

1914

Thursday, January 1st, 1914

Still snowy and disagreeable, not at all like on old fashioned New Years Day. Elizabeth and Mary went to call on Grace Cotton Cone at Mrs. Schwartz' and later Essie went with them to Mrs. Mannings. The afternoons are so dark and short that by 4 o'clock it seems like night. Am trying to get my X'mas letters written but progress slowly. Carl has suffered with his teeth ever since he came and went today to Dr. Jackson to have it treated.

Friday, January 2nd, 1914

Weather dismal and unpleasant. Snow still on the ground. A good time to stay in the house.

Essie made my gray silk waist which Margaret gave me months ago. Had letter from Mrs. Dennis written from Connorsville, Ind. Wrote to Bessie Titus, thanking her for the plum pudding she sent us for Christmas.

Margaret Miller came and spent the evening with us, playing flinch and eating popcorn and candy.

Saturday, January 3rd, 1914

Rain and snow all day but not freezing. We begin the New Year with much for which to be thankful, but wish Elizabeth was better of the rheumatism. Letter from Will today from Cleveland. Detained by business. Have been out with some Home Dept, called on a new Mrs. Smith living in Mrs. Cotton's flat. Telegram from Virginia says she will be here tonight. X'mas remembrances came from Mattie Wood today.

Sunday, January 4th, 1914

Very rainy, snowy + windy. Attendance at S. Scholl affected by it.

I went and distributed the Home Dept. supplies to the visitors who were there.

Attended the usual church services.

Clara Ricker Armstrong's birthday.

Monday, January 5th, 1914

Weather damp and gray. Snow still on the ground. Wrote to Will, sent letter to New York.

Essie made Elizabeth's white lace waist which Margaret gave her for Christmas.

Week of prayer began this evening.

Tuesday, January 6th, 1914

Weather unpleasant.

Did not go to the Aid Society. Mary went and both the other girls being out I stayed with Essie who was working on Aunt Macie's new black silk dress which Lizzie Peebles sent her for Christmas.

In the evening the girls went to Persis Pursell's and I went to prayer-meeting.

Wednesday, January 7th, 1914

Weather damp and disagreeable. Strike still on and business greatly affected by it. It seemed as though matters might be settled but the strike leaders upset everything again.

We went to prayer-meeting in the evening, and Mr. D. gave a good talk, no we had a sermon by Rev. Mr. Townsend of Ironton.

Elizabeth Greene Stewart's birthday.

Thursday, January 8th, 1914

A beautiful day, the only one this week, so far. Had letter from Lille Fuller. Mary still in bed, I called in Dr. Margaret Fulton who said she has tonsillitis. The prayer-meeting this evening closed the series of meetings for the week of prayer.

Mr. + Mrs. Dupre called to see Virginia over home so Mary was detained, and I represented the family at prayer-meeting.

Friday, January 9th, 1914

Very little sunshine, just enough to make a shadow for a little while. Mary still in bed but improving. Dr. did not call. Was in the kitchen all day, washed + ironed about four dozen napkins, and a few other things. Essie helped me with the kitchen work. Went over home in the evening. Mr. + Mrs. Prescott came to call on Virginia + had to go to Mary's to see her. Letter from Will, still in Cleveland. Wrote to Sallie Ricker, sent it to Iota Kansas. Mr. + Mrs. Prescott + I spent the evening over home.

Saturday, January 10th, 1914

Another great day, but no rain or snow.

Mary better, came downstairs to supper. Essie has sore throat. A busy day, ironed all forenoon, went out about three o'clock. Called to see Mary Peebles, + Sue Reed in errands. Bought birthday cards in preparation for Mrs. Dennis' birthday. Was over home several times. Mrs. Rowe here to see me + I missed her.

Sunday, January 11th, 1914

A beautiful day, much colder than it has been. Went to S. S. and taught Mary's class as she was not able to go, though she managed to get the dinner, with some help. Mary + Virginia were here to enjoy it with us. Mary did not go out at all today.

Miss Ella Berry, soloist for the past two years in our choir sang her last solo for us, as she leaves this week for England, to study a few months with a teacher in London.

Monday, January 12th, 1914

Much colder. Ther 26° this morning. Letter from Will which I answered at once.

Virginia had letters from Barton saying Elizabeth's little daughter born did not live but she is doing well herself. In the afternoon she had a letter written by Elizabeth herself. Spent a part of the evening over home reading aloud to Mary + Virginia.

Essie + I went up street and bought some underwear for Carl.

Tuesday, January 13th, 1914

Ther 17° at 8 o'clock AM. Clear and cold.

All busy sewing. Essie has done a great deal of sewing since she has been here. I am enjoying having Carl + Essie here with us, Aunt Virginia wants them to go to Bazaar and help them farm.

Wednesday, January 14th, 1914

Fine day. Virginia, Macie and I went to Mrs. Prescott's to dinner where we had a good dinner and a pleasant visit. They are old time friends, and we enjoyed being with the,

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening as usual. Mrs. Anna J. Dennis' birthday and I hope she has had a pleasant time with her postcard shower and other celebrations.

Thursday, January 15th, 1914

A very pleasant day.

Virginia decided to go home instead of going to Florida to see Willard as she has been away six weeks and so I went with her to buy her ticket then I had to go to Bigelow to a W. C. T. U. meeting where a prayer meeting had been arranged for in the interest of National Constitutional Amendment for Prohibition of the Liquor traffic. The measure is being introduced + pushed by Lisnt Hobson of Maime fame.

Carl went to Huntington today.

Friday, January 16th, 1914

Raw and unpleasant in the early morning, better later on. Virginia left on the 7:23 C + O for her Kansas home. Carl + Essie went over the river with her and train was late. Essie worked on the brown raftine dress which Margaret gave her and with which she is much pleased.

Mrs. Albert Wilhelm was here to see Mary before the Club meeting.

Saturday, January 17th, 1914

Weather changed in afternoon and became windy. I swept my room, + Margaret's in the forenoon, as she was attending Institute. Mary swept downstairs. Essie finished her new brown dress and has it ready for tomorrow.

We miss Virginia today, she has had a good day for her trip + I hope is safe at home this evening.

Letter from Mary Ricker at Santa Ana Calif. about X'mas presents. Said her mother died June 30th but we had not heard of it. Made E's nightdress over home this afternoon.

Sunday, January 18th, 1914

Pleasant in forenoon, but threatening rain or snow in afternoon. Went to S. S. and sat in Mrs. Schwartz's class.

Mr. Dunning surprised his congregation by having a substitute in the pulpit, and not notifying us of his intention to be away.

Rev. Geo. E. White preached two good sermons for us. Muriel Doty resumed her old position as organist + Lollie Anderson began filling Miss Berry's place as soloist. My day at the Y. W. again, rather the afternoon.

Monday, January 19th, 1914

Weather mild but not very clear. Busy at various things all forenoon, went to pay E. S. P.'s taxes, had to mail check on account of crowd at office. Stopped at Mrs. Leete's, saw Louise Small but not her mother. In afternoon went to W. R. C. and later made two W. R. C. calls on applicants for membership. Mrs. Larsh + Mrs. Colvin.

Wrote to Will in N. Y. again.

Tuesday, January 20th, 1914

A fair, sunny day with signs of rain late in the afternoon but only sprinkles fell. Macy + I went to Mrs. Leete's funeral in afternoon, later to Mrs. Schwartz' to a district Aid meeting. In the evening Essie and I went to the High School land were much pleased with the entertainment given by the Oxford Company. Fie concert for first half of program + the Mikado for the other. Maude Ballington Booth was at Bigelow, the Masons had some attraction + it was Clover Club night still the H. S. was filled. Mr. S. R. Ross wrote in my new birthday book. He will be 95 his next birthday in April.

Wednesday, January 21st, 1914

Gray and cloudy, colder with snow in the air.

Went out to see Helen Peebles in the morning. Mary went to Mr. Sears to see about shoes and so she stayed at Mrs. Mannings for dinner. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening and Mr. Dunning gave us a good talk, as usual.

Thursday, January 22nd, 1914

Fair and not very cold.

Carl had a letter from Uncle Barton saying Virginia did not reach home until 3 AM Sunday morning and had been sick in bed ever since. He made a desperate proposal to Carl for him and Essie to go and help him on the farm for the coming year. I dislike for him to go so far but am anxious for him to be settled in some good business. He has always wanted to try farming and this will be a good chance for him, as it will not require capital to be invested.

Friday, January 23rd, 1914

Very fair and pleasant. Mild with signs of rain. Letter from Will with check for 60.00, the interest on money loaned his company.

In afternoon the girls were all out, and I made two calls upon sick people, Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Connins who fell and broke her arm, last Wednesday. Macie went out to Mrs. Brodt's with Mrs. Graham. After supper we all sewed awhile and then played flinch for an hour before going to bed.

Saturday, January 24th, 1914

Began raining about 1 o'clock AM and continued the rest of the day. Carl + I talked over the Bazaar proposal this morning and he decided to accept Barton's offer, and wrote him to that effect. It will require some time, and money to enable him to prepare for the trip, but we think it the best thing he can do, at present.

I wrote to Will.

Error in date, Sat continued

Pleasant day, not cold.

This morning Carl decided to accept Barton's offer and wrote him to that effect. It seems like a small beginning but it may be the turning point which will lead to a better, more successful business than he has ever had. It will take all he can raise to make the beginning but I am glad to help him all I can. Essie is pleased to make the change to farm life and will do her past to make a success of the undertaking. I wrote to Will.

Sunday, January 25th, 1914

Beautiful day. Went to S. S. as usual and was in Mrs. Schwartz's class, not having anything else to do. Enjoy it very much.

Mary Moore had dinner with us and it will probably be a long time before we are all together again.

In the afternoon Carl + the girls went for a walk. In the evening we all went to church excepting Margaret. Rec'd a letter yesterday from one of James' old soldier friends today, addressed to him.

Monday, January 26th, 1914

Fine day. Carl and Essie left on 3:40 N + W train for Cin to prepare for a move to Kansas. We all went to the train to see them off, Mary Moore, Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary and I and when I returned home it was with a feeling of loneliness, as I realized that it might be a long time before I could see Carl again, but I hope the move will prove to be a wise one, and that he will take a new start which will be pleasant and profitable to him. There was an extra W. R. C. meeting today which I had to miss, after taking the books to the hall.

Tuesday, January 27th, 1914

Beautiful spring like day. Picked a dandelion blossom in the yard. W. M. S. at Mrs. Hancock's in the afternoon. The business which now is before us is to plan for our share in the work of supporting David Tappan in the Foreign Mis. field, in China.

After the meeting I made a few church calls. Went to see Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Ront, Mr. Dunning and did an errand at Mrs. Milstead's. Wrote to E. S. P.

Wednesday, January 28th, 1914

Warm + spring-like. Letter from Carl.

Thursday, January 29th, 1914

Still spring like. Letter from Carl yesterday, busy with his preparations to leave Cin. Weather so mild we need very little fire. I spent most of the day looking over papers,

receipts + records. Wrote to Mattie Wood in forenoon, to Carl at night. Letter from F. H. Ricker with check of 26.25 interest on loan. Replied. Made button holes in Margaret's blue dress. Cleaned + pressed her brown one + put new braid on bottom. Began growing colder in evening.

Friday, January 30th, 1914

Colder, cloudy, rain or snow.

Wrote to Mrs. Davis of Jackson and ans'd letter from Com. Fortney, addressed to Jas. W. Ricker, inquiring about him. Having just seen a copy of the History of 2nd V. Va. Cav.

The Auxiliary Soc. gave a chicken pie supper and Mary was asked to help the Committee which she did. E. did not go out owing to the inclement weather.

Margaret and Miss Cramer were prevented from going to the country for the same reason.

Saturday, January 31st, 1914

The wind storm was severe in the early morning and a large pane of glass was broken in sitting room some smaller ones in the stable. In the afternoon, however the weather changed, was colder and clear. Had letters from both Will and Carl and answered both.

Mary invited Mr. + Mrs. Manning, Mr. + Mrs. Dunning + Marguerite to supper and a pleasant evening.

Was glad Margaret was home to enjoy it.

Finished three pieces of work which I have had on hands, the linen center-piece for Mary, carnation braid + embroidery, Margaret's house dress.

Sunday, February 1st, 1914

Bright and pleasant, a great contrast to yesterday morning.

Went to S. S. as usual and was in Mrs. Schwartz; class.

Attended both church services.

Was over home with Mary awhile in afternoon.

Monday, February 2nd, 1914

Colder and clear. Ther 25°. Letters from Virginia Greene, Lizzie Peebles, + Mattie Wood. Sent 40 subscriptions to Assembly Herald today.

Tuesday, February 3rd, 1914

Cloudy with a light rain in the forenoon. In afternoon Mary M. and I walked out to Mrs. Manning's to meet with the Aid Society. Good meeting. Went to Granite Works Office on way home to see manager Jas. Dirk about the work, not yet done. E + M were at Mrs. Manning's to supper in honor of Robert's birthday, seven yrs old. Mary made his cake, as she has usually done.

Letter from Will in which he approves of Carl's move + says he sent him \$35.00 to help him start.

Wednesday, February 4th, 1914

Bright forenoon but cloudy, later. Wrote to Essie, ironed hdfs for Mg't. After dinner Mary M. + I walked out to cemetery to see about the work on Uncle Drew's lot, which is now promised again for the third time. Stopped at Alice Storm's going out, + Mrs. Rowe's coming back.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual.

Thursday, February 5th, 1914

Weather fair. Mary was busy much of the day preparing for the supper which she, Elizabeth, Margaret Miller, Mrs. Harry Miller and Leona Labold served at Mrs. Cadot's. as they did last year in Jan. Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Manning were here, and after supper Margaret + I went to bed early and it was late when the girls came home.

Friday, February 6th, 1914

Fine day until late in the afternoon when it began to turn cold.

Margaret and Miss Cramer went to the country after school, having to be driven over from Lucasville. Mrs. Dunning left early this morning for a visit to her mother. Mary went to the Y. W. to the shirt-waist class and Elizabeth went with Mr. Dunning + Marguerite to the picture show. It rained hard while they were gone.

Saturday, February 7th, 1914

A cold stormy day with much keen wind.

Was busy all forenoon and spent the afternoon at Mrs. Baker's on 17th St. with the Religious Com. of the Y. W. C. A. to prepare of the supper Monday evening. I went up to talk with Margaret Fulton about Elizabeth. We want to keep a kind of record and see what progress she makes with her present course of treatment.

Sunday, February 8th, 1914

Cold clear day, with light snow. Went to S. S. as usual but did not teach Mrs. Y's class much, as I had promised because Mr. F. L. Johnson had a bad fall + broke the communion wine which spoiled most of the bread also and I came home and got more bread + grape juice. He was not seriously hurt.

There were forty-nine received into church membership.

In the evening Mr. Dunning gave a talk on our church colleges, with stereopticon pictures sent by the Board of College Education.

Miss Burris + Margaret Miller were here to dinner.

Monday, February 9th, 1914

Cold and cloudy. Letters from Carl saying he was trying to get things wound up but needed more money so I sent him sixty dollars, ten of which Elizabeth gave me. After mailing him a letter I went to Mrs. Young's and told her of a letter I received from Mrs. Dennis with more thanks for the post card shower.

In the evening, I assisted with the supper at the Y.M.C.A gymnasium.

I had dinner with Macie today.

Tuesday, February 10th, 1914

Cold. Busy at home went of this day.

Mary not feeling well so I tried to do what I could to help her.

Had letter from Essie in regards to their preparations for going to Kansas.

Wednesday. February 11th, 1914

Cold, with light snow.

Long letter from Will relative to Carl's going away to Kansas, a move which he approaches.

Wrote several letters today. To I believe Ellis, thanks for paper containing account of Mrs. "Parson" Brumland's death last week in Knoxville, Ten. I've wrote to Mrs. Dennis, also. Spent the afternoon aft the Y.M.C.A. at a Com. Meeting, to arrange for the vesper revival lunches.

Prayer meeting in the evening.

Mrs. Coe called while I was out.

Letters from Mary Y. Mane and Mattie Wood.

Thursday, February 12th, 1914

Coldest day of the season thus far. Ther 16 degrees. Was lazy at home all forenoon.

Wrote to Carl in forenoon, received letter from him 11:00 A.M. and had special delivery letter from him in afternoon which I answered and took letter to P.O. after supper. He and Essie were to start this P.W. for St. Louis, en route to Bazaar, Kan. A move which I hope will become a grand one.

Attended a D.A.R. meeting at Mrs. Drew's as the guest of Margaret Miller. Long attendance and a pleasant afternoon.

Letter from Mary Y. Mane

Friday, February 13th, 1914

Ther 17° this morning with two or three inches of dry snow on the frozen ground and more falling. Wrote to Will, Essie + Margaret Hunt.

After supper Marguerite M. came over here as Mary could not go there to stay with her, having another engagement. She went to the New County Club to play in Miss Blake's orchestra, and later to Bess Pixley's. Elizabeth stayed at home on account of the deep snow.

Saturday, February 14th, 1914

Cold and snowy.

Ther 12° on our thermometer.

Spent most of the morning at housework and put in all of the rest of the day making tatting for the linen doilies I am making for Margaret H.

Marguerite Mahoney came after supper and stayed all night, last night and went home to attend to her work. Nice stay with Marguerite until Mr. and Mrs. Dunning return. Elizabeth and Mary went out to Margaret Miller's to a turkey dinner this evening.

Sunday, February 15th, 1914

Deep snow this morning and icy cold.

We went to S.S. as usual. Mrs. Dunning has gone to Chicago again and a young man Mr. Vance was in the perfect morning and evening.

I went to the Y.M.C.A in the afternoon and served with The Religious Com., the refreshments of coffee and sandwiches after the vesper service.

Monday, February 16th, 1914

Very cold and a new fall of snow this morning. Cleared later but is still very cold. Have been at home all day. No Relief Corps meeting as we could not get a quorum of officers. Pres, sick, also J.V.P. and others.

Ice in the river today, the first of the season.

Had card from Essie saying they were delayed by the storm and would go to Kirkwood Friday noon. Wrote to Helen Moore, sent Margaret's towel + the four dishes I made, to Margaret Hunt.

Mrs. Manning was here. Mr. M's birthday. Marguerite Mahoney was here to dinner.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1914

Fair and moderating. The snow was melted enough to be shoved off the sidewalk.

John + Lucy Carpenter came in the afternoon train from Malden to make us a visit, and have some dental work done. The three girls went to the Clover Club meeting at Mrs. Chris Heer's. John went after them about 10 o'clock. Marguerite Mahoney was here to dinner but will stay with Amelia Welhelm tonight. Letter from Carl saying they left Kirkwood last night for Bazaar, Kan.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1914

Rain and sleet on the snow.

Lucy + the girls went to drive with Margaret Cole Simpson. John Remained here + I had Macie over to dinner with us.

In the evening we went to prayer-meeting. The program for the evening was in charge of Leona Kline Reed's Mission Study class. The Auxiliary had a supper after their regular meeting. John, Lucy + the girls went to supper, all but Elizabeth, who had prudently remained at home. Rained very hard when Macie + I went down. Card from Essie from Kansas City.

Thursday, February 19th, 1914

Thawing and sloppy. Turned colder late in the day.

Ada Moore Carson was here to dinner, Louis came after her later. Lucy went to Mary Peebles' where John + the girls met her for super + spent the evening.

Margaret + I went to the High School and heard Sylvester A. Long on "Lightning + Toothpicks", a good lecture on Law, Love + Habit.

Friday, February 20th, 1914

Mercury 20° this morning, clear all day. Snow still on the ground in places. John + Lucy went to Arthur's for dinner, E, M + I went to Macie's to dinner and later the girls went to Mrs. Cadot's and I went to see Mary Peebles about the W.M.S. affairs. Maggie Mason came while I was there.

I wrote to Mrs. Cotton. Had letter from Essie + wrote her + Carl. It was the first letter since they arrived in Bazaar. John + Lucy went to Clara York's for supper. Mr. Dunning was here, he + Mrs. D. returned at midnight from Chicago + Mich.

Saturday, February 21st, 1914

Bright and pleasant. Snow disappearing in sunny places.

Swept + dusted all forenoon then dressed. After dinner Margaret, John + I went to see the High School, decorated for the Masonic ceremonies at the dedication of the bronze tablet, in the hall.

Later I went to the Y.M.C.A. on an errand, + then called on Myra Grieves. Went to bed early.

Wrote to Will.

Sunday, February 22nd, 1914

Fair. Snow off the north side of the streets. Turned colder in evening.

Went to S.S. as usual, and both church services. Mr. Dunning gave an address in Lincoln, the Christian in the evening, G.A.R. being present. In the morning he announced that he had received a called to the Fullerton Ave Pres. Ch. in Chicago, but he had not decided upon his reply.

John, Lucy and Mary went out to the Second Ch. in the evening. I went to Mrs. Evans' to meet Mrs. Young, + Mrs. Micklethwait on W.M.S. business. The Masons unveiled a bronze tablet at the High School with appropriate ceremonies, as gift from the masonic order.

Monday, February 23rd, 1914

Six or seven inches of snow this morning, and at noon it was still snowing. This is being observed as the legal holiday, instead of yesterday, as the schools are closed.

Tuesday, February 24th, 1914

Quite cold and snow still deep. Lucy went to the dentist again today.

Elizabeth went to kindergarten, cold as it was and found more children than she expected on such a day, ten.

John took all the girls to a moving picture show in the morning. He is fond of seeing them and has no opportunity here at home.

Sent Jane Ricker the usual birthday letter.

Wednesday, February 25th, 1915

Bright and cold, probably the coldest morning we have had. Ther 3° below zero.

John Carpenter went home in the afternoon, will return Monday. Mr. Dunning is in line with the Masons. I called to see Mrs. Kline, and Mary Peebles, did not get home until late. Wrote to Helen Moore. The girls were (did not finish).

Thursday, February 26th, 1914

Bright. Cold in A.M. Ther (didn't finish). Thawed later, sloppy in sun.

Letter from Carl which I answered. Is just getting into the work at Bazaar.

Spent the afternoon at Mrs. Alice Cross' at the W.M.S. Eleven present including Mrs. C. Election of officers was only a re-election of the four. The David Tappan Fund is started with \$46.00, no, \$51.00 already subscribed.

Was over home awhile after supper.

Friday, February 27th, 1914

Beautiful day. Snow melting only in the sunshine. Ther (didn't finish). Busy with annual report of N.M.S. in forenoon.

Edna Davis + Bess Pixley called in morning. Letters from Mrs. Cotton and Miss Hope Lucas of Cambridge, Eng. Went up to Mrs. Evans to finish up the W.M.S. report and wrote to Mrs. Plummer enclosing check for \$46.10.

Mrs. Micklethwait was here.

Went up to the Aid Soc. entertainment at the S.S. in the P.M.

Elizabeth, Mary + Lucy were school girls in the Dist. School.

Saturday, February 28th, 1914

Moderating. Ther 25° in A.M.. Bright, thawing all day.

Letter from Will, answered it + wrote to Virginia Greene. Girls all out for the afternoon. Lucy at the dentisle, the others doing errands. Dorothy + Robert here this morning.

Mrs. Sprague called to se the girls and I got the benefit of it. Mrs. Scudder and Mrs. Kihoe were here later, also Lucy's callers.

Sunday, March 1st, 1914

March certainly came in like a lion, it was stormy all night and snowed all day, with much wind and zero weather.

We went to S.S. and I taught Mrs. Dunning's class as she was ill. Mr. Dunning came home yesterday, late, and was busy as usual today. Subject of morning sermon, "The agony of the light", evening "Solomon's choice". Maggie Mason went with me to the Y.M.C.A. this afternoon. Mrs. Gladys' S.S. class were hostesses at Y.M.C.A. for the afternoon.

Lucy was Gertrude Moore's guest today.

Monday, March 2nd, 1914

More light snow, mercury 10° this morning, but the sun shone all day and snow melted in places. Lucy finished at Dr. R's. John returned in afternoon, + went direct to Dr. R.

Girls out making calls. Missed Ruth Thompson, and Mrs. Powell. I was at home and enjoyed the calls.

Letters from Essie which I answered. John, Lucy + Mary out after supper. Margaret + Elizabeth busy with reports + school work.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 1914

Ther 20°.

Beautiful day. Moderating and snow melting. Home all forenoon.

After dinner I went to Mrs. Pratt's to the Aid Society about forty present. Invited the Society to meet here in April.

Clover Club met here in the evening. John, Margaret + I went to the moving picture shows as we did not belong to the party even as invited guests.

Lucy, Elizabeth + Mary went to Mabel Ruggles for luncheon as John + I had our lunch alone.

New York City almost snowed under, worst storm in many years.

Wednesday, March 4th, 1914

Milder and cloudy with no rains. Home all day, lazy doing little odds jobs. John and Lucy made calls most of the day. I had a letter from Carl written last Sunday, answered it.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual, and to bed early. The Dunnings were here after church.

Thursday, March 5th, 1914

Fair and milder. Snow nearly all gone, except in the shady places. Letter from Will with clippings about weather in N.Y. the worst blizzard since 1888. Wrote him. John + Lucy Carpenter left in the 11:10 C + O train for home. Mary went over the river with them. She went to join the class in millinery at the Y.M.C.A. in the evening.

I went to W.C.T.U. in afternoon.

Mrs. Manning here this A.M.

Friday, March 6th, 1914

Fair in forenoon, colder with rain about 4 P.M.

Home all morning, did some writing. Went to hear Dr. Gaeberline at Baptist Church in afternoon. Called upon Mrs. Wordworth + Mrs. Willson, neither of them home.

Mary finished marking the church envelope boxes today. Margaret and I attended the last of the H. School cause of entertainments for this season, Margaret Stahl's reading "Strongheart". Weather has been unpleasant nearly every time we have gone.

Saturday, March 7th, 1914

Ther 38° at 9 A.M. Sunshine + snow, damp and disagreeable. Elizabeth did not get up until nearly noon. She is taking remedies and doing what she can with a view to keeping up

her work until the close of the school year and then going back to Martinsville. 2nd. for another cause of treatment.

Sunday, March 8th, 1914

Went to Sunday School as usual and was in Mrs. Schwartz' class, which I regard as a privilege and enjoy it very much.

Monday, March 9th, 1914

Still snowy and disagreeable. Spent the forenoon mending my black silk waist.

Had an engagement to meet Mrs. Young and Mrs. Micklethwait at Mrs. Evans' to make out the program for the Missionary meeting for the coming year.

Mary began taking off the old paper in the east room and worked alone. Elizabeth had class, and is unable to do much work anyway.

I wrote to Will, I think. Write so many letters, cannot keep track of time.

Tuesday, March 10th, 1914

Letters Helen Moore and W.J. Lampton and Woman's Bd. For. Miss. Philadelphia in reference to our money. W.J.L. wrote thanking me for the old photo of himself which I sent him. He had been a schoolmate in the sixties and is now an author of considerable note, and was honored with a sketch of his life, and a full page picture in the American Magazine for March.

Finished the sett of K-G balls. I have been making (didn't finish).

Wednesday, March 11th, 1914

Snowy and cold.

Was busy at home all morning and then went to D. Ruggles at 1:30 P.M. to have another tooth prepared for crowning. Prayer-meeting in the evening finished the day for me. I sent my usual letter of congratulations to Virginia for this her wedding anniversary.

Dr. Ruggles bought the K-G balls I made for my Aid Soc. dollar.

Thursday, March 12th, 1914

Sunny, and sloppy as well. Our principal work new is on the paper job.

Mrs. Maggie Mason came to make a visit this afternoon, just before I went to work so I dressed, and spent the afternoon with my embroidery. It is seldom I have the opportunity of so good a visit with her. She is making Mary Peebles a visit, upon Mary's invitation.

Friday, March 13th, 1914

Milder. Snow still deep in shaded places but gone where the sun struck it. Letter from Essie which is cheerful and full of interesting details. I hope she and Carl will do well.

We worked on the paper scraping most of the day, there being six on the side walls and some on the ceiling.

It is hard work but we think it pays to do it ourselves.

Saturday, March 14th, 1914

Fair all day.

Letter from Will. I went to Dr. Ruggles at 8:30 A.M. to have another crown finished, being an upper molar on right side and very necessary. I now have had seven, and while expensive in money, it will doubtless pay in health.

We finished taking the old paper off the ceiling in the east room and are ready for the paper-hanger on Monday. E + M made calls in the afternoon.

Sunday, March 15th, 1914

Beautiful day but there are still evidence of snow which remains in shady places.

We went to S.S. and the usual church services and were very glad to hear Mr. Dunning's announcement that he had declined the call to the Chicago church, and will remain with us. The "Go-to-church" movement seem to be producing results in our congregation.

Monday, March 16th, 1914

Beautiful forenoon, just like spring but later it clouded up and rained about supper time. Mrs. Manning had Dorothy's birthday party at the Park fearing tomorrow would not be suitable. They just escaped the rain by coming home early. Mary went. I was at W.R.C. meeting in the afternoon. Letter from W.M.G.

John Carpenter came to Dr. R. to have his work completed. Went home on the midnight train as was only here to supper.

Mr. Swearinger papered the easy room in yellow, with white drop-ceiling.

Tuesday, March 17th, 1914

Beautiful and spring-like all forenoon, then changed to clouds and rain. Had letter from Mrs. Nettie Plummer, which I answered.

Have been at home all day except a short time where I went to call at Mrs. Pratt's, not finding her at home. I called on Mrs. Flint Kline, then went + bought a few Easter cards.

Dorothy's birthday was celebrated yesterday, as we set our remembrances today, the real date.

Wellesley Collige Hall was burned down today, loss about a million + a half. Margaret is somewhat better, but managed to continue her school work.

Wednesday, March 18th, 1914

Colder, air full of snow flakes.

Mary put second coat of paint on the guest room floor. Sent pot card of thanks to Helen Ellis for the special Edition of the Knoxville Sentinel gotten out by the Y.M.C.A. It has 112 pages + was sold at \$10.00 on paper.

I finished the design on the linen center piece I have been doing for Mary, while the girls were at the Clover Club, Kate Jordan took them, or rather E. + brought both home.

Called to see Mrs. Pratt + Thorton's wife yesterday but they were not at home.

Margaret was a little better this A.M. She went to school, as usual.

Went to prayer-meeting.

Thursday, March 19th, 1914

Cloudy all day and after dinner it began to snow, and ended in rain, which turned into snow and everything was covered again by 7 P.M.

I had letter from Carl and wrote him. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting which was the last to be held in the Free Reading Room which has been headquarters for many years, ever since 1874, I think.

Mary went to the missionary class at Y.M.C.A.

Friday, March 20th, 1914

About two inches of snow again this morning which disappeared by night. Last day of school until after spring vacation.

U.S. troops left Ft. Thomas today for guard duty on the Texas-Mexico border. Situation looks like wat. Here at home three thousand shoe-workers walked out on a strike at 10 o'clock this morning.

Had letter from Will with a fine Kodak picture of himself on the Str. Cedric, Feb. 25th. Wrote him. Sent Carl a lot of paper + news. Mary finish hanging the pictures in the east room, newly papered with yellow walls + white ceiling.

Virginia Greene Parrish's birthday.

Saturday, March 21st, 1914

Beautiful, bright day, but quite cool. Margaret + Miss Cramer went to the farm this morning.

Busy with housework in the forenoon. Took Macie to see Lyman Howe's pictures of the Panama Canal. Wrote to Helen. Had letter from Lucy Carpenter.

Monday, March 23rd, 1914

Fine day. Mary began taking the old paper off the west bed room and we both worked at it until one o'clock then she had another engagement. I did some other things after she left.

Had letter from Jane Ricker. Went up to Bank and deposited a check for \$22.60 from St. Joe. Bought a sprayer to spray the peach tree.

Washed a rag rug for the blue room.

Tuesday, March 24th, 1914

Beautiful spring day.

Worked on the paper job all day, after having ironed the centerpiece I finished last week. Card from Mr. Wyman saying he will be here the last of this week. Sent Margaret a postal.

Girls went out in afternoon + evening.

John Dillan died this afternoon, after a short illness. His father + mother survives, also his wife and their children. Rev. J.W. Dillan is still active but quite old.

Wednesday, March 25th, 1914

Pleasant day.

Mr. Swearengine papered the blue room today and will paint it white tomorrow, came about 10 o'clock.

Had card from Mr. Wyman that he will be here, but did not say which day, or train so he cannot be met unless he sends more definite word.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual and heard a fine talk on a doctrinal theme, the Trinity.

Thursday, March 26th, 1914

Pleasant day. We have been busy with the blue room trying to finish before Mr. Wyman comes tomorrow.

I sewed the new matting for it, overcasting the ends of the widths and then sewed the widths together, making it fit the room neatly.

The girls went out in the afternoon but I stuck to my work until nearly ten o'clock P.M.

Friday, March 27th, 1914

Quite like spring, not cold but very damp with frequent showers. Mary didn't go over the river to meet Mr. Wyman who is came on C + O at noon. Has been about four + a half years since he was here. Margaret Miller was here to dinner. She is so anxious about James Bennett Miller, who is very sick, that she cannot stay at home, or do much but worry + is here a great deal. The show strike is disturbing the public, too, as it grows worse all the time.

Mary put down the matting on blue room.

Saturday, March 28th, 1914

Pleasant, after a rain in the morning. Mr. Wyman spent the forenoon calling at the factories and accepted Mr. Drew's invitation to dine with him + Mrs. D.

In the afternoon he + I went to the Park for a car-ride + to see the fishing place where we saw Mr. Prescott + Davy Jones. Coming home we stopped at the High School + saw the exhibit of work done in the schools. Called at Mrs. Draper's but did not see her.

Had letter from Will.

Sunday, March 29th, 1914

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. as usual and substituted for Caddie Dram.

Mr. Wyman went to the men's bible class + to church in the morning.

After dinner he + the girls went to upon Mrs. Alice Cleugh + Mrs. D, he did not go to the evening service. Mary + I went and Mr. Wes Prescott came to see Mr. W after church. It rained hard while they were here. Margaret and Mrs. C came home.

Monday, March 30th, 1914

Rained in the night, was bright today.

Schools re-opened.

More disturbances on account of the "strike".

Mr. Wyman left on the C + O for Washington, this afternoon. Margaret went over the river with him, but the other girls did not. Elizabeth had her class work and Mary had other duties.

Tuesday, March 31st, 1914

Showers again, spring temperature. Busy at home all morning.

Enos + Helen are moving today from York, Pa. to Steelton, about twenty miles from York. Mary and I went to Mrs. Evans' to the Woman's Missionary meeting after which I went to see Janie Beasler Gyor whose nineteen year old daughter died last evening. Janie lived with me nearly nine years when my children were small.

Stopped to see Mrs. Clugh while waiting for the car. River rising and the rains are not reassuring after our experience last year.

Heard today that Arthur Boyd is very sick.

The Hamilton-Peebles Free Reading Rooms will be closed tonight at midnight after being opened to the public since 1876.

Clover Club at Martha Padan Smith's on Grant St. Letter from Essie.

Wednesday, April 1st, 1914

Sunshine + hard rains, alternately. River 38 ft. and rising steadily but no alarm is felt, as yet.

Had the back hall cleaned preparatory to being painted. Heard that Arthur Boyd died last evening. Went to see his mother, then to call on Miss Firmstone, in a hard rain, later to see Mary Peebles + stayed through several showers. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening, with Macie as usual. Sent letter to Essie. Margaret Miller + Mary making hats this evening.

Thursday, April 2nd, 1914

Cloudy but no rain. River still rising with a stage of 45.2 + rising an inch an hour. Scioto five miles wide north of city.

Mary + I called + saw Mr. Boy this morning. Later we went to the first W.C.T.U. meeting held in the Federated Club Room, former Court + 5th. Mr. Dunning gave a talk on Sabbath observance. I went to distribute Home Dept supplies after meeting.

Was home in evening. Mrs. Manning has mumps. Mary went to millinery class.

Strike at factories still on.

Letters from Carl + Essie.

Friday, April 3rd, 1914

Cloudy windy. River stationary 46 ft at 5 P.M. Wrote to Carl + sent letter to Will. Busy in forenoon. Mary + I went to Arthur Boyd's funeral at the home at 2 P.M. two services, first by Mr. Dunning, then Masonic.

I afterwards went + bought a geranium for Mrs. Manning, which Margaret took out after supper. I also went to Hibbs' for Veneer, then to see the river and finally to call upon Emma Dellert whose mother died last Wednesday morning.

The three girls + I spent the evening at home, alone, Macie having gone to Mrs. Graham's to tea.

Saturday, April 4th, 1914

Beautiful day but cool enough for fire. Mary and I worked all day in and around the house. I cleaned windows. Margaret worked in the yard all day.

The Court granted the Shoe Factories an injunction against the strikers to prevent them from interfering with those who wish to work.

No letters today.

Sunday, April 5th, 1914

Fine day, but quite cool. All went to S.S. excepting E. who went to church, both morning + evening. M.E.P. was at S.S. + church, the first time she has been out of the house since Dec. 23rd, I think she said. Mr. Scudder still in N.Y. + Dr. Ruggles in charge of school. Communion service in forenoon. No accessions. Sermon in evening.

Mr. + Mrs. D. + Marguerite here after church.

Monday, April 6th, 1914

Beautiful morning. All well + busy as usual, putting the house in order for the "Aid" meeting tomorrow.

Was out this afternoon with Macie. We called to see Mrs. Lee Smith's guests, Mr. + Mrs. Palmer of Martin's Ferry.

Afterwards I went to see Mrs. Rowe about reports to W.R.C. Hdgrs. Also paid gas + telephone bills.

Mary went to orchestra practice, with Mrs. Blake at her home. I spent the evening making reports for the church meeting and Relief Corps.

Tuesday, April 7th, 1914

Rain with a little snow. Pleasant until in the afternoon when it began to rain and probably kept some away from the Aid meeting which was held here with an attendance of about thirty. Mrs. Taylor, one of the hostess could not come, but Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Matthews, and Mrs. Funk were here. Officers were all re-elected excepting the Vice Pres. Mrs. Losh who declined to serve + Mrs. Pusatire was chosen instead. Letter from Will.

Wednesday, April 8th, 1914

Rain with light snow. Colder.

Letter from Carl, shall write both the boys. Check from Will.

Went to Y.M.C.A. Committee meeting in the afternoon. Had the yard prepared for a small garden plot.

Went to prayer-meeting. The annual meeting was held + then trustees elected, only two being new, Chas Scudder and Albert Weghorst, Mr. Boggs was re-elected.

Macie + I called upon Mr. S.R. Ross who is 95 years old today. His two sons came home to dine with him. He had 95 pink candles on the table with many cards, letters, flowers + telegrams.

Thursday, April 9th, 1914

Fair and colder, Ther 25° this A.M. Went up street and brought a hat home for Macie home to try. Mailed a fountain pen to Carl. Sent him papers yesterday.

Mr. + Mrs. Ball surprised us this evening, went to Mary's but she had no room for them so they went to Mrs. Berthold's for the short stay. I spent the afternoon with Mrs. Manning who is recovering from the mumps.

Friday, April 10th, 1914

Beautiful day but windy.

Margaret + Miss C. went to the country after school. Mary went over the river to meet Miss Crickmer, train late. She went to stay all night with Mrs. Manning.

Sent a few Easter cards, not many. Sent Carl a copy of the Country Gentleman.

The newspapers tell of a great "dry" victory in Ill. which is attributed to an overwhelming vote in which the women had a large part, having used their newly acquired privilege of voting.

Saturday, April 11th, 1914

Ther 35° this morning. Bright and pleasant but by noon it became cloudy, windy, and will probably rain soon.

Mary did not return until noon + then Elizabeth had gone to meet Leona + complete arrangements for the Tuesday Clover Club meeting.

Wrote to Virginia.

1:30 P.M. Rain.

Sunday, April 12th, 1914

Easter Sunday and an ideal spring day. Large attendance at S.S. and both church services.

David Tappan, now our foreign pastor in Hainan, L. of China, came to spend a few days among us. Margaret Tappan arrived last night and will return to Oxford tomorrow. She + David came home with us from the evening service and made a little visit.

Monday, April 13th, 1914

Fine day but indications of rain. Considerable wind. I was busy all day, at home.

In the afternoon I washed and pressed my gray skirt, put it on and should have gone to the opening meeting of Presbytery but David was here to supper and as he has been traveling for months + talking, and must talk here twice more, he wanted to rest so we all stayed at home. He is the guest of Dr. + Mrs. Kline this time.

Shoe strike and threatened war with Mexico fills the papers.

Tuesday, April 14th, 1914

A rainy disagreeable afternoon and evening. Our delegates went to the Second church soon after breakfast and did not return until after the afternoon session, were here to supper. I went to the evening meeting in the auto with Mr. + Mrs. Dunning and David. Mr.

D. + David made fine addresses and after the meeting Mr. D. brought us + Margaret Miller home.

The 2nd church ladies served a good dinner to delegates + entertain us. We are enjoying David's visit among us very much.

Called to see Mrs. Silcox as I went up and attended Gilbert Stewart's funeral at the Silcox home at 4 P.M.

Wednesday, April 15th, 1914

Rainy. Our two delegates left about 3:30 A.M. for their homes at Georgetown. I did not attend the morning session of the Pres. but went to see Mrs. Whitney and spent sometime with her. In afternoon went to Pres. and heard Miss Cameron of the Home Board. In the evening went again and heard her give a fine address. Came home + heard that Mr. W.F. Whitney had died of a stroke of paralysis yesterday afternoon. He was a Christian, greatly respected and will be much missed in Church, Grand Army + Masonic circles. Letter from Carl. Ans'd.

David walked home with us. Expected to leave tomorrow.

Mr. Swearingine painted back hall + stairs + varnished wood work. \$3.50. Letter from Mrs. Dennis.

Thursday, April 16th, 1914

Somewhat cloudy in the morning, beautiful in the afternoon.

Macie + I went up to Mrs. Whitney's to see Belle + Teresa (Mrs. McArthur) who came from Circleville to Mr. W's funeral. On the way up I stopped to see Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Rowe, Mis Lodwick and later, Mr. + Mrs. J.W. Dillon whose son recently died. Found letter from Will when I came home. Will reply today. Letter of thanks from Mr. B.M. Marshall for himself + Rev. Powell.

Mary went to Y.M.C.A. Millinery class after supper and E. went with Leona to hear Ruth Jackson at Bigelow in an entertainment.

Friday, April 17th, 1914

Beautiful day. Busy at home all forenoon. At 1:30 P.M. went to W.F. Whitney's funeral at the Baptist church where Rev. H.T. McAfee conducted the church service and then the Masonic Orders held their service. The G.A.R. and W.R.C. attended in a body and the highest tribute of respects were paid to the memory of a man who was an earnest Christian, an active member of the Masonic fraternity and a faithful member of Bailey Post G.A.R. A man who will be greatly missed by the W.R.C. members whenever occasion required his help. Margaret + Miss C. went to farm.

Saturday, April 18th, 1914

Warm + bright in forenoon, thunder rain + hail at 2:30, cleared later.

Had very busy day. Painted the back stairs again, sprayed the grape vines swept the sidewalk twice, the hail having beaten buds, twigs + leaves off the trees. After the rain I went up to Mrs. Whitney's but she was not at home, had gone to the train + cemetery with the girls.

Mary went with Mr. + Mrs. Dunning + Marguerite to the park. He has been sick for several days.

Sunday, April 19th, 1914

Beautiful Easter day. Just six years ago this afternoon at 4 o'clock P.M. James quietly and peacefully passed from this life to the over beyond. It does not seem possible that it has been so long. It was Easter then, as now.

We attended the usual services, in the usual way. S.S. when I spent the time in Ethel Schwartz' class.

The U.C.T. attended in a body, the morning services. Mary went home from evening service with Mrs. Manning.

Monday, April 20th, 1914

At home in forenoon. Cloudy then clear. Worked in the yard. Went to W.R.C. in the afternoon. We missed Mrs. Whitney, small meeting. Wrote to Mrs. Dennis.

Mary came home in time for dinner, having spent the night with Mrs. Manning.

Tuesday, April 21st, 1914

Fine day. Ther 40° in the morning. Warmer later. Letter from Will which I answered, also one from Helen M. A. Haley did some white washing in the yard. Some garden seeds up.

Went to Ethel Schwartz' to District Aid meeting. Was late + found I had been elected Chairman of 2nd Dist. for the coming year. Went to take small chair to Miss Ross to be caned, had pleasant call with her + her father. Mary went with Persis Pursell + Miss Hammond after Arthur's. Mrs. Kenword called Mexican War imminent.

Strike (didn't finish).

Wednesday, April 22nd, 1914

Beautiful, summer-like day. Busy at home all forenoon.

Letters from Carl, enclosing one from Aunt H. Ricker, and one from Virginia. Sent one to Helen Moore, think I wrote Carl, also.

Went to prayer-meting as usual and as usual Mr. Dunning gave a good talk upon the blessings upon a common place life, rather than one of unusual and exciting events.

Thursday, April 23rd, 1914

Pleasant but some signs of rain in evening. Margaret reported Mrs. Cramer alarmingly sick, Miss C. left school before noon and will not be in school tomorrow. I was very busy all day, helping Mary clean the library. In the evening Macie Moon went with me to the Experience Social at the S.S. when \$49.00 were brought in by those who earned them + told how they did it. Strike still far from a settlement, and war declared by US on Huerta the rebels leader in Mexico.

Friday, April 24th, 1914

Summer like weather. I worked in the yard most of the day, and did some small jobs on the gate and kitchen door screen.

Margaret went to the farm without Miss Cramer who cannot leave her mother. They have little hope of her recovery held out by the doctor.

I wrote Will again + sent him Carl's last letter.

Mrs. Cotton called this morning + brought a piece of embroidery which she wants Mary to finish for her.

Mexican situation very serious. Americans in Mexico City in peril.

Saturday, April 25th, 1914

Very warm in the forenoon. Rained in the afternoon.

I worked in the yard most of the day, and did a few little jobs of carpenter work. After 4 o'clock I went to call on Mrs. Scudder. I then went to see Mrs. Pratt who has been sick. Letter from Will from Detroit, Mich. Wrote him and sent Carl's last letter.

Sunday, April 26th, 1914

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Mr. Scudder was present + opened the school but did not remain to the class. His condition is discouraging, and we are all very sorry to see it.

Margaret returned from the country in the evening. It was the first time she had spent the two days + nights alone out there.

Mrs. Cramer's condition is not very encouraging but Miss C. will go to school tomorrow.

Margaret Miller here to dinner, also Macie, as usual.

Monday, April 27th, 1914

Beautiful spring day. Trees green, spring flowers blooming, warm + sunshiny. I spent the forenoon in the yard then washed a lot of old lace curtains.

Letter from Will came in morning mail. I notified the N.Y. office as I hardly expect him here, now. Wrote to Mr. + Mrs. Gidden thanks for Bertha's wedding cards. Also Aunt Helen Ricker. Letter from Essie which I will answer.

Papers full of war news. After tea Macie + I called upon Mrs. Cotton.

Tuesday, April 28th, 1914

Fine day, and rather warm. Busy at home in forenoon. Spent the afternoon at the Missionary meeting at Mrs. M.E. Young's. Very interesting meeting, Mary Peebles gave some account of her travels in India.

In the evening I attended the S.S. class meeting at Ethel Schwartz'.

Wednesday, April 29th, 1914

Pleasant though quite cool again. We need wraps and fires for comfort.

I am spending most of my time out of doors, trying to get the yard improved in looks, and helping start the little garden which is going to furnish me with work and entertainment, all summer.

Good long letter from Carl this week, and also from Will.

Thursday, April 30th, 1914

Beautiful day which I spent at home working in the yard most of the day. The seeds in the garden are beginning to come up already.

Wrote to Carl + Essie together this time, being so busy. I went + paid Dr. S.D. Ruggles \$10.00, for the last crown put on in March. Also paid some smaller bills and bought some rippelette for an apron to send to Essie when Macie has made it.

Postcard from Helen Ricker asking Mary + me to go up for the closing of the Buderwolfe meetings tomorrow. Wrote her I could not go. Sent other letters in noon.

Friday, May 1st, 1914

Beautiful day, quite cool. Had fire in the rooms, and needed coats when going out. I worked in the yard nearly all day, finished up the yard with the lawn mower after having it cut with a synthe.

Margaret and Miss Cramer went to the country again as Mrs. C. is better. Had letter from Will and wrote him.

Mexican situation unsettled, War in Colorado with the striking miners + U.S. troops. Strike of shoe workers here still unsettled.

Saturday, May 2nd, 1914

A most beautiful, delightful day but cool enough for fire in the sitting room.

I worked all day, in the yard + in the house. Swept my room. Washed a few things. Sewed closer seed when the geranium bed was last summer.

Elizabeth + Mary took a long walk in the afternoon to see a large pantry bed up one of the hollows from the Gallia pike. After supper Mary went to do some errands. Macie, M. + I went to the drug store for cough medicine + later I went to the Post-Office.

Sunday, May 3rd, 1914

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. as usual and was in Ethel's class. Mr. Scudder was present but will leave again tomorrow for New York. His case seems very discouraging.

Mr. Dunning preached a sermon on true patriotism, suggested by the Mexican situation, and the Colorado mining troubles, an outcome of the labor union strikes.

Margaret + Miss Cramer came home from the farm.

Monday, May 4th, 1914

Began raining before dinner. Worked in the yard until rain began. Mary + I worked at house-cleaning until I had to dress + go to W.R.C meeting which could not transact business because so few were present, probably on account of rain. Sent Essie an apron made after a new pattern, which Mary made for me, then she made me two plain ones of blue gingham.

Tuesday, May 5th, 1914

Rained most of the night, and in showers all forenoon. Delightful. Busy in the house all morning.

Am reminded again of father + mother Ricker's happy marriage. Beautiful afternoon, though we carried umbrellas to Mrs. B.W. Hopkin's Aid Society meeting, which was well attended. Plans were commenced for frescoing the audience room + S.S. room. I was made a member of the Committee to attend to the work.

After meeting I went to see Blanche Lodwick but she was too sick to see any one.

Wednesday, May 6th, 1914

Pleasant, though indications are for rain.

Worked in the yard, as I do nearly every day, as much as possible.

Am not doing much sewing. Mary has been house-cleaning nearly all day.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening as usual, Mary M. and I.

Thursday, May 7th, 1914

Fine day though somewhat cloudy in the evening. Margaret + I went to the class play at the High School, without umbrellas and before the entertainment was over a hard storm came up, which surprised hundreds of people, very few had umbrellas and the heavy rain kept people in the building until after midnight. Pearl Selby gave me one so M. + I got home but were soaking wet, the rain beat upon us so hard. Midsummer Nights Dreams was well given by the class.

Friday, May 8th, 1914

Rained hard most of the day, last night, and still raining tonight. Mary + Marguerite Mahoney went to Cin. on the early train to attend the May festival and do some shopping. Mr. Dunning took them out to the station in his machine and coming back he was caught in a very hard rain + was drenched while putting the machine away.

Elizabeth gave her tickets to Leona + Alice as she could not go to the High School in such a rain as there was this evening.

Blanche Lodwick died this evening.

Saturday, May 9th, 1914

Rained in the morning but cleared off later. Busy at home all forenoon. After dinner I went up to Mrs. Lodwick's, called at Mrs. Smith's but saw no one, then went to Mrs. Whitney's and made her a long visit. When I came home Margaret had supper ready. After supper I went to Mary Peebles' to see Margaret Hunt who came yesterday noon. Elizabeth went to see her this afternoon + Margaret this morning. Mary + Marguerite returned on N + W.

Letters from Will + Essie.

Sunday, May 10th, 1914

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Mr. Scudder was not at S.S., but was at the evening service, having returned from the East again where he has been for treatment.

This is Uncle Sam Wane's birthday. He was born May 10th, 1838.

I was over at Mary's a while in the afternoon. Mrs. Manning and the children were there to supper + Mrs. M went to church, the children staying with Margaret.

Monday, May 11th, 1914

Beautiful day. Needed fire in the morning on E's account. Have been home all day, was not outside of the yard. Wrote to Essie. Margaret Hunt was here, came about 10 o'clock + stayed until noon. Does not leave her Aunt D much, but will spend one night here.

Mary went to a ball game + Margaret went after she came from school. Elizabeth had her class work and afterwards met Mary at Mrs. Manning's for supper.

Tuesday, May 12th, 1914

Cloudy with some rain. Have all been busy today.

Mary putting the house in order and I in and out of the house. I went to Blanche Lodwick's funeral in the morning, and to a committee meeting at Ethel's in the evening. Elizabeth was busy with a paper for the last meeting of the Clover Club this evening. Mary went first to an entertainment of the Y.M.C.A. to play in Miss Blake's orchestra then joined Mary.

Wednesday, May 13th, 1914

Fine day. Telegram from Will this A.M. announced his arrival on noon train from Columbus so I got ready and went to meet him. Spent the afternoon visiting. Margaret Hunt came about ten o'clock to stay until tomorrow.

I rented the lower part of the brick stable to Mr. Monroe and he will store cement in it for the strut contract on Third below Jefferson, terms \$3.00 a month.

We went to prayer-meeting as usual. Letter from Mrs. Ennis, also one from Carl, with note from E. Wrote him.

Thursday, May 14th, 1914

Fine day. Margaret Hunt went back to her Aunt Mamie this morning + they will go to Ashland this afternoon. Will was at home nearly forenoon, but went to the golf links in the afternoon with Earl Pernell.

I went to Mrs. Manning's and the cemetery. Sat out some geranium for Mrs. Davis at her request, two on her lot + one on ours.

Elizabeth is very miserable and I was surprised to find Dr. Margaret Fulton coming in when I returned home.

Friday, May 15th, 1914

Beautiful all day. Will was home most of the forenoon, so we visited. He rec'd a lot of mail + decided to go to Pittsburg on the afternoon train, N + W Margaret took Dorothy, and met Miss C. at the same train. Mary + I went to see them all off. E. did not go, having an engagement with Bertha Gillilan at 3 o'clock. We shall miss our guests, having had two this week. I have some time with my mending, for Will, + on embroidery on Mrs. Cotton's center piece.

Sent letter to Mrs. Dennis this evening. Spent sometime in yard.

Saturday, May 16th, 1914

A most beautiful day but we need fire for comfort. Think Dorothy went to having happy time in the cemetery. I went to the bank before noon, then to Atlas' for some needed articles.

Margaret Fulton began giving Elizabeth hypodermic treatments and a time for building up her strength. She is very miserable.

Sunday, May 17th, 1914

Fine day. Went to S.S. as usual and attended both services. Macie here to dinner as usual on Sundays.

Margaret, Miss. C + Dorothy returned from farm this evening.

Monday, May 18th, 1914

Beautiful day. Busy at home in the yard until noon. Had men at work in cellar.

Attended W.R.C. meeting in afternoon. Both Pres. + S.V.P. absent. Mrs. Whitney unable to come. Elizabeth + Mary at Leona's for supper and an auto ride. Elizabeth not able to take much of a walk on account of the rheumatism in her knees.

Macie here in the evening, as she usually is until 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, May 19th, 1914

Another beautiful day. Home and busy all forenoon in the kitchen, and with my pen writing up minutes of W.R.C.

In the afternoon I attended a meeting at Mrs. John Stockham's home, called for the consideration of forming a Federation of all the Missionary Societies of the city. A dozen ladies represented four of the chambers. Mrs. Lull being chairman. From there I went to the cemetery + found a man working on the lettering of Uncle D's monument, at last.

Wednesday, May 20th, 1914

Fine weather. Peas beginning to bloom in our little garden.

Letters from Carl + Mrs. Curtiss. Answered both. Went to prayer-meeting, after which a congregational meeting was held to vote on the franchise for the St. Car Co. putting tracks on Court + 3rd Sts. Strongly opposed by a majority present.

That was followed by our Com meeting to inspect the plans or designs for decorating the S.S. Room. Mr. Merrier being the artist. Mary Peebles + Margaret with Marguerite + Ruth Peebles were present at prayer-meeting.

Thursday, May 21st, 1914

Beautiful day. Two men came early to do some work in the car stable, whitewashing, etc., so I was busy in, and out of the house, looking after the work.

Have spent much time in the yard putting out bulbs and geraniums and other things.

Friday, May 22nd, 1914

Beautiful day, some light sprinkles in afternoon, but no rain here. Chas McGill painted up the brick stable when the flood had loosened the mortar.

In the afternoon Macie, Mrs. Thompson + I went together to a Kensington at Mrs. Schwartz', Mrs. Cotton being a hostess also. Had a very pleasant afternoon. Elizabeth + Mary were there, but Margaret went to the county which she feels is needful, to her health + strength.

Saturday, May 23rd, 1914

A very warm day, and also a very busy one for me. Had a letter from Essie in which she writes most cheerfully. I wrote her in reply.

Mrs. Weller was here to lunch and remained until about 4 o'clock, then Elizabeth went with her to see Mrs. Cadot. Mary went to a ball game. E. had not been able to go to any game this season.

I had a letter from Will, from New York.

New rug for the sitting room brought by Mr. Klingman.

Sunday, May 24th, 1914

Fine day and I went to all the usual services. Macie was here to dinner.

At 2 P.M. went to Bigelow M.E. Ch. when Rev. Mr. John Dillow made the address to the Grand Army and others, appropriate to Memorial Day.

Attendance good, music fine and address interesting.

Oella Tappan Lowman's birthday, also the 9th anniversary of our church.

Margaret + Miss C. returned from the country.

Monday, May 25th, 1914

Clear and warm and dry. Spent most of the day mending + altering garments and doing off jobs.

Wrote to Will, sent birthday card to Oella Lowman. Mary went to ball game, Elizabeth too miserably to do more than her K.G. work. After supper Leona took both E + M for an auto ride. I made several calls after supper. Went to the McGord home where Mrs. M. died last evening. Then to Miss Firmstone's, Mary Peebles to say good-bye to Mg't Hunt to Mrs. Brushart's to call upon Meadows Cooley + DuBoise delegates to P.E. Convention from Madisonville, O. to Mrs. Lodwick's with Miss Nye of Chil.

Tuesday, May 26th, 1914

Beautiful day, pretty hot, but breezy. Went over to Mrs. Kehoe's to take cottage, the Episcopal Convention opens today.

Margaret Hunt left for her home. Went to Missionary meeting in afternoon, at Mrs. Marsh's, twelve present including Mrs. Hattie Peebles who came with Mary P. Missed Mrs. Young who went to Pittsburg.

From Mrs. Marsh's I went to the S.S. Class picnic at Millbrook Park with Ethel Schwartz' class. About twenty present.

Wednesday, May 27th, 1914

Warm and cloudy in the forenoon.

Mr. Redden came this morning with his tools and repaired the mantel in the sitting room which has been needing it ever since the flood of March 1913. It will be a long time before we get rid of the last vestige of that flood.

We went to prayer-meeting in the evening, Mr. Scudder led in place of Mr. Dunning who was called to Mich. on family business matters.

Thursday, May 28th, 1914

Warm and dry. Rain needed.

Spent much time in the yard. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Cooley of Madisonville, O. came to call as he was leaving for home, after the Convention. His wife and Mrs. Duboise left as soon as the Ladies' meeting was over + did not have time to return my call.

I stopped at Miss Firmstone's this morning and made an informal call upon Mr. + Mrs. J.D. Herron.

Friday, May 29th, 1914

A hot day. Another awful disaster occurred today, a large steamer, the Empress of Ireland run down in the St. Lawrence river by a heavily laden collier and more than 1000 lives lost. The Norwegian Storstodt did the damage but lost us lives.

This afternoon Mary Peebles + I went to the hall where the flowers from the schools were taken, but then were no baskets so we could do nothing. After supper, Macie went with me + worked until 8 P.M. Mrs. Rowe + I worked until 9:30 and finished filling + spiraling eleven dozen baskets, then I came home.

Saturday, May 30th, 1914

An ideal Memorial Day, in point of weather + quantity of flowers. Went to the hall soon after seven o'clock and at 9 A.M. the procession began to move towards the Cemetery. Mary + Hattie Peebles, Mrs. Rowe + I with a few others went in the Irving Drew Auto Truck and others met us at the Cemetery but we missed so many of those who have been with us in years past. So few of the W.R.C. members present. Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, being detained by recent deaths in their families. Capt. Millstead wore James' sash again.

Sunday, May 31st, 1914

A most beautiful day.

I went to S.S. and had to come home to look after Mrs. Musser who had fallen down her steps + Macie sent for me but she was not needing so I went back. Then I got to coughing and had to come home again after relief, then went back again to church.

The school was moved into the auditorium as the S.S. Room is ready for the decorators to begin their work tomorrow morning.

Had patriotic service in the evening.

Monday, June 1st, 1914

Fine day. Busy at home in the morning. At 2 o'clock P.M. went to 2nd Pres. church to attending meeting for the completion of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union of Portsmouth, the object being to bring all the Missionary Societies of the city into closer touch with each other and brought the interest in the work.

Mrs. Belle Tull is President, Madam Rideout, Walker + (blank) C. Pres's + Mrs. Chase Sec'y + Treas. Wrote B.T. and to Mrs. Dennis.

Tuesday, June 2nd, 1914

Cool in the morning. Warm later.

Was busy ripping up Margaret's gray dress. Did not go to the Aid meeting at Mrs. Matthew's on the pike. Did not feel like it so took my work + went over to sit with Macie.

Wrote to Jean Fuller. Made a trip up street in the forenoon to do some errands.

Mrs. Towne called here this morning, I having been to Mrs. Lodwick's to see her and she was engaged with her lawyer, so could not see me. Remained with Mrs. Lodwick + Mrs. Carson awhile and then did some errands.

Wednesday, June 3rd, 1914

Beautiful day but so cool in the morning I lighted the gas stove in the dining room on Elizabeth's account. Warm later.

I washed + pressed Margaret's gray Crepe Du Chine dress + took it to Mrs. Knauser to make over.

Wrote to Carl + Essie in reply to their letters, also to Ira Ricker who is in St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis. Elizabeth + Mary Gray brought the K-G children over to our yard for a Soap Bubble Party. Mary went to a ball game. Letter from Jean Fuller.

Went to see Mrs. Silcox, but she was not up.

Paid telephone + gas bills.

Thursday, June 4th, 1914

Very warm until evening when a good breeze and a little rain cooled the air. The mail brought me my pension chk for \$36.00 and a letter from Will contained chk for \$60.00, part of which is for Mary, a part for extra expense of E's trip and the balance for me, as usual.

Went to W.C.T.U. meeting at the Federation Rooms in afternoon. Mrs. Towne was here again and told me she intends having her old home renovated as it will be suitable for good tenants.

Friday, June 5th, 1914

Rained in the night, cloudy and cool all this forenoon. Rain was badly needed. I was out most of the forenoon doing errands. Went down to see Mrs. Mary Schwartz. Elizabeth very miserable but she finished the week. Wrote Will. Paid taxes + street assessment, \$86.99.

It has occurred to me that it might be well for me to go with Elizabeth to Martinsville and perhaps be benefitted myself. Am quite stiff sometimes.

Saturday, June 6th, 1914

Quite hot. Margaret worked in the garden in the forenoon, and it was all ready for a good rain which came about 5 o'clock.

I met the committee at the S.S. at 2 P.M. and we decided upon the colors to be used in that room, shades of a grayish green. Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Dunning, Mrs. Peel and I were there. From there I went up to Margaret Fulton's and talked over my going with Elizabeth. Think I will go. Had good letter from Essie. Wrote Elizabeth Peebles, + Will.

Sunday, June 7th, 1914

Beautiful day but hot. Children's Day at S.S. so the service was at 10 o'clock and the two morning services were combined.

Mr. Dunning made an excellent talk to the children illustrated with boxes within boxes to represent what we should give to God, in our various relations.

Monday, June 8th, 1914

Another beautiful day, the day celebrated by the W.C.T.U. as Flower day in memory of Miss Jennie Casseday's birthday. She was Nat'l Supt of Flower Mission work. My share in the work this year was to prepare forty bouquets, thirty-five Scripture text cards and forty papers + magazines for the Infirmary. The Supt called for them after supper.

Have made a mistake, this is record for Tuesday.

Cut rambler roses today + put them in the cellar in water for tomorrow. Lucy + John Carpenter were here today.

Tuesday, June 9th, 1914

Hot day. Spent all forenoon preparing flowers for the Infirmary. Mr. Andes the Supt came for them in the evening with a buggy.

Wednesday, June 10th, 1914

Very hot and close, all forenoon. Late in the day a hard thunder storm with rain cooled us off a little. It did not last long.

We went to prayer-meeting as usual. Had the service again as the workmen on decorating the S.S. room.

Thursday, June 11th, 1914

Very hot, even after the rain of yesterday. It did not wet the ground very deep. Margaret set out some more plants in the garden + covered them from the sun.

Mary went to a garden party at Margaret Appel's. Elizabeth could not go.

I sent Carl's birthday letter, and as a gift, the one shirt stud that was left of his father's set which he had before we were married.

Friday, June 12th, 1914

Very warm, in the morning but a good breeze relieved us.

The Public Schools closed with a Flag Day Parade which was fine. Macie and I went up street and saw it twice. Afterwards I did some errands. Had letter from Will, from Cleveland. Wrote him at the Holldenden Hotel.

Margaret + Miss Cramer went to the country to stay until Tuesday. Had letter from Jake Ricker with checks for the work at the country. Paid the Peebles Granite C \$108 + sent receipt to Jake at once. Sent birthday letter to Fannie Geiger.

Saturday, June 13th, 1914

Much cooler and more pleasant. Have been sewing and sweeping, dusting and gathering up my things to pack in Elizabeth's new trunk. Went and bought tickets to Martinsville Ind paying \$9.10 for the round trips, each. Have been busy all day. Went up to Miss Cramer's to try the apron I cut, + Macie will make for Abigail.

Fannie Geiger's birthday.

Sunday, June 14th, 1914

Pleasant, though warm.

Went to S.S. and church as usual the school being held in the auditorium and I had charge of Ethel's class, she having gone to Cin. for a week.

After church we finished up our preparations for the trip to Martinsville, expecting to leave on the earliest train in the morning.

Monday, June 15th, 1914

A fine day for our trip. Elizabeth and I left the house at 4:30 A.M. + went on C + O train to Cin., just ten minutes to change to Big Four for Indianapolis. Twenty-five minutes there and then arrived at Martinsville at 1:05 P.M. E. was too tired to see the doctor this evening. We had dinner, then rested all afternoon.

Began making a few acquaintances but retired early and will see Doctor Green in the morning.

Carl is thirty-eight years old today. Letter from E.F.P., Helen M., Carl + Essie.

Tuesday, June 16th, 1914

Weather warm.

Had talk with Dr. E.V. Green this morning and he gave directions for treatments for both Elizabeth + myself. I have had some trouble with my right knee for some time since last fall I think. We have two rooms adjoining, numbers 95 + 97 centrally located and very comfortable. Began with plan baths this morning and then had to go to bed for an hour, dressed for dinner and two P.M. reported at bath hall again, had another bath and spent another hour in bed then dressed for supper. I weigh 140 + E. weighed 82 today.

Wednesday, June 17th, 1914

Weather cool and pleasant.

Steam + tonic bathes at 6:15 A.M. Then rested an hour before breakfast. After that E + I walked up street far as the square + bought some cards + buttons. Wrote letters to Essie + Lizzie P. sent a number of post cards.

Was in "hot room" 150° in afternoon, another bath + rest.

Dr. told E. to take her breakfasts in bed, and spend most of her time there. She is not to go up street again. Met Mrs. Mary B. Fulton from Rockford, Ill. + E has met some who were here last Fall.

Thursday, June 18th, 1914

Warm and pleasant.

Our routine is the same day after day. Had "steam" and tonic in morning. Hot room and tonic bath in afternoon, electricity after supper.

Met Mrs. G. Davis Hawkins of Frankfort, Ky., Mrs. Glover 324 Crittendan St. Owensboro, Ky., Mrs. B. Harvard Neale of Richmond, Ky. Mrs. Chas T. Hudllson 713 S. Main St. New Castle, Ind. Mrs. Nannie Clark Maysville, Ky. Mrs. Hawkins P.O. in Lawrenceburg, Ky. Route #2. All pleasant ladies.

Friday, June 19th, 1914

Cloudy this morning but no rain after all. Usually have good breeze. Had bath before breakfast, Elizabeth has her breakfast in bed, after her bath, having to wait one hour before eating. I had hot steam, almost the limit. Am feeling fine and enjoying everything. It seems hardly necessary for me to take all three baths, electricity and so on but I may as well get the full benefit when I pay the full price \$21.00 per week and it may do me good in a general way.

Saturday, June 20th, 1914

Another hot, dry day, too hot for "hot room" treatments, Dr. Green says. Have had other baths as usual, and electricity every evening excepting Sundays.

Had letters from Mary Moore and Mary Ricker, and sent postal to Mary M. We just follow about the same program every day, visiting with people when we are not sleeping, resting or bathing.

Elizabeth cannot take as much as I do, but is feeling better than when she came.

Sunday, June 21st, 1914

A very warm day. Several of us had planned to go to the Pres. church this morning but I was the only one who felt able to walk the distance. Went to S.S. and found Children's Day exercises. Heard no announcement of sermon so returned to the Hotel. Mrs. Fulton went in a cab and came back enthusiastic over the sermon she heard.

Mrs. Kennedy from Rockport, Ind. went with me in the evening. Had letters from Margaret, + Will. Only a morning bath on Sunday's.

Monday, June 22nd, 1914

Weather hot and dry, but some breeze. Had a full program of baths, steam, hot room and tub today.

Spent most of my spare time writing. Sent letters to Margaret R., Essie, and Bessie Titus. Sent Riley post card to Will. Am doing a little on the embroidery but not much, am

enjoying the society of some very pleasant people, but they came, and go so soon we cannot keep the friends long after we have made them.

Tuesday, June 23rd, 1914

Weather still hot and dry.

Have taken cold from being over heated. Mrs. Tackett, the attendant, steamed my knees in morning, steam 120°, and in afternoon she put me In the Hot Room for six minutes when the mercury registered 160°, then in hot water.

Letter from Margaret enclosed one from Will with check for \$25.00, and a letter she rec'd from Frank. Had one from Macie, also.

Sent postcard to Mr. + Mrs. Dunning expressing my sympathy for the loss of their Ford Auto, which was later recorded in damaged conditions.

Wednesday, June 24th, 1914

Hot. Cloudy but no rain.

No hot room for anyone today on account of atmospheric conditions. Other baths as usual. Cold better. Letter from Carl. Wrote him and Will.

The event today was the coming of James Whitcomb Riley with a party of friends, came in an auto from Indianapolis for supper. He walked without help but is evidently scarcely able to do so. I heard Dr. Green ask him to come to the Martinsville + stay awhile. The cold I had yesterday seems to have left me.

Thursday, June 25th, 1914

Still hot. Had steam + bath in morning, "hot room" + bath in afternoon. Altered Mrs. Neale's dress again for her in the afternoon, it is now satisfactory.

Took a walk, went to the Public Library, and then up to see Home Lawn where Elizabeth was three years ago. Finished reading "Grandma" to Mrs. Hawkins + Mrs. Kennedy. The book has been much enjoyed by several here.

Had more cold today + Dr. gave me tablets for it.

Friday, June 26th, 1914

Weather still warm, and no rain. Wrote to Macie today. Our stay is almost at an end and we are beginning to get ready for the homeward journey. About the only difference in the days is the coming of new people, and the going of those with whom we have become slightly acquainted.

The members of the Chautauqua Co. are coming in as the season opens here tomorrow.

Wrote to Mary. Cold better.

Saturday, June 27th, 1914

Bright and breezy, hot in the sun.

This day has been much like all those of the past two weeks. The same daily program. We were up in time to see Mrs. Hawkins leave for her home, Mrs. Kennedy + I went with her to the traction station as that was the way she went. We miss those whom

we have met and now miss even after only a few days acquaintance. Dr. Green gave E. her prescription (four) and directions + wants her to return in Sept.

Sunday, June 28th, 1914

Bright and warm, but a good breeze. I went to church at the Pres. ch. in the forenoon but did not go in the evening. Mrs. Kennedy of Rockport, Ind. went with me.

Mrs. Hawkins sent me a card from Louisville, which I rec'd this morning. Hope she is better. Elizabeth + I took a short walk and saw the Highland Hotel, where she once thought of staying but changed her mind + went to Home Lawn. Thirty years ago today Enos + I sailed from New York on our trip to Europe.

Monday, June 29th, 1914

Cooler and more pleasant for our trip home. We were all ready to leave at 9 A.M. and several of our new friends saw us off for Indianapolis. Mrs. Neale + Mrs. Kennedy went to stadium with us. At Indianapolis we went up to the stores, having a wait of five hours. I went twice E. rested at stadium after lunch. We made connections at Cin. and reached home at 9, or some after and fund all well, and house in fine order. My room having been newly papered + a new Crex rug on the floor.

Tuesday, June 30th, 1914

Warm but not as warm as last week.

Elizabeth slept late and will need to get rested from her trip before she shows much improvement. I am feeling well but some what tired. Margaret Miller + Mrs. Cadot were here to see Elizabeth. I had a short call from Mary Peebles this afternoon, then we went to the W.C.T.U. meeting at the Club Room, time being changed on account of the Chautauqua which begins Thursday.

Wednesday, July 1st, 1914

Very warm again. Have been busy, as usual, in the yard most of the forenoon. Margaret has worked hard every day and has the yard + garden looking well.

My room is a delight and I have been putting away my clothes and doing other jobs. Went to prayer-meeting.

Elizabeth got her prescriptions filled + delivered today, a large basket full, then bring half a dozen bottles of a Cod Liner Oil preparation, half a dozen Iron Tonic, and two other packages.

Thursday, July 2nd, 1914

Very warm. In forenoon I went to call on Mrs. Prescott, to take Alice Storm's quarterly, then to Mrs. Wilhelm's on the hill + to the Jackman's but did not see Emma, was told she had not been seeing any one since her mother died last night, or yesterday.

In afternoon Macie + I went to the Chautauqua tent and heard the Zeigler-Home Orchestra + afterwards Dr. Way O'Neal's lecture on Present Day Fallacies. He said his great-grandparents lived in Springville, Ky, now South Portsmouth early in 1800, his mother's people being Laylins.

Friday, July 3rd, 1914

More comfortable than yesterday, good breeze. Went out in the A.M. and distributed Home Dept Quantiles to Mrs. Losh, Mrs. Stalder, Mrs. Funk, Miss Noland + some others. In afternoon Macie + I went to the Chautauqua + heard Male Collegian Quartettes + Mary Agnes Doyle in Peg. O'my Heart. In evening Mary Ricker + I went + heard some quartettes, and Dr. Steiner talk on the Trail of the Immigrant.

Elizabeth P. sent \$75.00 + I paid her taxes on the old home, this morning. No letters today. Wrote Carl + sent Essie some pearl beads.

Saturday, July 4th, 1914

A little cloudy + quite pleasant in the forenoon. Girls + I at home. Letter from Carl to Elizabeth, only one mail today.

In afternoon heard "Tahan" the Indian, once a savage, now a minister of the Gospel, a Presbyterian, ordained at Buffalo, N.Y. + member of that Pres. Went again in the evening taking Mary.

Very quiet day, considering the occasion.

Heard the Ben Greet Players give Shakespeare's Tawing of the Shsew, this evening.

Sunday, July 5th, 1914

Hot and dry.

Went to S.S. and was asked to take Marcia Storck's class of Juniors, which I did.

Mr. Dunning conducted the mid summers Commission service in the morning which is his last service until after his vacation.

In the evening the churches were all closed and those who wished went to the Chautauqua tent. None of us went.

Monday, July 6th, 1914

Weather hot but not quite so hot as last week.

Macie + I went to the tent in the afternoon, and Mary R. went with me in the evening.

The music, Ferullo's Band was fine. We get these entertainments for less than ten cents each, when we buy a season ticket at \$2.00 and all are good. I am not doing much but attend the meetings, not every time, but once or twice each day.

Letter from F.H.R. with check for \$60.00 which I answered.

Tuesday, July 7th, 1914

Warm. Went in the morning to pay the telephone + gas bills and then to the tent and hard Dr. Nellis talk of the Social + Religion life of the Panama Canal Diggers.

In afternoon the Novelty Musical and Dr. Harvey Wiley the good Pure Ford man. In the P.M. Mary + I went to see the Floyd's in Magic, + Novelty Co. in music.

Letter from Essie which I ans'd. Cannot do much but attend the Chautauqua. E + I had post cards from Mrs. Hawkins from KY. The Silcox family called with the auto + took E + M + me for a ride.

Wednesday, July 8th, 1914

Warm. Another full day at tent. Heard Dr. Nellis give his personal message on the subject, "Making a living, or a life". One of the best I ever heard. The Edwin R. Weeks Co. finished the day and the Chau. Weel. J.S. Knox gave a fine talk on "Community Building". I went to prayer-meeting, which was led by Mr. Scudder, then went to the tent. The manager this year has been Dr. J.G. Schaibly a Methodist minister who reminds us of Dr. Joseph Clark.

Wrote to Will who sent me check for \$50.00, of which I gave Mary \$15.00. Wrote him. Letter from Carl.

Thursday, July 9th, 1914

Warm. Went down + paid Mr. H. Prescott \$29.52 this morning and then gave him a luster coat which belonged to Jas. and was rec'd with thanks. Wrote to Mrs. Bettie Hawkins of Lawrenceburg, KY. in reply to post-cards E + I rec'd this week. Wrote Carl this morning.

After dinner I took Margaret's new brown + white voile dress + went over to Macie's where I finished it before coming home. After supper Elizabeth and Mary went up to Margaret Miller's + spent the evening.

Had letter from Mrs. Cotton which I answered at once, she is at State College with Katharine.

Friday, July 10th, 1914

Cloudy with a light sprinkle of rain which soon passed.

Went up street in the morning to attend to some bank business. Paid grand rent to School Board \$21.04

Want, if I can to induce Margaret to take a little trip somewhere for a change before going into the next school year. E + M went to the sewing club at Martha Moulton's and later Leona took them for an auto ride.

Saturday, July 11th, 1914

A very hot day and I have been out nearly all morning.

Went to see Ethel Schwartz about State College, hoping M. would decide to go there for a change. Called upon Eleanor Wright at Mrs. Draper's, then to inquire about routes and rates.

Sunday, July 12th, 1914

Extremely hot. A record breaker the mercury rising to 105° by the government thermometer kept by Dr. Harry Schirman.

Went to S.S. as usual and had the Junior girls class. Rev. Mr. Dapp of Manchester preached and will return in time for the evening service in his own church.

I had one of the little girls this afternoon to help her prepare her lesson.

None of us went to evening service. Went to bed early. Had message from Mrs. Cotton.

Monday, July 13th, 1914

Still hot and dry until late in the afternoon when the long looked for rain came, with some thunder + lightning to clear the air.

I went up street twice to mail letter to Mrs. Cotton + Will, and to look for a skirt for Margaret.

Got the cameo pendants which I had made from my old fashioned ear-rings. It is fifty-one years today since we were under fire in Yazoo City, Miss as the Union gunboats bombarded the rebel fort on the hill above our house. Wrote to Clara last Saturday asking for Jane's address. Had come from our own little garden.

Tuesday, July 14th, 1914

Still very hot but about 4 P.M. a good rain, with some thunder and lightning refreshed the parched earth and suffering humanity. I began this wrong, it was intended for Monday, but the rain continued most of the night and it has been cloudy all day.

I had a post card from Clara giving Jane's address at Chautauqua. Wrote Essie in reply to letter rec'd yesterday. Wrote John Kirkwood thanking for sending his Commencement cards from Lafayette College, Easton, PA.

Wednesday, July 15th, 1914

More rain but it did not last all day. Still cloudy. James' birthday which brings many memories of the past.

Swept my room in the forenoon. Since it has been newly papered + fixed up it looks encouraging to sweep and dust.

Went to prayer-meeting which was led by the C.E. Society with Bertha Wilhelm as leader. Had good meeting.

Thursday, July 16th, 1914

Cloudy, breezy and cooler. A pleasant day. Nothing special in the way of work or play. Was home almost all day. Did an errand on Market Street in early morning, + went to post office late in evening with letters for Carl, Jane Ricker and Miss Ella V. Ricker, both the latter being at Chautauqua, N.Y. + I hope Margaret will go there for a while. Had letter from Will. Margaret had one from Jane R. Margaret Miller here to dinner.

Edith Moore Love's birthday, now lives in Honolulu + has three children.

Friday, July 17th, 1914

Very warm and close. Rain in the evening, began just as I was nearing home after the Millbrook picnic supper with Ethel Schwartz' S.S. class.

Mary was there also and she remained with Margaret Miller and Bertha Dutton, coming home later. I went with Macie and helped her select a black serge skirt this morning.

Had letter from Will again, to enclose things I had sent him. Letter from Essie, also.

Saturday, July 18th, 1914

Fine morning after the rain. Have been in the yard most of the forenoon. Wrote to Essie and Laura DeMar, having just head of the death of Mr. D. through Essie's letter,

Martha Snodgrass + (blank) Baker came and made me a call before supper, I had asked her to come so I could show her about her S.S. lesson, but hadn't the right book after all.

Sunday, July 19th, 1914

An ideal day in every way. Bright, breezy and cool enough for comfort. Went to S.S. as usual and had Junior girls class.

Rev. Mr. Dapp of Manchester preached again for as in the morning. Macie + I went to the C.E. meeting at our church + afterwards went to Bigelow and heard Mr. Hughes.

Monday, July 20th, 1914

Another fine morning. Went to Dr. Ruggles at 9 A.M. to have a tooth treated, then to Anderson's + bought Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop, a blue crepe waist + same paste for Macie. Mailed quarterlies + posted to little Helen Peebles.

Spent the afternoon at the W.R.C. meeting.

Tuesday, July 21st, 1914

Warm and dry, but Margaret has kept our yard and garden well watered and they look fine. Have been having good corn and snap-beans from our garden.

Have been seeing the District Assessor, and the property owners on this school ground in hopes of reducing the high cost of taxation etc which we hope now may be done.

Wednesday, July 22nd, 1914

Hot as ever. We are trying to keep comfortable + well which is the most one can do in this kind of weather. Macie + I went to prayer-meeting as usual.

Mr. Cager led the meeting as Mr. Kinsey who was to have done it is out this week in the interest of the Prohibition campaign.

Thursday, July 23rd, 1914

Very warm and dry.

A letter from Will to Margaret this morning proposed their taking their vacation together somewhere in the East and she decided immediately to accept and began to make preparations, in which I joined most gladly.

Margaret Miller has gone on a trip leaving her cousin Mrs. Dutton to keep house for her, and Mary has promised to sleep there while Margaret M. is away so she went this evening.

Mrs. Salmon called this P.M.

Friday, July 24th, 1914

A very hot day. Mrs. C.G. Young's birthday, 74 years old. I sent her a birthday card and wrote Virginia a letter and sent her a card, also.

We have been busy making necessary preparations for Margaret's trip which she has fully decided to take, going first to Chautauqua when she will wait until Will decides when they will go.

Saturday, July 25th, 1914

Rained all around us but did not come here, though it sprinkled a little.

Leona called and took Elizabeth and Mary for an auto ride after supper.

Mary had been to the ball game + Elizabeth had been studying all afternoon.

Margaret finished her preparations + bought a ticket to Chautauqua this afternoon.

After supper she wrote to Will + Jane + I wrote to Miss Ella V. Ricker.

Letter from Essie.

Sunday, July 26th, 1914

Another very hot day, hard rain storm in afternoon, which cooled the air very much. Went to S.S. in the morning + taught Marcia's girls.

Home all afternoon. Miss Dutton and Macie were here to dinner. In the evening I went to C.E. meeting after the rain.

Margaret's trunk was packed, and was taken to the station this evening.

Monday, July 27th, 1914

Delightful morning after the rain but the sun came out hot later.

Margaret + I were up before them, she had breakfast and I went to the train to see her start for Chautauqua, on her vacation. Letter from Will came for her + I enclosed it with a note.

Elizabeth is studying for the examination next week.

Mary still staying nights with Miss Dutton.

Tuesday, July 28th, 1914

Pleasant still, but hot in the noon day sun.

Card from Margaret from Westfield where she took the vacation for Chautauqua and was met at the gate of the grounds by Jane Ricker and went to the home of Miss Ella V. Ricker she engaged a room.

This evening Macie + I went to Mrs. Evans' to a special meeting of the W.M.S. and heard a fine report from Mrs. Drew, of the Biennial meeting of the Phila Board. I afterwards suggested to Mrs. Evans that the entertainment of that Board would make a fine birthday celebration for our church May 24th 1917 when the ch. will be 100 years old.

Wednesday, July 29th, 1914

Fine day, comfortable temperature.

When Elizabeth came down to her late breakfast I had the table ready for her, roses from the yard, + a bouquet from Mrs. Behrens, the picture of Sir Gallahad which I got for

her kindergarten + the cameo pendant made from one of my old time ear-rings. Macie gave her a nicely bound copy of "Old Curiosity Shop", + a birthday card, also one for Mrs. B. Mary had given her slippers + Carl + Essie sent her a German mother prophet. Postals, but no letter from Margaret yet.

Ordered my diary for 1915 + 1918.

Thursday, July 30th, 1914

Delightful weather, quite cool in the evening.

Have been all day, busy in various ways. Finished off Mary's dress which is making over to wear at Marie Clark's wedding next week. Had a good long letter from Margaret this afternoon. Says she has a room in Miss E.V. Ricker's home, + that Miss E. McClain will be there also. That Clara Armstrong + her children are to arrive at C. Friday so all three of those Ricker sisters will be at Chautauqua. She also sent letters from Will to her, + from Mrs. Frank Robinson to Will in regard to accommodations at Buck Hill Inn, where Mr. + Mrs. Robinson have a summer home, not at the Inn, but in a cottage.

Long letters from Margaret today.

Friday, July 31st, 1914

Still delightfully cool. Was down street this A.M. + paid the family pledge of \$10.00 on the Building Dept. Called to see Flora Dellert + Mary Peebles + her guest Mrs. Anna Bell.

Did several errands. Had letters from Margaret, Will and E.S. Peebles, the last contained check for \$36.00 which I had advanced on her taxes.

Saturday, August 1st, 1914

Weather warm + bright. We are busy as usual and in addition Mary is making preparations for a little visit to Columbus.

Letters from Margaret are full of interesting accounts about the friends at Chautauqua. Am so glad she went.

There is much agitation over the threatened war in Europe in which nearly all the powers will be involved.

Sunday, August 2nd, 1914

Fine day. Went to S.S. and from there to Bigelow M.E. church in the forenoon.

In the evening Macie and I went there again and heard Mr. Alfred S. Hughes reply to the anonymous article advertised in the Times, regarding his reworks last Sabbath.

The Liquor League, under the name of the Home Rule League, is making every possible effort to put through an amendment which will kill all temperance legislative + prohibit any new laws for the next fifty year.

Monday, August 3rd, 1914

Weather fair and pleasant.

Went to Mr. Hughes' office in response to a notice to appear before the Board in regard to the taxes, assessments, etc on this property. Was given a very respectful hearing and was promised some relief in reduction of valuation, or other manner. The property is

subject to equal taxation with other city property, pays school taxes on lease and has all sorts of street improvements added there to.

Tuesday, August 4th, 1914

Weather fair. Nights are pleasant. Helped Mary make her final preparations for the trip to Columbus. War news very exciting. War declared this evening between Germany + England and report says it was followed by the capture of forty-seven German vessels that were in ports.

Good letters from Margaret + Miss E.V. Ricker. They are both pleased to have met.

Wednesday, August 5th, 1914

Fair and pleasant though hot in the middle of the day. I went to the train, and saw Mary off at 7:30 A.M. for Columbus to attend Marie Clark's wedding this evening. Spent most of the day writing and mailing letters.

Was up street four times and to prayer meeting in evening.

Letters from Will, Margaret and Carl. We all sent M. letters for her birthday tomorrow. Papers filled with most exciting war news, nearly all Europe is involved. Hope the U.S. will be able to keep out of it.

Letter from Carl. Answered it.

Thursday, August 6th, 1914

Cool + pleasant last night but sun is very hot again today. Just as I was beginning to get dinner, Mary called up fun Columbus and said Mrs. Clark wanted Elizabeth to go up and let her see what she could do for her rheumatism, as a friend and physician. Elizabeth decided to go on the 3:33 P.M. train, and I went with her and saw her safely started.

Went over home and slept in the back room where I stayed during the flood.

Friday, August 7th, 1914

Warm and pleasant, except in the sun which is quite hot. I had dinner and supper with Macie and she will stay here nights until the girls return.

Get good letters from Margaret enjoying her stay out Chautauqua very much.

Saturday, August 8th, 1914

Another busy day with nothing particular to be recorded. The girls did not come home, so Macie came over here to sleep and will continue to do so while I am alone.

Sunday, August 9th, 1914

Pleasant warm but breezy.

Went to S.S. as usual and then Macie + I went to Bigelow M.E. in the morning, C.E. at our church in the evening and from there to the First Baptist and heard Rev. Mr. T.H. McAfee.

The war abroad, and strong fight at home between the liquor men and temperance workers make it exciting. The temperance people are working for Statewide prohibition of the traffic in legion.

Monday, August 10th, 1914

Warm and close all day. A hard rain came so suddenly in the evening that it caught Macie + me up on 4th St. as we were taking the magazines to Elsie Boynton Burke. We stopped at Lollie Anderson's until it slackened and had a pleasant little call. It rained again in the night.

I wrote to Jane, Mary and Clara as this is their father's birthday, when for years past he has had a birthday letter from me.

Tuesday, August 11th, 1914

Rained all day, a delightful soft, steady rain which will do great good. Have been busy cleaning, reading and writing letters, most of the day. Am getting many letters, from the absent ones. Wrote a birthday letter to Mrs. Fuller and sent her some cards.

Margaret and Will left Chautauqua today for New York, according to plan.

Wednesday, August 12th, 1914

Rained again in morning. Delightfully cool + clean. Was very busy all day during so many different things I cannot report them. This is Mrs. Sarah Fuller's birthday. Sent her a letter + some Golden Wedding cards yesterday.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

We began the cleaning in the church audience room this morning, I having change this first half day. Mrs. Paul to take the afternoon.

Letter from Carl as usual on Wednesdays.

Thursday, August 13th, 1914

Beautiful day, pleasant breeze. Was home nearly all day, made one trip to the Bank + P.O. then came home and worked at various things I want done before the girls some home. Did not go to the church. Had letter from Mary from Columbus, and card from Sister from New York, also letter from Will. They went to New York first + will go to Buck Hill Falls the last of the week.

Sent Mary Y. her birthday letter a week ago. Postal from Margaret from Mineola, Long Island.

Friday, August 14th, 1914

Warmer again, but pleasant in the early morning. I went to the church at 6:30 as Mrs. Thompson could not go. The five women finished their part of the walk by noon and were paid by Mrs. Peel. Mrs. Schwartz came home from McDermot and went with Mrs. Thompson + me to see what was to be done next.

I had an encouraging letters from Elizabeth in regard to her improvement. A postal from Margaret who has been to see Mary Cotton at Mineola, L.I.

Saturday, August 15th, 1914

Warm and bright. Letter from E. came about 10:30 A.M. saying she + M. would be home at noon. They came before I could get the lunch ready. E. seems much better and both girls seem to be delighted with the treatment they rec'd from Dr. Joseph + Dr. Harriet Clark.

Mary went to a ball game in afternoon but E. stayed at home. Margaret Miller was here in evening. I sent card to Sister at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Papers filled with war news, all or nearly all of Europe is at war.

Macie + I went to train but girls didn't come.

Sunday, August 16th, 1914

Beautiful day + weather pleasant. Went to S.S. and had a pleasant time with Marcia's class.

Went to Bigelow M.E. in the morning. Was over home awhile in afternoon and then Macie + I went to C.E. meeting after which we came home and went early to bed, I being very sleepy.

Mrs. Cadot came to see the girls.

Monday, August 17th, 1914

Warm again. Busy at home all morning. Had letter from Essie, + one from Margaret mailed at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. after being begun in New York. She is enjoying her vacation. Had our first Lima beans from our own vines and they were extra fine.

W.R.C. day. No meeting, only Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Brandon + I being there. I wrote to Miss E.V. Ricker, Essie, Margaret, and Mrs. E.C. Fisher on W.R.C. business.

Macie + I made a call upon Mrs. Silcox after supper.

Tuesday, August 18th, 1914

Quite warm again. Home all day. Mary + I did some work in the back room, I spent most of the forenoon sorting over magazines + papers to be disposed of in some way. Had a long letter from Margaret written at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. at the home of Mr. + Mrs. Frank Robinson. Will had not yet reached them.

Margaret Miller here to tea. Mr. + Mrs. Lee Smith called to say good-bye as they leave tomorrow for Cleveland, to live.

Wednesday, August 19th, 1914

Bright and very hot, one of the hottest of the summer. Worked awhile among the old books and papers, but did not finish.

Letters from Margaret which I answered. Went to prayer-meeting in evening. It was led by Mr. Schwartz. Went to see Maggie B. Weidner and her new baby, now eleven days old. War news grows worse and worse. Nearly all Europe involved.

Thursday, August 20th, 1914

Hot and dry. Letter from Carl which I ans'd also wrote Margaret. Sent Enos birthday remembrance a post card of the Ohio river, + KY bills.

Pope Pius the Tenth died this morning at 1:45 Italian time. The event will add much to the excitement which prevails in the world today, nearly all Europe being involved in the wars which are being waged fiercely and with great loss of life.

The girls were out this evening, Elizabeth seeming much better. Was notified that the Assessors had reduced the valuation of our property \$1260.00 to equalize it with other property.

Friday, August 21st, 1914

Delightful evenings and nights but the sun is hot for several hours during the day.

The usual daily letter from Margaret came and I wrote her, but she is so uncertain about her movements that I hardly know where to send the next letter.

Saturday, August 22nd, 1914

Bright, hot in the middle of the day. I swept + dusted most of the forenoon, then dressed for the afternoon which I spent at home. Had letter from Margaret, and wrote one to Mrs. Dennis. Did a variety of things during the day. Hope Will rec'd the letters + pin for his birthday which he is spending at Buck Hill Falls + is probably the guest of Mr. + Mrs. Robinson this evening.

Elizabeth + Mary went to a ball game this afternoon. Macie spent the evening here as usual.

Sunday, August 23rd, 1914

Very warm. Went to S.S. as usual then Macie + I went to Bigelow in the morning + to the 2nd Pres. in the P.M.

Heard Rev. Mr. Dupp of Manchester who preached for us in July twice, as Mr. Dunning's substitute.

Monday, August 24th, 1914

Warm + close in the forenoon. Began to rain at noon and kept it up at intervals the rest of the day.

Two letters from Margaret, one from Essie. Wrote to both. Mary + I were busy in the back rooms nearly all day getting them ready to be papered. Mr. Steve + Tom Potter with other help put down the carpet in auditorium + vestibule of the church. Three years ago today it was put down new.

Japan has declared war on Germany and reports from Europe are that the greatest battle of the world is being waged in Belgium.

Mother Ricker died 20 years ago today.

Tuesday, August 25th, 1914

Rained all day, steadily. A fine day for work in doors and I have been busy. Was sorting over things and burning old papers, Uncle Jimmie Wood's old trunk with papers dating back in the "40s" and even earlier.

Spent the afternoon at the Missionary meeting at Mrs. Evans' home. Went to the funeral of Mr. Jasper Cook at 12:30 where Mr. Scudder led the brief service in the absence of Mr. Dunning.

Wednesday, August 26th, 1914

Rained in the night but not today. I was at the church twice today, Ethel calling for me about 4 P.M. the work is almost finished.

The two girls went to a double header so were gone all afternoon, though E. did not go until after her rest. She is much better.

Macie and I went to prayer-meeting as usual.

War news very thrilling but rather unreliable so all reports are mostly guesses.

Thursday, August 27th, 1914

Delightful day. Letters from Margaret + Carl, also sister Virginia. Ans'd all three.

Was down to the church before dinner and Mr. Stevie was just finishing the vestibule down stairs. The result of all that has been done is most pleasing. Mary went to open the home for the return of the Dunning's, and they came in their auto just as she got there this evening so she asked them over to supper.

Mr. Swearengine began papering the two back rooms, after 6 P.M.

Friday, August 28th, 1914

Rained.

Letters from Margaret and sister Virginia. Wrote both of them.

The war news is so dreadful that I do not try to read much of it. The various countries have so rigid a system of censorship over the news that no one knows what is true.

Saturday, August 29th, 1914

Rained in the night, and at intervals all day.

Mary went at 6:45 to the Miller farm where Ethel + her family have been spending a few days, and Elizabeth + several others were to have gone up at 1 P.M. but the rain kept them all at home. E + I have been home all day until evening when Macie + I went to take magazines to Miss Cramer who came home last night.

Letters from Margaret + Will. They are probably at the Luslee farm tonight.

Sunday, August 30th, 1914

Beautiful day and one we have greatly enjoyed as our church was re-opened, all newly frescoed and beautifully decorated, with our pastor, Mr. Dunning in the pulpit after being absent since July 5th his last service before vacation. I was at Sunday School and both church services.

Miss Ella Berry was in the choir again having returned from London, Eng. when she has been studying all summer.

Monday, August 31st, 1914

Fair but warm.

Institute began this morning and Elizabeth enrolled at the first session and will attend. Margaret will miss it as she feels her trip will do her more good, that was her final decision. She returned to New York today, with Will and will be home the last of this work.

This is Ada Moore Carson's birthday, and the wedding anniversary of sister Elizabeth Peebles.

Mrs. Evans brought me about half a bushel of nice grapes this afternoon. Mrs. I. Drew was here to talk over Presbyterian business, as I was elected Vice Pres. of the Society in the spring.

Tuesday, September 1st, 1914

Pleasant, though it is very warm at noon. Elizabeth is attending Institute, both morning and afternoon.

Mary and I are busy as we can be in the yard and in the house. The news in the papers is so dreadful that I do not read much, the whole of Europe seems to be engaged in war, and land, and sea, and sky are full of war, as aeroplanes + bi-planes as well as war vessels and armies are engaging in battles.

Ada Carson came with their new auto and took the girls for a ride.

Wednesday, September 2nd, 1914

Cloudy, rained in the night.

Just after dinner a phone message came from Mrs. Coe, through Mr. Schwartz asking Elizabeth + Mary to go down to their farm for a day or two. Elizabeth cannot go on account of Institute but Mary tried to find a way, the little boat left before she could get ready, + the Buena Vista Hack cannot come to town because the temporary bridge is down, so she has to wait until tomorrow. Letter from M. as usual, who has returned to N.Y. is at Park Hotel.

Went to prayer-meeting, Mr. Dunning conducted the meeting after an absence of eight Wednesdays.

Thursday, September 3rd, 1914

Beautiful day, and very comfortable. Elizabeth went to Institute. Mary went to Mrs. Coe's in the afternoon on the little boat. I spent the afternoon at the W.C.T.U. meeting at the Federation Rooms.

Had letter from Will containing check for Mary and me, \$45.00.

Went out in forenoon + paid gas + telephone bills, also Dr. Ruggles. Sent package of birthday gifts to Essie, also letters to her and Carl, for Sept. 5th. Letter from Margaret from N.Y. War news worse and worse. No reports are really trustworthy.

Friday, September 4th, 1914

Beautiful day, cool and clear.

Elizabeth attended Institute in the forenoon then after dinner she went down to join Mary at the summer home of Mr. + Mrs. Maurice Coe, near Buena Vista. Mary had asked Mr. Schwartz, over the Bell'phone + he delivered the message. I was very busy all day, but went to see her abroad the little Klondike and then came home + ironed until supper time.

Had telegram from Margaret from Old Point Comfort, Va. saying she will be home in the morning. Macie will stay all night with me.

Saturday, September 5th, 1914

Beautiful day, a regular "Home Coming" as Margaret returned from her summer trip at 7:31 C + O train this morning, and the other two girls came about 11 o'clock A.M. from Mrs. Coe's on the little boat, Klondike. It is good to have them all home again.

This is Essie's birthday and we have sent her several things. Got my diary for 1915-18 from Kak-Patterson Printing Co. price \$3.00.

Sunday, September 6th, 1914

Beautiful day, and delightful weather.

Went to S.S. and church as usual. Glad to be "at home" again, and enjoyed the services.

In the afternoon Macie + I went to the First Baptist church to a meeting called for the purpose of organizing for the coming election campaign, hoping to help make Ohio "dry".

Monday, September 7th, 1914

Fine day, somewhat cloudy, but no rain. The Labor Day parade was quite large, Macie + I went to Miss Sue Reed's to see it. Mary + Elizabeth + Margaret Miller went to the Park to spend the day, and took their lunch.

Mrs. Manning came from Ronceverte to accompany Mr. M. on a trip to Buffalo, leaving the children to come later with her mother. Mr. + Mrs. M. will stay all night with us + leave for Buffalo in the morning.

Wrote to Will.

Tuesday, September 8th, 1914

Weather pleasant but turning much cooler. We were all up early, excepting Elizabeth, and Mary went to the train with Mr. + Mrs. Manning as they started to Buffalo.

Margaret started on the new school year, but only had to stay until noon.

In the afternoon I attended the first meeting of the Aid Society since the summer vacation.

Had birthday letters from Carl, and Helen Moore, and package from Essie a linen bureau scarf + jabot in Carl's letter. Card from Mrs. Young, divinity bed spread from Mary. Aprons from Mrs. Behrens + Macie, also lace jabot from her. Margaret gave me a lace collar + front when she came home.

Wednesday, September 9th, 1914

Beautiful day. Worked in back room all forenoon and at 2 P.M. went to Mrs. Beck's to attend a called meeting of the W.R.C. to get ready for the Dist. Convention to be held Oct. 2nd here.

Made calls on the way home, at Mrs. Hear's and to see Mrs. Cook whose husband died recently. Turned my ankle some time today + could not go to prayer-meeting. Bathed it in hot water, rubbed + bandaged it + went to bed.

Thursday, September 10th, 1914

Warmer with signs of rain. Worked all day, scraping old grained paint off the windows in the back room, ready for a new finish of some kind. Girls both went to a ball game in afternoon.

War news seems to grow worse and worse, do not read the papers much as they cannot give reliable facts owing to censorship of all the countries involved.

Ankle all right today.

Friday, September 11th, 1914

Rained all night and this forenoon. Cleared in time for Sister and Miss Cramer to go to the farm in the afternoon. First time they've been out since June. Was busy at home all day. Embroidered on the piece after supper. Hope to finish soon. Letter from Essie + Mary had one from Carl.

Gathered the last of our grapes, they have been good this year.

Saturday, September 12th, 1914

Cool + fair. Fine weather. Had a little fire in dining room for Elizabeth's benefit at breakfast.

Wrote to Helen for her anniversary and to Mrs. Dennis. Worked in backroom all morning, getting window ready for varnishing.

Sunday, September 13th, 1914

Fine day. S.S. and usual church services.

In afternoon three of the little girls came to study their lesson with me, Helen Peebles, Ruth Krechler and Dorothy Wear.

Margaret + Miss Cramer returned from the farm this evening. They found a large crop of apples going to waste. Trees broken badly with weight of fruit.

Monday, September 14th, 1914

Weather fine, warm in the middle of the day.

Had a busy day as usual and in the evening I attended the "Star-Spangled Banner" anniversary celebration given under the auspices of the G.A.R. at the High School auditorium. The Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans. Junior Order of American Mechanics participated by attending in a body. It was the 100th anniversary of the writing of the famous song by Francis Scott Key.

Mr. Swearingine painted in the back rooms after supper.

Tuesday, September 15th, 1914

Fine day. The double birthday in our family, Mother's and Macie's.

I bought the wool for a shawl which I expect to knot for Macie, as she has long wanted one. Carl wrote her a letter + he + Essie sent her letter paper.

Mary and I did some work in the back rooms, it is slow work on account of the quantity of furniture + other things in it. Mr. Swearingine finished varnishing the two rooms tonight and only charged me \$1.00.

Wednesday, September 16th, 1914

Weather still fine as can be. I had a long distance call from Addie Morton this morning asking some of us up to see the Apple Show now in progress there. Friday being "Portsmouth day". I wrote a note telling her why none of us could go. Elizabeth not feeling well enough for that kind of trip of sightseeing. Mary + I too busy to take the time for it.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Dr. Kline led, Mr. D. being out in the country making campaign speeches.

War news no better, do not read much of it.

Thursday, September 17th, 1914

Pleasant. Busy at home until about 3 P.M. when I went up to Mary Peebles' to see Mrs. Anna Bell Ashcomb who is just back from the Hospital. Did not go to W.C.T.U. meeting at Mrs. Ward's because Margaret needed me at home to help get some things ready to send to farm.

Friday, September 18th, 1914

Beautiful day quite warm.

Went early to the W.C.T.U. Institute at the Baptist ch. on Gallia St. Small attendance but earnest interest.

Preparations for Korn Karnival was a part of the program in the forenoon. A booth for a rest room where literature + ice-water will be dispensed, and a float, and delegation in the parade will be provided.

Mary Peebles' also offered to pay for the services of Mrs. Lulu B. Sheppard to speak on day during the coming campaign. When I came home, bringing Mrs. Betts to supper, a note from Mary said she + E. had gone to Ironton to the Apple Show, with Leona but she had supper all prepared.

Letter from Will today, says Will Moore + family left Paris for London Aug. 20th.

Saturday, September 19th, 1914

A hot, busy day. Mary + I put up tomatoes and did other things.

I finished the linen center-piece I have been working, for Mrs. Cotton all summer and after supper I took my materials and went to Mary Peebles'. She set up, and knit a little on the dark red shawl I am making for Macie's birthday, bought the materials on the 15th.

Mrs. Ashcomb is there, having returned from the hospital.

Sunday, September 20th, 1914

A hot day, and very dry.

Went to S.S. and the usual church services. Methodist ministers gone to Conference and we had many visitors. Mrs. Drew was here to see me on Pres. W.M.S. business.

Mary's birthday was remembered by her friends and she had letters, cards and gifts. I gave her the mate to the pendent made from my cameo ear-rings, Elizabeth has the other one.

Letter from Essie which I answered.

Monday, September 21st, 1914

Very hot. Official report says a record breaker for Sept, 97° and much humidity. Mary made Chilli sauce from tomatoes I got at 50 cts a bushel, for ½ lbs. Spent afternoon at W.R.C. meeting at Selby Hall, very hot. Letter from Essie which I answered. Mrs. Manning + children, and Mrs. Betts were here when I returned from W.R.C. meeting.

Tuesday, September 22nd, 1914

Very hot and close. Heavy clouds but only a sprinkle here. Went to Margaret Fulton's at 12:30 but she was busy so I went on out to Mrs. Tingle's on hill top to meet with County W.C.T.U. Com. to plan for Korn Karnival, substituting for Mrs. Kate Reiser who has gone to Columbus Hospital. Margaret is gathering up a load of things to be taken to the farm.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 1914

Still warm in morning but it turned cool enough for fires and wraps at night. Margaret Fulton came for me in her machine and I went to her office and she examined me + pronounced the trouble with my back, rheumatoid. Letter from Carl which I ans'd. Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Rained before bedtime. Mary was at Emma Dellert's but got an umbrella + came before it had rained hard. Sewed on my black suge skirt, which I am making over. Letter from Will. Mrs. Drew was here to talk about W.M.S. matters.

Thursday, September 24th, 1914

Beautiful day after the rain ceased. Still cool. Stayed at home all day and finished my skirt ready for the braid. Mr. + Mrs. Dunning called in the evening and suggested going to Bear Creek Saturday + taking the girls to spend the day. War news grows worse and worse. Do not read much of it. Kit on Macie's shawl all evening.

Friday, September 25th, 1914

Beautiful but cool in the morning. Wrote to Will and Miss E.V. Ricker. Mary making preparations for the picnic at Far-away farm.

Sunday, September 27th, 1914

Fine day. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Mr. Dunning is wanted for campaign work in the county and after noon he went to South Webster. Rev. Mr. Gillilam new minister of Manley Ch. preached a good sermon for us.

Monday, September 28th, 1914

Pleasant though cool in the morning.

Was up street in the forenoon. In the afternoon a committee of W.C.T.U. ladies met here to plan for the Korn Karnival. Mary Peebles, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Coverston, Mrs. Stockham, Mrs. Tingle, Mrs. Chase and others were here. It is expected that the W.C.T.U. will have a Rest Room when good water will be furnished free and if possible, a float will be entered in the parade.

Tuesday, September 29th, 1914

Fine weather, but we have a little gas fire in the early mornings. Was out doing errands in forenoon and spent afternoon at the W.M.S. at the church.

Met Mrs. Coverston and Mrs. Tingle to confer about the preparations for decorating a "float" for the Korn Karnival parade next week.

Had letter from Will which I answered. He is in Detroit again.

Wednesday, September 30th, 1914

Beautiful day and warm enough for me to go out without a wrap. Was only up to Bank and back + bought some gas mantels. Was busy around home all the forenoon, went over to Macie's to take dinner with Mr. + Mrs. Elmer Graham, friends of hers made through renting a room to Mr. Graham when he first came to Ports.

Wrote to Carl, in reply to his letter rec'd today.

Thursday, October 1st, 1914

Fine day. Letter from Florence Kellogg.

In the forenoon I was busy at home and spent all the afternoon at the W.C.T.U. meeting at the Club Room. We had to elect a new President as Mrs. Damron must go south for her health. We elected Mrs. Rosa Ward.

We prepared for delegates to the W.R.C. Convention but none came, we waited supper an hour, or more. The girls went out to spend the evening with Mrs. Manning + her mother.

Friday, October 2nd, 1914

Fine day. Spent the whole day in the W.R.C. Convention at the Baptist church. It was the District meeting and we were honored in having the Department President Mrs. Janette P. Mann with us all day, also the Sen. V. Pres. of Dept. Mrs. Alice Matthews.

I went with the Corps + guests to the Y.M.C.A. for lunch but came home for supper and did not attend the social meeting at Mrs. Rowe's in the evening being too tired to go so far again. Wrote Florence Kellogg. Margaret went to farm.

Saturday, October 3rd, 1914

Pleasant all day though it was cloudy, and sprinkled a little before night.

Went to the P.O. + Bank in the morning then went on out to say good-bye to Mrs. Betts who leaves this afternoon for her home in Ronceverte, W. Va. Was home all afternoon.

Letter from Essie.

Sunday, October 4th, 1914

Beautiful day and not cold.

It was Rally Day in most of the S. Schools in the city. We had over 500 present, about 520. A new class was brought from the Primary to the First Year Junior Dept and I agreed to take it. It is new work for me but I can try it. Had Rally Day in the church also with good congregation both morning and evening.

Margaret came home this evening.

Monday, October 5th, 1914

Warmer again and somewhat cloudy. Went up to Mrs. Rowe's with my book for Mrs. Neff to inspect. Went over to Mrs. Barton's to see a cow, which was not there.

In the afternoon I met Mrs. Coverston and we went to see about the booth being erected for the W.C.T.U. at Second + Washington. Wrote to Essie and Mrs. Curtiss, also a card to Mrs. Dennis in reply to one from her.

Tuesday, October 6th, 1914

Fine weather. Busy all morning in the kitchen. Went at 1 P.M. to help decorate the W.C.T.U. booth at N.W. Cor. Second + Washington was there all afternoon. Mrs. Coverston, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Kahmar + others were helping.

Had letter from Will this A.M. and a second one in afternoon containing check for \$45.00, part being for Mary. Answered the first one.

Wednesday, October 7th, 1914

Bright in the forenoon but rained in the afternoon.

The Korn Karnival opened in the afternoon, and in spite of showers there were crowds on the streets. In the evening the Boosters parade was the feature and there were many inline but those of us who went to prayer-meeting, which was led by Dr. Kline, did not see it, excepting a little late.

Thursday, October 8th, 1914

Rained again today but the rain stopped long enough for the Baby Parade in the afternoon. The streets were wet but there were one hundred and seven baby buggies in line, in charge of parents or others interested in making the finest display. In the evening the Fraternal Parade was fine but the streets were wet and the weather very unfavorable.

Father would have been 101 years old today had he lived.

Friday, October 9th, 1914

Rained nearly all day. At times the sun came out for a little while but the weather did not seem to affect the crowds that came to town. Thousands have been coming + going. The event of this evening was the "John" Parade when the marchers were all Johns.

Saturday, October 10th, 1914

Rainy, all day, with only intervals now + then. The enthusiasm seems unabated, the crowds as large as ever. The mask parade in the evening was very large, then some carried open umbrellas.

Macie + I went to Miss Sue Reed's and sat on the porch. Mary did not come home from the booth where lunches were served until late. We discontinued work at the W.C.T.U. booth early in the afternoon. Too much rain.

Sunday, October 11th, 1914

Pleasant. The rain seems over. Went to S.S. as usual and took charge of a new class, the First Year Juniors promoted from Primary Dept. Dorothy Manning + Margaret Weidner being among the number.

Union meeting were held in three churches this evening. Christian, Trinity M.E. and Manley M.E. Mary + I went to Trinity + heard Mr. Dunning address a large congregation on the Temperance question so soon to be voted upon in Ohio.

Monday, October 12th, 1914

Beautiful weather, cooler since the rain. Went up to Margaret Miller's. Mary Peebles', to take some roses to Anna Bell Ashcomb + tell her good-bye. To Mrs. Hughes' + got my few things from the dismantled booth. The booths are being rapidly removed + the streets put in order. School session lengthened until 2 P.M. today. Wrote to Essie.

In evening went to Trinity Ch. and heard Mrs. Lulu Sheppard give a fine address on the Great Issue, a strong plea for Statewide Prohibition.

Bought a young cow, Rose, of Mrs. Lotelle on Micklethwait farm price \$55.00, calf 5 wks.

Margaret Miller took me to see some cows.

Tuesday, October 13th, 1914

Began raining again about 8:30 A.M. straight down and steady.

Day for the Aid meeting but Mrs. Schwartz asked me to go to Mrs. Selby's instead to meet ladies from other churches to see what the women can do to help the men in the "dry" campaign. The "wets" open their tent meetings tonight.

Mrs. Lulu Sheppard smoke in Bigelow to a few women this morning, and addressed a crown on Chillicothe St. esplanade this evening between showers.

Wednesday, October 14th, 1914

Another rainy day, with short intervals, but no sunshine. Was busy about the house most of the day. Did some mending.

Letter from Carl which I answered. Also wrote to Darline Scofield Earhart, with a message for Stanley acknowledging the receipt of wedding cards. He married Edith Buck, of Columbus.

Went to prayer-meeting. Had missionary pictures + talk from Mr. Dunning.

Margaret Miller here to tea.

Thursday, October 15th, 1914

Rained all night, still raining at 9 A.M. with no sign of stopping. Spent most of the day writing letters. Had one from Will. Answered it and wrote to three Martinsville friends, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Hawkins + Mrs. Glover.

Made a visit over home in the afternoon, with my knitting, Macie's shawl which I had to lay aside for two weeks.

This is Mrs. Manning's birthday. Also wrote up my book.

Had letter from Jane Ricker, she will be here Saturday.

New cow, Rose, from Mrs. Lotelle.

Friday, October 16th, 1914

Rained steadily all day, was dark and gloomy, yesterday, and still sprinkled occasionally today but in the afternoon it cleared off and was pleasant.

The little cow is becoming more reconciled and quiet. Hope she will prove to be good.

Was up street, and down to see Mrs. John Schwartz in the afternoon.

The way news grows worse and worse. Flying machines fight in the air, dropping bombs on cities. Submarines and mines in the sea destroy battleships and ten nations are engaged in the conflict.

Saturday, October 17th, 1914

Was raining at 4 A.M. when I first awoke and has continued most of the day with a few gleams of sunshine, sprinkling at the same time, usually.

Was home + busy all morning.

Monday, October 19th, 1914

Very pleasant.

Spent afternoon at the W.R.C. meeting. Mary Peebles called on Jane but did not see her as she had gone over to Elizabeth's school. Jane, E + M went to Margaret Miller's to supper. Then Margaret Ricker took Jane to the High School to hear the Oxford Company, the first number in the H.S. Lecture Course. I spent the evening alone, writing.

Tuesday, October 20th, 1914

Very foggy then cleared and was pleasant. Was busy about the house in forenoon. At 2:30 P.M. went to Mrs. Stevens' on 6th St. to a prayer-meeting.

In evening the Clover Club met here and had a good attendance. After supper Macie, Jane and I went to the Dry Tent and heard Rev. Mr. Gilliland make an address on Prohibition of the liquor traffic. Sent letter to Essie.

Wednesday, October 21st, 1914

Very foggy, beautiful + pleasant after fog cleared away.

Jane + I went out for a while to do some errands. I found my lost umbrella at Mr. Moller's shop.

In afternoon Louis + Ada Carson came with their car and took Jane, Elizabeth, Mary + Aunt Macie out riding. I had letters from Will + Carl. Answered the letters. Will wrote of going to Tonto + Detroit, so do not know where to send letter.

Thursday, October 22nd, 1914

Foggy, have fires every morning because of the dampness.

Am not trying to do much but knit, and do little things while Jane is here, and I feel so miserable with my cold.

Friday, October 23rd, 1914

Pleasant. Busy at home in forenoon. In afternoon went to Mrs. Stephen Smith's to a prayer-meeting, for temperance, or rather prohibition victory in Nov.

Wanted to hear Mr. Scaborn Wright of Georgia at the Big Tent but had too much cold to venture out at night.

Note from Mrs. Curtiss.

Mrs. Prescott called to see Jane.

Saturday, October 24th, 1914

Cloudy, with some light rain. Busy out of doors nearly all forenoon. Have a cold but wanted to sweep up leaves + improve looks of place.

Went out to Mrs. Manning's for supper. Jane, the three girls and I being her guests.

Have a miserable cold. The new chimes at upper Catholic church were played but we did not hear them.

Mrs. Adaline Young died today, she was nearly ninety year old. Letter from Mrs. Dennis which I answered at once.

Sunday, October 25th, 1914

Cloudy with light sprinkle in the morning. Gloomy all day. Went to Sunday School, and church in morning. No service in the evening as all the churches unite in the tent meetings, in the afternoon and evenings.

Mr. Dunning went to Ripley for the evening meeting. He is the star speaker in this section, for the Drys. Mrs. Dunning and Marguerite here to supper, Margaret Miller + Macie here for the evening. Macie here to dinner, as usual.

Went to Mrs. Young's + Mrs. Silcox's in afternoon.

Monday, October 26th, 1914

Beautiful morning, cool but not cold. Home in the forenoon.

In afternoon went to the Y.M.C.A. and attended the meetings then W.C.T.U. Central Committee closed up Korn Karnival expenses. Then a meeting of women was held in the reception room and addressed by Mr. McAfee in regard to helping in the campaign work. Women are advised to do nothing except in a very quiet way and keep out of sight on election day. Letter from Essie which I answered. Wrote to Mrs. N.H. Campbell of Ironton.

Tuesday, October 27th, 1914

Beautiful day. First frost that injured plants and flowers in town. Had telegram from Will saying he would be here on the 11:25 N + W so I went out and met him. Mrs. Dennis came on the earlier train and went to Mrs. Messer's and from there to the funeral of Mrs. Adeline Young. After supper Will, Macie, Mary + I went to see the Korn Karnival pictures.

Wednesday, October 28th, 1914

White frost which finished whatever was left yesterday. I brought in the last of the plants which I will save.

Jane left on the afternoon C + O train, Will + Mary going over the river with her. Letter from Carl which I answered.

No prayer-meeting tonight as Mr. Dunning is busy with the campaign, so soon to close. We all spent the evening at home, was glad there was no call to go out.

Thursday, October 29th, 1914

A dark, cloudy dismal day with light sprinkles.

Will invited me to go to Chillicothe with him and we went on the 7:10 A.M. N + W train. When we arrived there we took a little walk then he went to attend some business + I returned to the station and reached home just as the girls were at lunch. I slipped on some wet leaves, on the street in Chillicothe and fell, hurting my left knee, but not seriously.

Have felt miserable with the cold which does not leave me.

Friday, October 30th, 1914

Beautiful bright day, not so cold. Have been at home all day expecting the hour when I went to Mrs. Stevens' on 6th to the prayer-meeting. There were eight present. I was mistaken about being home - I spent most of the forenoon at Dry Headquarters in the Masonic Temple helping other ladies gold circular letters and put them in envelopes.

Margaret went to the farm. The other girls went to see Mrs. Maurice Coe, at Mrs. Scott's boarding home, after supper. Macie was here as usual.

Saturday, October 31st, 1914

Still fine weather, a good day for Margaret + Miss C to be at the farm.

Have been out of doors today doing a little work among the plants, though with my cold I dare not do much. Had to make S.S. calls in afternoon and went to look up eleven absentees which took me down Front to the Point, out Market, and into the alleys. Was very tired and went early to bed.

Sunday, November 1st, 1914

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. as usual. Most of the churches were closed today, ours with the rest and services were held in the tents. Macie + I went to the Second Pres. and heard Dr. J.L. Blackburn preach a fine sermon upon the text Rev 2:17 To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna, + I will give a new name, and a white stone etc.

Macie + I went to the Big Tent in the afternoon but remained at home in the evening.

Monday, November 2nd, 1914

Fine bright day and very pleasant. Went to prayer-meeting at Mrs. Messer's at 2 o'clock P.M. after which I came home and had called upon in the morning, but did not see as they were out. Dr. + Mrs. B. have been gone from home about twenty-five years, and have recently returned from a long trip abroad, he having preached a year in Tokyo, Japan.

Mrs. Dennis came before supper, and I invited Mrs. Messer to tea.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 1914

Fine fall day, bright and warm. Election day brought out an unusual number of voters. Attended two prayer-meetings at Mrs. Musser's, one at 9 A.M., the other at 4 P.M. Also attended Aid Society at Ethel Schwartz' and held a prayer-service there for the temperance questions, there being two amendments on that subject, one on equal suffrage and two or three others, to be voted upon. My anniversary was remembered by friends in various ways. Macie + Ida Hermes sent me flowers, E + M gave me goods for a gray crepe dress. Had letters from Essie + Lizzie Peebles. Mrs. Musser here to tea with Mrs. D. yesterday.

Letters from Virginia.

Macie here to tea.

Wednesday, November 4th, 1914

Beautiful weather. Sun quite warm. Went to 7:00 o'clock train with Mrs. Dennis on her way to South Point for a little visit.

After dinner went + paid gas, telephone + water rent, also a small bill at Anderson's then made calls upon Mabel Ruggles, Mrs. C.G. Young + Mollie York.

Went to prayer-meeting and heard a good talk from Mr. Dunning who is disappointed over the defeat of prohibition but not discouraged. Election is Rep. victory but a defeat for all temperance questions. Letters from Will + Carl.

Thursday, November 5th, 1914

Beautiful day slightly cooler than yesterday. Went up to Mr. Blum's with Mrs. Dennis' suit case + had a new handle put on for her. Helped Margaret get ready to go to Columbus to the meeting of Central Ohio's Teachers then went to the Cemetery with the anniversary flowers to Mrs. Manning's to see how Dorothy was, then home. Wrote to Will in the evening. E + M went to Public Library after supper.

Wrote to both Will + Carl, also Laura DeMar.

Friday, November 6th, 1914

Beautiful weather and not cold. Mrs. Dennis being here I am not attempting much in the way of work. Am trying to finish Macie's shawl while I have so good an opportunity.

Letter from Jane Ricker for Margaret.

Saturday, November 7th, 1914

Fine weather.

Mrs. Dennis went out on the hill top to spend the day seeing several friends. Did not return until after supper. It had begun to sprinkle so Macie and I walked up Fifth St to meet Mrs. D. with an umbrella, but she came home by way of Second St. so we missed her.

Rain did not last long.

Had Geo Varian sawing up old lumber + cleaning the coal house, he cleaned the yard of the old vines.

Wrote Jane + forwarded her magazine to Denver, Col.

Sunday, November 8th, 1914

Fine day. Mrs. Dennis and I went to S.S. together, and remained to church. She came home to dinner with me and afterwards went to spend the afternoon with Mrs. Musser, then was here for supper and evening church service.

Margaret returned from Columbus last night at 11:30, having had a visit with Mrs. Carrie Richards after Convention work was done.

Monday, November 9th, 1914

Still fine, pleasant weather. Was a slight sprinkle but it did not last long.

Mrs. Dennis was busy all day, visiting. After dinner went to sit awhile with Sue and Sallie Reed, then to Dr. Ruggles for tea and finally to Mrs. Musser's for a call.

I almost finished Macie's red shawl.

Tuesday, November 10th, 1914

Beautiful fall weather. We need some fire in the house, but the sun is warm out of doors. Mrs. Dennis was busy all morning doing errands and making a few farewell calls. I went with her to N + W train which leaves at 2 P.M. and after that I went over to the Public Library and, having loaned about a dozen articles to the D.A.R. Antique Exhibit, I had a chance to help take them in, with Mrs. Drew.

Finished the red shawl I have been knitting for Macie Moore.

Letter from Essie. Answered.

Wednesday, November 11th, 1914

Beautiful day, but I did not go out excepting to church in the evening, I think. We miss Mrs. Dennis, but are looking for Mrs. Aertiss.

Had letter from Carl, also one from our friend whom E + I met at Martinsville, Ind. Mrs. Mary Brodie Fulton. She is a dear old Scotch Pres. lady.

Mr. Dunning gave us a fine talk on Love as defined in 1st Cor. 13th Chapter.

Thursday, November 12th, 1914

Fine day, but rather windy.

Was busy about the house, swept and dusted my room while Mary put the guest room in order for Mrs. Curtiss, but had a note from her saying the County Convention had been postponed. Was home all day as I had to call Campbell Taylor again to fix the tank faucet. Wrote letters to Mrs. Curtiss and answered one from Carl, also sent note to Motto Calendar Co in Phila. Began letter to Mattie Wood.

Friday, November 13th, 1914

Bright + mild but very windy. I put out more rose slips this morning.

Margaret + Miss C. went to the country after school. Was home all afternoon doing little things about the house.

Had thought of going to the Antique Exhibit at the Library but did not do it. The Exhibit closed this evening so I missed seeing a fine collection curious + valuable articles loaned to the D.A.R.

Began ripping up my red wool shawl, to wash and knit over.

Saturday, November 14th, 1914

An ideal fall day. So mild and bright. A walking party to Wheelersburg was planned for the afternoon, but Elizabeth was invited to ride with Mr. + Mrs. Harry Miller, in their auto. They also took Mrs. Cadot, Ruth Thompson + Marguerite Mahoney. Mary walked with several others from the end of the car line at Sciotoville to Wheelersburg where the while party had supper at the Baker Home then came home.

I washed + pressed Margaret's brown school dress which she had ripped it.

Sunday, November 15th, 1914

A most beautiful day until late in the afternoon when it began to rain gently. I went to S.S. and had 18 children present in my class. Had a fine sermon from Mr. Dunning, both morning and evening.

Spent the afternoon reading and studying my Junior lessons.

Mary walked out to Mrs. M's + E. went in the car. They came home in the rain. It was mild enough in the afternoon to sit on the porch. Margaret returned in the rain after 8 P.M.

Monday, November 16th, 1914

A change in the weather, clear, much wind and turning colder all the time.

Margaret Miller asked Mary to drive to the Miller farm with her. They started about 9 A.M. and returned at supper time, cold + hungry.

I went to W.R.C. meeting. Elizabeth had letter from Carl with one enclosed from Jane, written on her way to Denver, mailed on train.

Too cold to send cow to pasture.

Tuesday, November 17th, 1914

Bright and cold, with some wind. Letter from Mrs. Dennis, who has now been home a week. Wrote to Essie, and Laura DeMar. Got out my winter clothes and put them on.

Was home all day and busy as usual.

Mailed a package to Essie, the brown dress to be made over.

War news seems to grow worse and worse, and is hardly reliable enough to read. Wrote Mrs. Dennis.

Wednesday, November 18th, 1914

Bright, clear and cold. Home in the forenoon.

Spent afternoon at the Y.M.C.A. in a meeting of the Religious Com. crocheted then balls while there.

It was decided to discontinue the lunch at Vesper Service and begin a series of reading of selected books.

Went to prayer-meeting where there was an unusually large attendance. Letter from Carl.

Thursday, November 19th, 1914

Cold. Light snow, none of it remained on the ground.

Mary busy with bazaar work.

I made nine glasses of mush which seemed to take well at the Aid kitchen. Did not go in the evening. Elizabeth and Mary went to Alice Dever's in the afternoon, to a "dust cloth" Kensington in honor of Persis Pursell who is soon to be married to John Doniphan Owen of Lynchburg, Va. I made half a dozen kindergarten balls for Mrs. Manning to sell in her booth.

Wrote several letters.

Friday, November 20th, 1914

Ther 18°. Clear and windy.

Was busy at home in morning made more much for the Aid kitchen, sixteen jelly glasses full. Then did some other work. After dinner, took the much to the bazaar, then went to Washington Hotel to say good-bye to Mrs. Anna Cook. Clara + Mary who leave today for St. Paul, Minn. To make their home with Zina.

Went to Pageant of Days at the S.S. and enjoyed it, especially Dorothy + Robert as Columbia + Uncle Sam. It was prepared by Lena K. Reed and was good, all through Margaret had letter from Jane R. from Denver, Col.

Saturday, November 21st, 1914

Ther 22°. Beautifully clear, still, and bright.

Besides her own work at home, Mary has been looking at Margaret Miller's chickens and dog.

I began knitting over my red shawl, putting gray with it which I think I will like. Did not begin until after supper.

Sunday, November 22nd, 1914

Clear and cold.

Went to S.S. as usual and had twenty-five children crowded into the small room with not so many chairs, some of them sat two on one chair.

Margaret Miller was here to dinner, she came home late last night from the funeral of a relative at Lancaster and is about sick with cold + rheumatism.

Monday, November 23rd, 1914

Quite cold and clear.

Mary washed the library curtains + I helped her put them on the frames. Mr. Glaze brought the wagon load of potatoes, apples, etc from the Bear Creek farm and I helped him

put them in the brick stable. Later when Margaret came from school, she put them in the cellar.

I went with Mary and got a new gray velvet hat, at Anderson's. Margaret wanted me to select one for my birthday present to go with the dress the girls bought for me.

Wrote to Bessie Titus.

Tuesday, November 24th, 1914

Pleasant and much milder than it has been.

Was busy at home in forenoon and spent afternoon at Mrs. Young's at the Missionary meeting.

After eight o'clock I wrote letters to Frank Ricker and Carl + Essie and took them to the P.O. after 10 o'clock, hoping they would reach them for Thanksgiving. Finished + mailed the letter to Dr. Harriet Clark which I began yesterday.

Wednesday, November 25th, 1914

Weather quite mild + pleasant, seemed like rain, but none fell.

Was busy at home all forenoon sweeping and cleaning. In afternoon helped Margaret get ready + went to train with her as she + Miss C. went to the country because Miss C. is almost worn out + needed to go so M. gave up her dinner at home for the sake of a friend. Macie + I went to prayer-meeting as usual and I went early to bed. Had letter from Will from Baltimore.

The first one of the mahogany tables, done over by Mr. Redden was brought home.

Thursday, November 26th, 1914

So mild and pleasant that we allowed the sitting room fire to die out, and had windows wide open upstairs all day. Macie + I went to 2nd Pres. Ch. all three Pres. Churches met there and heard sermon by Rev. Cartwright the pastor elect of the Central church.

The Manning family + Macie were here to dinner + spent the rest of the day with us. We missed Margaret + the boys, our family was small, only Elizabeth, Mary + myself.

No mail distributed today.

Wrote Will in the evening.

Friday, November 27th, 1914

Still mild. Worked out of doors sweeping the potatoes in the cellar. Kept busy all day.

In the evening I went with the girls to hear Cecil Fanning sing at the High School, under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical Society. Enjoyed it very much. Letter from Carl.

War news too dreadful for contemplation. So little can be relied upon reports that I do not read much of it.

Saturday, November 28th, 1914

Beautiful mild day, but somewhat cloudy. Home in forenoon. After dinner called to see Mr. + Mrs. Will Jackson and daughter, at Mrs. Clough's just before they went to the train to go home. They regretted not seeing Margaret.

Had letter from Dr. Harriet B. Clark in reply to mine. Wrote Carl.

Sunday, November 29th, 1914

Mild and pleasant until late in the day when light rain began to fall.

Was at Sabbath School and the regular services. Had twenty-three children in class. Spent afternoon reading + studying.

Margaret came home about eight o'clock.

Monday, November 30th, 1914

Dull, damp and gloomy. Temperature mild.

Busy at home all day. Wrote to Carl + Essie. Am busy all the time but much of the time doing things which are not worth recording.

Have spent some time lately looking over the family records. It is interesting but consumes much time.

Tuesday, December 1st, 1914

A dark gloomy day. Was busy at home all forenoon.

Instead of going to Aid Soc. I went to call upon Mrs. Cotton who recently came home to spend the winter.

In evening I went with Margaret to the High School Lecture came entertainment, the Floyds who gave a good exhibition of magical tricks. Saw them last summer, also.

Girls went to Clover Club at Lollie Anderson's.

Wednesday, December 2nd, 1914

Cloudy but not cold and rain today.

The morning mail for me consisted of a letter from Clara Ricker written Nov. 9th 1905 to tell her of approaching wedding. It came to me from Clara Pursell, with a note saying it had been found inside of one old chair which she had had renovated. How it got there she could not tell. It was unopened, and she had never seen it. By reference to my diary of 1905 I found that Agnes had lost a letter of mine which never came to light until now.

Thursday, December 3rd, 1914

A gray day, with occasional sprinkles. Mild, need but little fire. Busy at home in forenoon. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting at Club Rooms in afternoon.

Letter from Will with check for \$50.00 ten of which were for Mary.

Am helping Mary with the gray dress she is making for me, she + E gave me the goods for my birthday.

Letter from Carl as usual. He never misses sending one each week.

Mary went with Margaret M. to the farm, driving Rooney.

Friday, December 4th, 1914

Cloudy with light rain at time, but hard in the middle of the day. I went to see E's room + take her umbrella, stopped at Mrs. Dunning's + went to the Bank twice. In afternoon

Elizabeth + Mary went to Mrs. Davis' reception at the home of Mrs. Bayless on Lincoln St. Mrs. Bryan took them in their auto. Margaret went to a six o'clock dinner at Mrs. Resare's on Offnere St. In evening Mrs. Dunning + Margaret Miller were here.

I wrote to Will, also to Clara Armstrong.

Saturday, December 5th, 1914

Rainy day, temperature mild. All home this morning. All busy all day.

Persis Pursell was married this evening, at her home, to Mr. John Doniphan Owen of Lynchburg, Va.

Guest list small and none of us were included excepting in announcement cards.

Sunday, December 6th, 1914

Another rainy Sunday, though it has not rained steadily. Went to S.S. and all the usual services.

At one o'clock P.M. went to the church to drill my class in their part of the Christmas exercises.

Macie was here to dinner as usual.

Monday, December 7th, 1914

Cloudy and rain, from time to time. The community was shocked this morning to hear that James Baucus, N + W detective was shot, + instantly killed by a man one of three he was arresting in the N + W yards. He was a brave man, well liked by law abiding citizens.

We also heard, through Dr. Gault, that Clara Cook died in St. Paul, Minn. yesterday, having only been gone from here since Nov. 20th two weeks last Friday. She was a fine woman, her mother being a cousin of father's, the daughter of (didn't finish).

Margaret has been charged to watch the corridors at a lunch picnic so now she can eat lunch.

Tuesday, December 8th, 1914

Rainy day, not a gleam of sunshine.

Was out nearly all afternoon. Did some errands and made a long call upon Clara Pursell. Wrote to sister Virginia. The man with the Miracle Vacuum Cleaner came to remonstrate the efficiency of it and I bought the one he was showing, for \$5.00 think it excellent. Paid Mr. Redden \$8.45 for re-finishing one of Mother Ricker's mahogany tables. Will have the mate to it done also.

Wednesday, December 9th, 1914

Rained a little all night and still raining at noon today. Was out this morning doing a few errands.

Letter from Florence Kellogg, from Hilliard, O. Elizabeth went to a meeting of the K-G directors. Mary still working on dull dresses. Helped Mary put a wool comfort with the quilting frames an order from Miss Cramer. Ex-Chief James Baucus was buried this afternoon.

Letter from Carl, which usually comes on Wed. unless delayed in the mail.

Have been taking cold today so did not go to prayer-meeting this evening. Mary + Margaret M. used Margaret's tickets + went to hear Dr. Russell Conwell lecture on "Acres of Diamonds".

Thursday, December 10th, 1914

A rainy day, not heavy, but a drizzling rain, and very unpleasant. At 9 o'clock I attended the last services of Clara Cook's funeral at Greenlawn Cemetery. About fifty friends had gathered there in spite of the weather, to pay their tribute to her memory. No member of her immediate family could be present, I think Arthur Moore + I were the only representatives of the family related in any way to her.

In the evening I went over and helped Mary knot the cover on Miss Cramer's wool comfort.

Friday, December 11th, 1914

Colder. Worked in the cellar an hour or more sorting over the farm products in order to keep them in good order.

Am busy all the time but can scarcely remember what I have done, at the close of the day.

Saturday, December 12th, 1914

Damp, and cooler, but did not rain. Was busy as could be all day. Used the new Vacuum Cleaner in my room on crex rug + mattress.

Went up street + down street in afternoon looking for some underwear, and made a call upon Mrs. Graham who made up a black milk tie for me, also stopped at Mrs. Schwartz' but no one was home. Have done only a little Christmas shopping.

Finished putting away the farm products in the cellar.

Sunday, December 13th, 1914

Cold. Went to S.S. and remained to church. When we started home, were surprised to find it snowing hard, and an inch or two snow on the ground. It continued nearly all afternoon. Dorothy Manning came home with us from church and was here to dinner, as was also Margaret Miller + Macie.

Dorothy + I went to S.S. room at 2 P.M., for practice, after which she went home. Mary + I went to church in the evening.

Monday, December 14th, 1914

Clear and cold. Ther 15° at 7 A.M. Snow three or four inches deep on a level where the wind has not blown it away.

Tuesday, December 15th, 1914

Cold. Too cold for Elizabeth to have gone to the Clover Club at Rowena Marting's had not Kate Jordan been so kind as to invite her to go with her in her elective auto, and called here for her. Mary walked with some of the other girls. Mary is dressing Joanne Pursell's

doll again and this evening she crocheted little booties for the doll. It is such a life like baby doll we all enjoy having it here and am interested in the new clothes.

Wednesday, December 16th, 1914

Very cold, a regular blizzard and I have missed prayer-meeting again, owing to my cold + cough. Have been working on my cloak and trying to help with the Christmas preparations.

Mary is busy dressing Joanne Pursell's baby doll which she dressed last Christmas.

Thursday, December 17th, 1914

Note quite so cold, Government weather record was 3° above zero, three degrees warmer than yesterday.

Was home all forenoon, but after dinner I went to the Express office and started two boxes to Bazaar, one for Carl + Essie, a smaller one to Barton + Virginia. Had intended going to W.C.T.U. meeting at Mrs. Lila Johnson's this afternoon but the severe weather + my cold prevented.

Mary Peebles called me up + invited me to dine with her guest tomorrow.

Wrote to Carl, the second time this week.

Friday, December 18th, 1914

Moderated. Cloudy all day but no rain or snow. Was busy about the house all forenoon. Went to Mary Peebles' for dinner with Mrs. (blank) missionary from China. Spent most of the afternoon there, then came directly home.

Finished re-lining my heavy cloak which mother gave me years ago and it is as good as new now.

Saturday, December 19th, 1914

Began raining in the night and continues this afternoon. Ther 40°. Bad time for shopping and I haven't been out much. Margaret has been doing many errands.

Sunday, December 20th, 1914

Cold. Went to Sunday School and the usual services.

The Christmas program took the place of the regular lessons. "The White Gifts for the King" by Mrs. Curtiss was a part of the program. Mr. Scudder always had children sing + speak pieces, which he especially enjoys.

Monday, December 21st, 1914

Clear and quite cold.

Was busy at home in the forenoon. After dinner I went to the W.R.C. meeting but there were not enough present to transact business so the meeting was omitted. Came home and went on with my work.

Tuesday, December 22nd, 1914

Cold and clear. Elizabeth and Mary spent the afternoon preparing the Kindergarten Christmas tree and it is a beautiful room + tree, as she has spent time and money in making it as attractive as possible.

I am helping out as usual on the finishing up of articles which the others have made.

Wednesday, December 23rd, 1914

Clear and cold, very cold. Have been busy all day finishing up things and helping get packages ready to be mailed.

In the evening Macie + I went to prayer-meeting and afterwards walked up to Chillicothe St. to see the large municipal Christmas Tree which has been made ready for the less fortunate children of the city. The Elks managing the details. It was a beautiful sight, lighted with colored electronic lights + hung with scarlet bells. Large bells being hung on the electric light lamps.

Kindergarten closed with a X'Mas Tree.

Thursday, December 24th, 1914

Awoke this morning to find three inches of snow covering everything and more coming down.

Will arrived in time for our dinner, looking well and so our good Christmas was assured.

In the evening he + the girls went to see the Municipal Christmas Tree up on the Square.

The program was carried out as planned. Mr. Dunning made the prayer and opened the exercise, the band played, the children marched, and received their gifts. Packages + cards have been coming in, but will be kept until tomorrow.

Friday, December 25th, 1914

A real Christmas Day with snow and cold temperature. We did not rise early but had out breakfast, as it suited us and then opened our packages.

Mary had put up a tree in the library + she + E. had decorated it, but the gifts were in piles in the usual places which custom has assigned to each. We had a great display and I had no less than twenty gifts besides cards. Others came in later. A fuller account must be added in the appendix, later. Carl + Essie sent a fine box, with remembrances from Barton + Virginia enclosed.

Mr. + Mrs. Prescott + Mary M. here to dinner.

Saturday, December 26th, 1914

A cold, clear, bright day, much colder than yesterday. A quiet day at home. A few more packages came today, and a few more were sent, but not all yet. Will has sat at home and read most of the day. A pleasant surprise came from Mrs. J.R. Manning of Lafayette, Ind. a beautiful calendar + some fine holiday greens from Elizabeth Greene Stewart of Steilacoom, near Tacoma, Wash.

By a singular coincidence, the annual gift of a Plum Pudding from Bessie Titus arrived in the same delivery, gifts from the Pacific + Atlantic coasts met here.

Sunday, December 27th, 1914

Icy and unpleasant. Went to S.S. as usual and remained to church. Margaret, Will + Elizabeth were there. In the evening the Christmas musical program was given and Elizabeth, who had been out to Mrs. Manning's came down on the car but the heating pant had broken down in the afternoon so she was afraid to stay. There was a large congregation but owing to the conditions Mr. Dunning omitted his part of the program so we could come home early.

Monday, December 28th, 1914

Cold and slippery. Will did not go on the early train so was here to dinner and left on the afternoon N + W train for Pittsburg, which was 50 minutes late. Mary went to station with him. We have had a fine visit from him and I was most happy and thankful to have four of my children home, wished Carl + Essie could have been here. After Will left I began preparations for the Missionary meeting for tomorrow. Also began a letter to Carl + Essie.

Tuesday, December 29th, 1914

Dull and cloudy overhead with some rain. Not a day goes by without some accident. Spent the morning sweeping and putting my room in order. Went to W.M.S. at Mrs. Chas Thompson's at 2 P.M. taking as a guest Mrs. Kennard. Small attendance but good meeting. Mrs. T. served elaborate refreshments. From there Macie + I went to Mrs. Dunning's to meet a small party of friends and had more refreshments. Four of us, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Betts + daughter, Margaret Miller + Miss Burriss were the guest. Wrote to Carl + Essie + Virginia.

Calendar from the Lowe's + Mary Y.

Wednesday, December 30th, 1914

Cold and clear, frozen hard.

Busy at home until 11:30 A.M. when I went over home to have dinner with Mr. + Mrs. Dunning, and Macie. Paid my taxes early this morning.

Margaret + Miss Cramer went to Cin. this evening on N + W (three hours late) to see Dr. Satler. Expect to return in a day or two.

Mary invited Mrs. Manning, her mother, two sisters and the children to take supper with us. They came and supper was just about ready when Margaret took a hasty lunch and started the second time for the train, and got off this time.

Mrs. Betts + I went to prayer-meeting, after which she came home with Macie and I remained to Teachers' meeting and helped elect Mr. Scudder Supt of the S.S. for the sixteenth year in succession. He is a fine man and devoted to the work.

Thursday, December 31st, 1914

Quite cold and rather cloudy, a few flakes of snow.

Went to the Court House early this morning and paid the taxes on the old home, for E.S. Peebles then wrote to her mother.

Was busy all morning at home.

In afternoon made Home Department calls in two groups not my own. Met some more visitors. Went today to Mrs. Flint Kline's, Mary J. Davis, Mrs. Couroy, Mrs. Keer, Miss Evans, Miss Rav, Mrs. Doty, Misses Knowles, Mrs.. Jno Jones, Mrs. Scott + Mrs. Ben Hopkins, also Mrs. T.R. Smiths. Had been there before dinner, also to Mrs. Draper's to take three more calendars.

Telegram from Margaret said she would not be home tonight.

Elizabeth + I at home. Macie has been here, + Mary R. went out with Margaret Miller. The old year has been a very good one with us.

Elizabeth is so much better has gained over fifteen pounds since August and looks well. She + I are trying to write letters this evening. I sent calendars to Bess B. Ricker and Mr. Ray Flagg when we went at Martinsville, M.