this evening. Wrote to Will as usual, Mrs. Miles' birthday.

*Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cold and rain. Am somewhat better but not well enough to go out. After the Home Mis. Soc. Mrs. Tewksbury called to see me and before she left, Maggie Peebles came to see me. Have not done much of anything today.

The little girls are busy preparing for Christmas. Letter from Jennie Greene.

*Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Fair and quite cold.

Lizzie and May had a good long letter from Will, unusually interesting. I wrote to Jennie and J.W. Mrs. Silcox was here, having just heard I was sick.

Finished Lizzie's flannel waist. Could not go to church this evening and so helped the children finish the dolls for M's school. There are four dozen of them. Minnie Scott and Chas. Stork were married this evening.

*Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy and cold, indications of snow. Have been feeling better. Went to see Mother this morning, the first time since Wed. of last week. Mrs. Silcox was here in the afternoon. Had a letter from J.W.

Wrote to Will. Have sewed a very little and did a little writing. Mrs. Emma Bell was here in the afternoon.

*Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Mild and oppressive.

Windy in the evening.

Was at home all day except for the little time I spent with Mother. Gussie H. was here in the morning after doing my regular work, and finishing off May's flannel waist. I button holed the edge of one of Margaret's pieces of embroidery which she has made for Christmas. Did not go to Teachers' meeting this evening.

### *Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Damp and very warm this morning. Turned colder late in the day.

Made a white apron for May besides doing a great many little things. Oella was here. Wrote to Helen Moore and John. The girls are busy working for X'mas, that is Margaret and May are, Lizzy is busy with her school books. Jimmie may be home tonight but I hardly expect him before Monday. Later, he came on the C.&O. train about 10 P.M.

### *Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather fair for the season. Went to Sabbath school again this morning, J.W. and I both having missed last Sabbath. Went to church in the morning but not in the evening as I still cough.

### *Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather very pleasant. Was busy at home and doing errands in the forenoon. Spent the afternoon at Relief Corps meeting where the annual election was held and almost the same set of officers reelected. Mrs. McC was absent but we hope she will serve again. Did a few errands and came home very tired. Went to bed early, Lizzie was in town and I walked out to the train with her before Corp's meeting.

### *Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Sewed in the forenoon. The weather was all that could be desired for Mrs. Murphy's reception this afternoon. I went at 3 o'clock after doing an errand or two for Christmas. On my way home called to see Julia Johnson who was not at home.

Stopped to see Mrs. Peebles and Mary and then to see Clara Hass and her baby girl.

### *Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather still mild. Began in earnest on the aprons which I want to make for Virginia and Mary Greene for X'mas. Cut them out and got started. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Jimmie was sick in bed with a severe cold and so Carl, Lizzie and I represented the family.

Minnie Miller was married this evening at Walter's home in Reno, Nev. To Prof Fred Hillman of the college. It was quite a surprise to the family as they expected her home.



*Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

Bright and pleasant. Put in a busy day sewing on the white aprons which I got done all but sewing on the lace edge, which is no usual task. Worked until night before I went over to see Mother. Am not giving much but my time and work this Christmas to it takes a good deal of it. Wrote to Will at Elizabeth where he has gone to spend his vacation.

*Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1893*

Still warm. Was busy all day sewing on lace and packing boxes and doing errands. Sent off boxes to Zanesville and Kirkwood and will send to Will when he returns to Ithaca. Went with Lizzie and May to the Gymnasium this evening and May had the sick headache so badly she had to drop out before the exhibition was quite over. Margaret and I went to the church to help fill candy-bags.

*Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1893*

Mild and warm as unlike Dec as it could be. Packed a small box for John and wrote him a letter. Have been busy doing errands for everybody all day. Lizzie Peebles came at noon for the two little girls who went home with her for X'mas as they are not coming in. There has been a great home coming of students and children living away, the town is full of them and all seem happy to be here.

*Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Mild as May. The few of us who remain, J.W. Margaret, Carl, and I attended S.S. and church as usual. Missed the little girls very much all day and shall miss them more tomorrow. Mother was over to see us this afternoon, the first time since last July.

Mattie Black died this evening. Had been operated upon in Cin and was brought home last week. She was one of my first S.S. class.

*Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather more like May than Dec. Too warm for comfort with fires or wraps. No children to get up early so we slept late. Had no tree for there were so few of us. We put the girls' on the breakfast table. Margaret came for breakfast but soon went back to bed. I did several errands before dinner, went after medicine for her, and to tell Mrs. Dennis where she could get help that she needs. We miss Will and the girls greatly. It does not seem at all like X'mas. Had packages from Bessie Hall and Zanesville with nice little gifts for each of us. My present from the children was a music cabinet, something we needed and I wanted very much. Wrote letters of thanks to Bessie and Jennie.

*Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Cloudy, raw and chilly.

I went to say good-bye to Mrs. Peebles and Mary who with Mattie left this afternoon for Thomasville, Ga. Mrs. P. very feeble. After dinner I attended Nettie Row Black's funeral at her late home on Cemetery Hill. Hurried home to Foreign Mis. Society which was to meet here. Mrs. Jms E. Miller was here with Margaret when I came. Only four ladies came. Interesting letter from Dr. Mary P. Eddy who has just received permission to begin practicing his medical profession.

*Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Beautiful day. Was busy all the forenoon and after dinner Margaret and I went to make a few calls. Missed seeing Mrs. Pratt and daughter Mrs. Boggs, Mrs. Dan Smith had not come as expected but saw Mrs. Miller and Maggie also Minnie Scot Stork in her new home and then Mrs. Taylor. We had a most delightful surprise at prayer-meeting, Mrs. and Mrs. Blackburn being present. There were many out and every body glad to see the guests. Dr. Tappan gave the lecture with Mr. B's hands and he spoke well. After the close people lingered long to talk.

Mother was here.

*Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Rainy in the evening, very mild and unlike December. Went to see RM. And Mrs. Blackburn at Mr. Peebles. He was out. Saw her, also Cousin Sade Croseley who came in the afternoon to make a little visit and take tea with us.

Had letters from Jennie and John acknowledging the receipt of Christmas boxes. Have written to all who sent us boxes. Lined the basket I bought for Miss Emma.

*Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Pleasant but not very seasonable weather. Miss M. O'Connor came to help me finish my dress left from our sewing in November. I worked until late in the afternoon then went to get some needed articles, to see Miss Bell and attend to a little W.R.C. business. Took her the shopping basket I made for her. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. The old officers were re-elected with out exception I think.

*Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1893*

Weather mild and a little cloudy, but some sunshine. Miss O'Connor sewed until a few minutes after dinner, and got my dress so far along that I can easily finish it. Had letter from Mother Ricker with thanks for the X'Mas box. Letter from Will saying he would be in Ithaca again Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. the girls came home from Henley on the noon train. Had a pleasant visit and found many presents awaiting them here. Was busy all day doing little things.

*Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1893*

The last day of this year has been beautiful in point of weather. Mild and bright. All attended the usual services at S.S. and church. Have much for which to be thankful in the year just closed. Have missed Will but had very cheerful letters telling of a pleasant vacation. Dr. Geo J. Dennis called this afternoon, expects to return to Chicago tomorrow evening. Two young men were buried here today one a hopeful Christian the other very different. Morris Calver and Oscar Stanton.