

Wednesday, January 1, 1890

Beautiful day. Slight sprinkle in the morning but sunshine afterwards. The usual occupations busied me in the forenoon. Mr. Lloyd came to fix the sewing machine in the afternoon then soon after 4 o'clock Helen, Margaret + I went to the church to attend the marriage of Prof. Sparks + Kate B. Colton. There were six ushers in full dresses, six bridesmaids, Retta + Sallie Reed, Beatrice Grover + Mary Evans, Willia Colton of Charleston + Ethel Colton, Grace Colton as maid of honor. A very pretty wedding.

Went to prayer meeting later.

Thursday, January 2, 1890

Rained in the night and this morning. My time seems all taken up in household duties, errand etc. This week an unusual number of meetings have called me out. The Temperance meeting this afternoon was a business one so I went. Did some errands first and called to see Bessie Hall who has been confined to her bed with a bad attack of rheumatism of the eyes. Has been in bed two weeks today.

Friday, January 3, 1890

Weather still mild. Good sized buds have developed on some of the rose bushes during the mild weather and a very large epidemic of Influence has swept westward from Russia to this country, caused by the weather, it is said. Was busy all forenoon and had company all afternoon. Mrs. Silcox + Miss Julia, Mrs. McKeown, Miss Stearnes, Miss Davis + Miss Conway were here. After tea I went to see Bessie a few moments then to Teachers' meeting. Margaret + Will are taking the Teachers' Examination at the High School.

Saturday, January 4, 1890

Rainy and mild.

Margaret and Will were still engaged upon the examinations. I was busy as usual with my sweeping and dusting. Margaret exchanged the diary I got for her at Reilly's and began on it for this year. Lizzie has also commenced but they may not keep it long.

Sunday, January 5, 1890

Weather mild and indicates rain. Attended Sabbath school as usual. Our pulpit is to be filled today and through the week of prayer by Rev Dr. Tappan of Mt. Pleasant Iowa who is stopping with Capt. Evans being a classmate of his college days at Miami University, Oxford. Had a fair congregation but not the kind we have been accustomed to having.

Monday, January 6, 1890

Week of prayer.

Rained all day steadily. Was busy at home in the forenoon and after dinner I went to the Relief Corps and entered upon the work of secretary. After the meeting Mrs. Silcox and I went to see Bessie Hall. Mrs. Silcox told me Laura Murphy and Lou McCall were married this morning. It was a sensational affair and creates much talk, she was to

have returned to Delaware to school today and instead was married and went to Denver Col. He was 21 yesterday + she is 19.

Went to prayer meeting, Dr. Tappan is to lead this week.

Judge Schreiber died this afternoon after a hot and severe illness concerning with the prevailing influenza.

Tuesday, January 7, 1890

Rained all day. Margaret and I went to Chris Knost's this afternoon in the rain and from there to Miss Knowle's to see about having M's black dress made, or rather cut out and fitted. We also called to see Jennie while up in the neighborhood. As we came home she stopped to see Mrs. Dennis but she was not at home.

Wednesday, January 8, 1890

Weather very mild. Sun came out brightly and towards evening it grew a little cooler. I was busy at home all forenoon with the usual work and some ripping and washing of black cashmere. In the afternoon Margaret remained at home and I went to George Schreiber's funeral at our church. Employees of the shoe factory and German friends made a large congregation. Dr. Tappan conducted the funeral services very acceptably. Mrs. Miller and I called to see Mrs. Helfenstein after the funeral. Therza Spry was here today. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, January 9, 1890

Weather mild and Influenza spreading. None of us have had it as yet that we know of. I set about finishing Margaret's wrapper and remained at home to work on it. In the evening we attended the prayer meeting which was well led by Dr. Tappan and well attended.

We miss Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn and shall for a long time but Mr. Tappan has made many friends during his short stay.

Friday, January 10, 1890

Weather very mild. Wraps are comfortable. Still we need to be very careful because the Influenza or La Grippe as it is called sometimes, is prevailing to an alarming extent. A few weeks ago the disease was unknown and now scores and hundreds are dying of it or complications with other diseases.

I finished off M's new wrapper today then went out awhile. Was up to school in the afternoon. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening, or rather to prayer meeting and remained to the Teachers' meeting.

Saturday, January 11, 1890

Weather the most remarkable on record. So mild all day that fires were oppressive while it was necessary to keep them up. Flowers are blooming out of doors. A maple tree on the sidewalk is in full bloom. A light rain began falling after dark. Birdie Spry and Dan Davis came after tea to spend the evening with Margaret and Will. The boys playing chess and the girls making candy. Put new facings in M's Jersey jacket. Thyrsa was here.

Sunday, January 12, 1890

Weather still mild. The pussy-willow is almost in bloom, violets, daisies, Japan. Quince + many other shrubs + flowers are in bloom. We attended S. S. as usual and then church. It was raining hard in the morning but cleared off later. Mr. Work was expecting to preach his farewell sermon this evening but he is laid up with La Grippe and they have no service so we had a large congregation. Dr. Tappan gave us two very good sermons. In the morning "Without me ye can do nothing." PM "The cup of my Father gave me shall I not drink it?"

Monday, January 13, 1890

Very hard rain in the night with high wind which continued most of the day. The clouds scattered and the sun shone beautifully. It began to grow colder and by night was quite cold. M + I have sewed on her new black night dress all day and hope to soon finish it, Miss Knowles had the greater part of the work done before we began on it. Carl took his father and me to the Exhibition of Educated Horses + Dogs this evening and it was very interesting. He bought tickets for reserved seat for us.

Tuesday, January 14, 1890

Weather fair today and growing colder until late in the afternoon when it changed again and rained in the evening.

I was busy at home all forenoon and until time for the Society after dinner, sewing on M's dress. After the society I went home with Mrs. Dennis and stayed until tea time. Lizzie's children came in to the horse show this afternoon upon Mr. Peebles' invitation. Mr. Lloyd brought home my sewing machine today, it is now in goof order and will do me good service for a long while.

Wednesday, January 15, 1890

Rained all day long, rained hard and I stayed at home until late in the afternoon when I went over home to see Helen and Enos a little while. Have sewed on M's dress all day. Went to prayer meeting in the evening and it was then announced that the congregational meeting would be held Tuesday evening next, after prayer meeting, which has been changed from Wednesday on account of the Chalk Talk.

Thursday, January 16, 1890

Quite cold and frosty today, ice formed on water in the yard. It tried all day, to snow but only a few scattering flakes fell. Remained at home all day except when I went over home to see Ma who was going to Henley on the noon train. She was to take the children home. I finished M's dress but it is such light weight she will not wear it much until spring. Birdie Spry was here she and Margaret + Will are still waiting to hear from their Examinations.

Friday, January 17, 1890

Weather fair. I have been busy at home, have been sorting things over in the sewing shelf and then began to mend Lizzie's night dress. Put the deep flounces on the bottom which were left over from a previous set. Went to Teachers' meeting in the

evening and Dr. Dennis consented to continue leading the meetings for a while longer. Margaret + Birdie Spry got three certificates and Will got one for two years.

Saturday, January 18, 1890

Frosty in the morning, windy all day. I took up the large rug in the sitting room with M's help and took off the work width, spent the forenoon sweeping and cleaning the room. Late in the afternoon I went out for a little while. Did an errand then called to inquire about Mary Jo Davis who has been quite sick, also called to see Mary Peebles who is not well. Went down street and got some trimming for Lizzie's night dress which I have been fixing. The new wrapper which Lizzie made for Lizzie, May + Elizabeth came today. Ma brought them. The little girls went to Jeanette Silcox's for tea, it was her birthday. J. W. + I went after them after tea.

Sunday, January 19, 1890

Wet under foot. We all went to Sabbath School but when I returned it was plain that I was needed at home. J. W. was taken sick this morning and has felt very badly all day. Sent for Dr. Kline who came soon after dinner, and presented calomel.

Rev. Mr. Guthe of the German Pres. Ch. preached in our church in the morning. M + Will went to Bigelow in the evening. Mr. E. S. Stearnes died at 1:30 AM.

Monday, January 20, 1890

Growing somewhat colder. It both rained and blew hard all night but the wind seemed to drive the clouds away this morning. J. W. has been quite sick all day. He has a severe bilious attack but no symptoms of the Influenza or La Grippe I think. It seems a plain case of old fashioned biliousness. Mrs. Jno Miller called to see me this afternoon and inquire after Mrs. Ricker she said. I slept in my clothes as I had opportunity last night and will again tonight. Capt. Jack and Mr. McColloch called to see J. W. also uncle Jimmie.

Tuesday, January 21, 1890

Bright and pleasant for those who enjoy cold weather. Jas is still unable to be up and seems to feel very badly. Capt. Jack was in to see him again. Mr. Stearnes' funeral took place at our church this afternoon, Mr. Blackburn being present to conduct the service. I had intended going but could not leave home. In the evening prayer meeting and a congregational business meeting were held instead of tomorrow the regular time.

Wednesday, January 22, 1890

Weather colder than at any time this winter. Ground frozen. Had a good night's rest which was very well for me as Mary was not well this morning and soon after breakfast she had to go to bed. Have had a busy time all day with two patients in bed. Helen was over awhile. Mrs. Gumm called in the afternoon. In the evening Margaret + Carl, Will + Lizzie went to Frank Beard's Chalk Talk. It is an entertainment I was anxious for them to enjoy. Dell Ramsey was here this evening a few minutes.

Thursday, January 23, 1890

May was better and got up + dressed after breakfast. Before noon Lizzie gave up and took the place just vacated for her turn. Was real sick all day with headache. At night I gave her Blue Mass and she was reasonably quiet for the night.

All Lizzie Peebles' family are sick in a greater or less degree and no family seems altogether exempt. The Doctors call everything some form of La Grippe.

Friday, January 24, 1890

The sick are all better. Lizzie was in bed most of the day but is better. J. W. is up and feels that he must go to the Office tomorrow but Dr. + I counsel him to wait until Monday + get the benefit of two more days care at home.

At bed time he had a new pain seize him in the left limb, something like rheumatism.

Saturday, January 25, 1890

J. W. had planned to go to the office a little while today but was taken with a severe pain in his left limb and laid on his back again. Seems to suffer very much. He has had visits every day from some of his gentlemen friends + several have been here repeatedly.

Sunday, January 26, 1890

J. W. spent another day in bed. The Dr. did not reach us but I used the best remedies I could for his limb. Went to S. S. was late but in time for lessons. No service at our church so M. + I went to Bigelow in the morning as J. W. said me might as well not. Carl remained with his father. In the evening Will + I went to Sixth Street M. E. Ch.

Monday, January 27, 1890

Rainy again, most of our Mondays are of this kind. Instead of going back to business this morning, J. W. is back in bed, apparently suffering more than he was a week ago. His limb pains him very much.

Margaret spent the entire day in bed which gave me extra duties. The little girls are better however and in school again. I went to do some errands for Lizzie Peebles this morning so no one was on hand at the time.

Tuesday, January 28, 1890

A very trying day which left me at its close completely worn out and sick. I went upstairs to bed leaving Carl to take care of his father. The hives took complete possession of me and rendered it impossible for me to rest or sleep through the entire night. Last night was similar but not quite so bad. Helen took my books and papers to the Society st I was unable to go. Margaret substituted for Mr. McKeown.

Wednesday, January 29, 1890

Have been in bed all day. The Doctor came to see me after seeing J. W. who is now improving but still in bed with his limb which is very lame.

Maggie Peebles came this morning. She is very kind to look after sick and afflicted people. Has been doing something for the Jones' children this week. No one went to prayer meeting from here tonight. Margaret attended Mrs. Terry's Reception for her nieces.

Thursday, January 30, 1890

Weather rather mild, very wet under foot, the doctor says the roads are nearly impassable. Am better today but not able to be up.

The home folks are the only ones I've seen except the Dr. I remain upstairs because so many men come in to see J. W. + I prefer being out of the way. Barton and Jennie were down this evening. Ma + Helen have been sewing for Sadie Jones' baby. She + two of her children have Scarlet Fever. There is quite a good deal of it in the town.

Friday, January 31, 1890

Sunny and pleasant looking outside. I was better this morning but did not come down stairs until dinner time then stayed until bed time. J. W. went to the office for the first time since he was taken sick, now nearly two weeks. Mrs. Silcox called this afternoon but could not remain long as she had to attend Mis. Meeting. Margaret + Helen went to Teachers' meeting + Will to class meeting. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Saturday, February 1, 1890

Rained in the night. This AM rain changed into snow which has fallen all day from a leaden sky and covered the ground with slush. I sis not arise until late, am better. J. W. went to the office using one crutch. We sent his dinner to save him the exposure of coming home in the wet and cold.

Margaret has done all my work today and did it well. The children have been very helpful through all the sickness of the past two weeks.

Sunday, February 2, 1890

W. H. Bonsall's home in Los Angeles totally destroyed by fire + family barely escaped with their lives.

Wet and gloomy. I was somewhat better but could not go out so Mother took my S. S. class. There was no service in our church. No one but the boys went anywhere. They went to Bigelow in the morning. In the evening they went to the 2nd Pres. and heard Mr. C. L. Work preach his farewell sermon. He goes to Dayton as soon as the family are able to move. All have been sick.

Monday, February 3, 1890

A rainy disagreeable day. I did not come downstairs until late. Margaret was called upon to take charge of Mrs. McCollum's room as she is sick. I was unable to attend the W. R. C. meeting so sent the books + papers by May, to the Hall. I very seldom miss. Have not been able to do anything today, recover very slowly. J. W. went to the office and is improving all the time. Sec'y Tracy's home in Washington DC burned this morning + his wife, daughters + ten servants perished.

Tuesday, February 4, 1890

Sun came out bright today. Mild and pleasant. M was in school all day. I am better but can do very little work. Made a neck ruffle. Mrs. Cadot was here in the afternoon. Mother has spent considerable time with me since I have not been well. Brought me my dinner and tries to do all she can to build me up. Had letters from Henry and Mr. Chidlaw + the former I am severed.

Wednesday, February 5, 1890

Bright mild and pleasant. Fires are as active as in June. Peach trees and pussy-willows are in bloom. M has gone to school again as Mrs. McC is still sick.

Have not felt able to do anything today and, of course, was unable to go out to church in the evening.

Thursday, February 6, 1890

Mother has been thinking all week of going to Henley but has finally decided to wait until next week. Margaret is still in school and likely to put in the whole week. She goes to Jennie's for dinner every day and the days seem long without her. I did not go out anywhere today. Am not able to do much, seem to regain my strength very slowly.

Friday, February 7, 1890

Weather mild.

Nothing of special interest. Margaret went to school again today.

She was very tired this evening and as I was not well enough to go to Teachers' meeting there were three of us absent as Helen does not go unless we do.

Saturday, February 8, 1890

Have been at home all day, as in fact all week so save up for tomorrow. Have been doing light work, hem stitching and making a tatting for ruffles and so on.

This afternoon altered and renewed one of Mary's woolen dresses for a little girl whom Mrs. Behrens told me of as needy. With it I gave her the jacket to match, a flannel skirt + two aprons.

Sunday, February 9, 1890

We attended S. S. as usual this morning. We had a new man in the pulpit today Rev. Wm Thompson of Longmont Colorado. He + his little daughter are at Mr. Tewksbury's. Uncle Jimmie was at S. S. as usual. (his last appearance at S. S. + ch. As it proved later.)

Monday, February 10, 1890

Weather bright. Mother went to Henley today to send Lizzie in for a few days hoping it would help her.

Margaret and I went to make a few calls this afternoon. She called upon the Misses Cheek at Mrs. Terry's + I wanted to go there also. We went to see Mrs. Evans, who was not at home then to Jennie's, to Bessie's who was out, and to Mrs. Colton's. Mrs. Silcox + Mrs. Richardson.

Tuesday, February 11, 1890

Lizzie came in this afternoon without any of the children. Mother sent her in for a rest but she is so weak and feels so badly that she can scarcely sit up. She did some errands on her way from the train then came here. Went over home for the night.

J. W. + I went to see to some Committee work. Came home tired for it is the first long walk I've taken since I was sick. Helen + I went to Mis Soc. + Uncle J. L. W. called here after we came home. It proved to be his last visit.

Wednesday, February 12, 1890

The season is rainy and the river is high and rising. Nervous people begin to fear a repetition of the floods of the past years. Mrs. Tom Jones will be buried at Jackson tomorrow and Jimmie expects to attend the funeral. He was groomsman when she was married and attended her husband's funeral there several years ago.

We went to prayer meeting this evening and were much pleased with Mr. Thompson's remarks. Lizzie spent the forenoon at Mr. Peebles' + afternoon at Jennie's + I went up there with her.

Thursday, February 13, 1890

Bright and pleasant but damp underfoot and very conducive to colds. I was at home all day and in the afternoon rather expected that Uncle Jimmie would bring Mr. Thompson here to call but he did not reach this far in his round. Mr. Thompson is stopping at Mr. Tewksbury's. Had a letter from Mother R. this week asking if we were planning to go to Kirkwood in May if they celebrate their Golden Wedding. We think we cannot go and wish them to come here. Mrs. Tom Jones of Jackson was buried there today and J. W. attended the funeral.

Friday, February 14, 1890

Weather mild and damp. Mr. Thompson called at the Water Works Office to see Jimmie and he invited him + his little girls to take tea with us tomorrow evening. He and uncle Jimmie were out calling yesterday. Uncle J. seems to have taken quite a liking to him. He led the Teachers' meeting this evening and we had a large attendance + pleasant meeting. From there several of us went to the Camp Fire at the Opera House and heard Gen'l Hurst speak. Did some cutting out + almost made a night shirt.

Saturday, February 15, 1890

Word was sent to Jimmie this morning that Uncle Jimmie Wood was very sick. He went to him at once and has been back + forth all day. After the preparatory service in the afternoon, Ma + I went to see him and found him very ill indeed but there seemed to be nothing we could do for him and he refused to be moved. Jimmie made arrangements with Will Thornton to stay with him tonight. Rev Mr. Thompson + his little Bessie, Enos + Helen were there to tea.

Sunday, February 16, 1890

Beautiful day. We went to S. S. as usual and Jimmie waited here expecting Uncle Jimmie would be brought here but he said he must be taken to Mr. Tewksbury's. so they took him there. Margaret + I went after S. S. to see if I was needed. I was not, so we went to church, it being Communion Sabbath. Jimmie remained all day, and will sit up tonight with Uncle Jimmie, he + Mr. Prescott. Rev Mr. Thompson preached for us both morning and evening. One lady was received by letter, Uncle Jimmie had the letter and it would all have been found much later.

Monday, February 17, 1890

I spent most of the day at Mr. Tewksbury's though there was nothing I could do for Uncle Jimmie but watch by his bedside. He is so weak he does not talk or notice very much though he is perfectly conscious when aroused. This is his birthday and he is seventy seven years old today. We have heard from Kirkwood that Mother Ricker and cousin Eliza Boyle are on their way here and we greatly hope Uncle Jimmie will rally enough to talk to them. Rev. Mr. Thompson + little Bessie left for Colorado.

Tuesday, February 18, 1890

Before I was half ready this AM a boy came for me to go up to Mr. Tewksbury's. I went in haste and found Jimmie, Mr. + Mrs. Prescott Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury + Geo Hendricks with Uncle Jimmie. The Dr. (Colton) came in soon after and said Uncle Jimmie could not last much longer as he was failing fast. At 9:20 he breathed his last and Mother Ricker + cousin Eliza Boyle arrived at noon, too late to see him living. He knew they were coming but was not disturbed by any concern about anything. A good man is gone and one who will be greatly missed in our church and family.

Wednesday, February 19, 1890

Rainy with only a few gleams of sunshine. Mother R. and cousin Eliza went up to Mr. T's before dinner and remained until tea time. I went with them in Mr. P's buggy, Jimmie driving, and stopped at Miss Lloyd's to order a bonnet for Mother R. Before we left cousins Libbie, Sadie + Mattie were here to see the friends. It rained so hard in the afternoon that I could not go after Mother + cousin E. and Jennie Greene who had come to see the folks missed them. None of us went to church except Margaret. Grandpa Ricker came on the 10 PM train C + O.

Wrote a notice of Uncle Jimmie's death or rather a sketch of his life for the Ports. Tribune.

Thursday, February 20, 1890

Weather cloudy with a little rain in the evening. Cousin Eliza and Lizzie went up to Mr. T's this forenoon but Mother R. did not go until after dinner. Uncle Jimmie's funeral was held at the church at 2 o'clock and Mr. Blackburn preached the sermon "Acts 11th + 24th" His S. S. class were pall-bearers. I asked Libbie Ferguson, Sadie Crossley + Mattie Wood + Mr. Blackburn to take tea with us. We shall miss Uncle Jimmie very much but when we think of his lonely, uncomfortable life we cannot grieve that he has exchanged it for a better one.

Friday, February 21, 1890

Bright and sunny. Cousin E. came up early from Mrs. L's and was here to visit with Libbie, Sadie + Mattie most of the forenoon. Sadie remained to dinner with us and until time for her train home in the afternoon. The home folks spend all the time with us and until time for her train home in the afternoon. The home folks spend all the time with us they can and Helen seems to be quite pleased with all their new friends for which I am glad. We went over home to take tea and spend the evening and while we were gone Dell Ramsey called to see Father + Mother R. Mrs. Terry + nieces called. Buttercup has a new calf.

Saturday, February 22, 1890

Weather fair. Father Ricker and J. W. were busy today getting Uncle Jimmie's will probated and attending to business. Cousin Eliza came up from Mrs. Lodwick's and was with us until after we returned from Mrs. Peebles' where we took tea, Father + Mother R. Cousin E., J. W. + myself. Mrs. Tewksbury + Julia were here in the afternoon. Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Charlotte Smith + Mrs. Bannon called to see the folks. Mrs. Timmonds and her daughter called while we were at Mrs. P's. Bessie was here this morning.

Sunday, February 23, 1890

Beautiful day but mild enough for rain. We all went to church in the morning. I to S. S. as usual. Cousin Eliza remained at Mrs. Lodwick's all day. Father called for her in the afternoon and took her down on the lower Front Street to see the old houses she knew when a child. Dr. Bissell preached morning and evening. Stayed at Barton's at night and was over home for dinner + supper. We enjoyed his sermons but were sorry he had such a severe cold. He was very hoarse.

Monday, February 24, 1890

Very rainy all day. Lizzie + her family came in today to see Grandpa + Grandma + Cousin Eliza and spent the afternoon here. Mrs. Tewksbury, Miss Bell, Mrs. Basklow, Mrs. Miles, Jennie Greene, out home folks and perhaps others were in after dinner. Rich took supper with us and after supper Aunt Ad Helen + Lizzie Ricker came from Ironton to see the folks. Helen + I, May + Will went to the Shubert Quartette Concert. Barton came + took Margaret. This is Mrs. Tewksbury's + Jennie Ricker's birthday. Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Johnson called while we were over home to tea this evening.

Tuesday, February 25, 1890

Rainy all day. Cousin Eliza came early from Mrs. Lodwick's and we had a house full all day as the guests could not go to Mrs. Tewksbury's as they had intended. The six guests and ourselves had a pleasant day and the change in the plan from leaving on the evening boat to waiting for the noon one tomorrow was a wise one. Aunt Ad, Helen + little Lizzie Ricker left on the 4 PM train for Ironton. We retired early as all were tired + Mother R. was quite hoarse. M. went to the "Y" meeting.

Wednesday, February 26, 1890

Beautiful day. Father + Mother + Cousin Eliza left on the Chancellor at 11 AM for home. The home folks, Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Rb't Wood, Mrs. J. S. Peebles, Mrs. Lodwick called to see them off. After dinner Mrs. Pursell + Mable came but missed seeing the friends. Misses Willa + Grace Colton called but Margaret has been in bed all afternoon so did not see them. At a congregational meeting in the evening a call was extended Rev. David I. Tappan who spent a week here in Jan. A large number were out. The vote was made unanimous.

Thursday, February 27, 1890

Mild and variable, a little sunshine but more clouds and sprinkles. Margaret came downstairs after breakfast and found a note calling her to take charge of Miss Reilly's room at Union Street. So she was gone all day. The river is still high and rising slowly. I have been home all day. Mrs. Silcox was here this forenoon. Will + his class had their photo taken at noon. Mother was here in the afternoon. We miss our company very much.

Friday, February 28, 1890

Cold. Expected the feather renovator to come for the pillows but he did not so I had the whole day in which to make new pillow-ticks and when they are all made over they will be nice. Helen as over in the afternoon. The job proved a longer one than I was busy at it all day. We went to Teachers' meeting but there was no one else present. Dr. was detained by sickness.

Saturday, March 1, 1890

Quite cold and blustery. I had rather an unusual cleaning up to do this morning as so little was done last week while the guests were here. Took up the music again with the children and had a busy day of it.

Sunday, March 2, 1890

Windy and cold.

The children and I went to Sabbath School as usual. We had no service and the room was not well heated so we were all chilled in through. Jas + I went to Bigelow M. E. church in the morning. The children all remaining at home to warm up. In the evening Lizzie went with us to the 2nd Pres. church and we were very cold both going and coming. Heard Mr. Porter preach.

Monday, March 3, 1890

Bright and colder than it has been. Was busy at home in the forenoon and went to the Corps meeting in the afternoon. After that Mrs. Silcox and I went to inquire about Mr. Dennis who was too ill to see company.

I got Janie's thimble and gave it to her. Mother Ricker left money to get her something and I bought the thimble and had it marked with the date of her leaving for home. Feb 26th 1890. Had the feathers renovated and made 7 pillows with new ticks.

Tuesday, March 4, 1890

Windy and cold with dark clouds in the north that indicate snow. Was home all the forenoon and after dinner was home all the forenoon and after dinner was just settling down to sew awhile, Helen being here when Mrs. McHall came for me to go to Miss Hard's and make out the Relief Corp. reports. We were there most of the afternoon. Called to see Mrs. Pursell who is sick but she was not seeing callers. Mrs. Dennis is also sick but she was not seeing callers. Mrs. Dennis is also sick and I went to inquire about her and did not see her. Went to see Bessie Hall.

Wednesday, March 5, 1890

Snowed. Was cold and frosty all forenoon. At noon snowed. Was cold and falling in earnest and continued faster and faster all afternoon. It is the first of the season to fall on the frozen ground and remain. I have been home all day mending and doing such work.

Went to church in the evening and there were just twenty-four present including the sexton. Quite a contrast to the last Wednesday evening when they house was full. Finished off another light shirt.

Thursday, March 6, 1890

Bright, clear and cold. Thermometer down to 10° the coldest of the season and snow four or five inches deep. Was busy at home until 2 o'clock PM then went up to see Jennie. Stopped at the W. C. T. U. meeting on my return and there called to see Mrs. Dennis a few minutes. Found her better. Was over home a few minutes. The children have enjoyed the snow today. The boys are out tonight to coast awhile. It is full moon and very light.

Friday, March 7, 1890

Bright and sunny but cold. It has been the longest cold spell that I remember in years. I was busy at home all day until after tea when Margaret and I went to Teachers' meeting. The attendance was the smallest I have known, only two other teachers, Maggie Peebles and Mr. Carl, in addition to ourselves and Dr. Dennis the leader. Enos had his hand burned at the Upper Rolling Mill today by some hot iron which flew into his pants pocket. his knife was burned also + probably saved him from further injury.

Saturday, March 8, 1890

Weather still cold but the sleighing is spoiled. The children tried to play with the sled a little but there was not enough snow in the right place for sledding. Have been busy all day, first with the broom and later with the needle. Finished May's ruffle and made over a pair of drawers for Will. Had two letters from Cousin Eliza Boyle. We heard that Dr. Tappan has sent an acceptance in reply to the call sent him from our congregation.

Sunday, March 9, 1890

We went to S. S. as usual and had service both morning and evening, preaching by Mr. Tedford of Jackson. He stopped at Uncle Enos'.

The day was fair but the walking was unpleasant because of the snow and slush and mud.

I was over home a little while in the afternoon to see Father. I miss Uncle Jimmie very much Sabbath afternoons just before tea time, having been accustomed to looking for him ever since we kept knives.

Monday, March 10, 1890

Was raining this morning and has continued all day. Snow still on the ground except where the sun has shone on it daily. Have been at home all day ripping, washing and pressing preparatory to making a dress for Lizzie. Wrote to Lizzie Peebles and we had a letter from Father and mother Ricker. she says Lizzie must have the little teapot I gave Uncle Jimmie in '88 and she has one given her by her brother Hueston when she was a little girl. which Mary shall have.

Tuesday, March 11, 1890

Rainy. This is Barton + Jennie's 15th Anniversary. I was busy at home in the forenoon beginning a dress for Lizzie but after dinner Helen and I went up to call on Jennie, offer our congratulations and make a few tokens of remembrance. I gave her a copy our family group. Ma, a glass dish, Margaret a baby sack, Lizzie R. a cut-glass vinegar pitcher, Mary flowers + Helen a powder box + puff. Helen + I afterwards attended the For. Mis. Soc. + Helen was selected as secretary in place of Carrie Stearnes who resigned today as she has a position in the factory. M + I went to the Reading Rooms in the evening.

Wednesday, March 12, 1890

Still rainy. Was at home all day sewing until supper time. Am trying to make over a couple of M's dresses. into one for Lizzie.

In the evening J. W. Will, Margaret and I went to church. Mr. Murray led the meeting, near the close of it the Committees were appointed to raise money to help pay off the debts of the church to close the year's work. Sister Anna died 25 years ago today.

Thursday, March 13, 1890

Still wet but the rain stopped before night. I sewed on L's dress intending to go to the Temperance Meeting at 3 o'clock but was surprised by the unexpected arrival of Henry. He came from Pittsburg on the Keystone State to make us a short visit as he intends going to New York soon. He seems delighted to be home again and we were all delighted to see him. Margaret went to stay all night with Jennie as Barton has gone to Tannersville.

Friday, March 14, 1921

Rather cold.

I worked all day on Lizzie's dress which I want to finish before tomorrow night. Margaret went to Uncle Enos' upon Mary's invitation to spend the evening. Mary entertained the Den Vise Club. Weather quite cold after night. Helen + I went to the

usual Teachers' Meeting, very few in attendance, but we hope more will come out later in the season.

Saturday, March 15, 1890

Fair and pleasant.

Sweeping and dusting took all the forenoon and I was just about ready to settle down to something when Miss Bessie Hall came, according to promise to take tea with us. She spent the evening and by the time she left it had grown quite cold. A cold wind blew all the afternoon. Will + Henry took a walk up to the East end and Will's neuralgia in his face was much worse for it.

Sunday, March 16, 1890

Pleasant day. Went to S. S. as usual and having no service at our church we went to Bigelow both morning and evening. Took four of Barton's little folks in the morning. Heard Rev. Mr. Fagan as he and Mr. Slutz had exchanged pulpits. His discourse pleased us very much.

Monday, March 17, 1890

Damp but not very rainy. I spent the day ripping and washing and pressing Mary's plaid dress preparatory to making over. J. W. was sick today but had to go to the office and in the evening went to the Post. Mrs. Silcox and Janet came on an errand and soon after Mrs. Dan Smith came. Then Aunt Mary Moore and three of her children. We had company until 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, March 18, 1890

Weather not as cold as it has been. Have been home all day sewing on Mary's dress. Late in the forenoon I went to the store and right back again. Lizzie and the children came in the afternoon. She and Mother went to do some shopping after which she was to go up to see Jennie.

Helen brought her work and sat with me. Rained in the evening and thundered very loudly and long.

Wednesday, March 19, 1890

Somewhat windy but not very cold. Lizzie and the children were here a few minutes this morning. Afterwards went to see Uncle Enos. After dinner I went up to Jennie's with my work and visited with her, Lizzie and Helen. Had been sewing on Mary's dress all forenoon.

Went to church in the evening. After my return wrote the usual weekly letter to Mother Ricker. Had one from her today. They are still undecided about coming here in May. Called to see Uncle Enos who is sick, on our way from church.

Thursday, March 20, 1890

Weather mild and pleasant with indications of rain. River falling very slowly. Very high water in the lower Miss. Have been at home all day sewing on Mary's plain dress and helping M. a little with her black silk. Virginia Louise Greene is six years old

today. I have not seen her but gave Mary a little money to buy her a small present. Lizzie and her children went home on the afternoon train. Mr. Orin B. Gould died at his home at Franklin F'ce today.

Friday, March 21, 1890

Rained hard in the night, it is said. 1.07 mi inches of water fell during the night. Janie had a letter from home this morning which will deprive us of her for a while. I sewed on May's dress most of the day trying to finish it. Mrs. Silcox and Janet were here after tea. Helen, Margaret + I went to Teachers' meeting and we had no leader but managed to spent the time pleasantly and profitably taking over the lesson.

Saturday, March 22, 1890

Rained very hard nearly all day. Janie went home on the morning train, having heard of her mother's illness. We had a busy day after she was gone with the usual Saturday work which keeps three of us busy every Saturday.

The river is rising quite rapidly and people are already obliged to move.
Mr. O. B. Gould was buried today in Greenlawn Cemetery in this city.

Sunday, March 23, 1921

Day fair. People quite excited and nervous about the water as the river continues to rise slowly and is coming through the sewers and into the cellars in the low parts of town. We went to Sabbath school as usual, after which Margaret + Will went to hear Mr. Porter at the 2nd Pres. + Carl went to Bigelow. J. W. was not well and I had the dinner to prepare so we remained at home. In the evening M. Will + I went to hear Mr. Fagan at 6th St. M. E. ch.

Monday, March 24, 1890

High water mark was 56 ft. at Water Works.

Rained a little early in the morning but cleared off later. The river is very high and still rising slowly. Ruth came to wash and after dinner M + I walked up 2nd to Union Street to see the water, it is higher than in 1875 but not up to '83. Crowds of people are walking from place to place to see the sights. Houses on Upper Mill + Front Streets are submerged nearly or quite to the roof. I went in the middle of 3rd opposite Mrs. Lowes' but could not get to the house except through the back alley so did not call on Mrs. Hawkes.

Tuesday, March 25, 1890

The water fell about five inches during the night but falls very slowly, still we hope it will not be any higher. Weather today very fair and pleasant. Henry took dinner over home and intended taking tea with his cousins before starting for Pittsburg but was delayed and so late that we insisted upon his taking supper with us as we were at the table when he was ready to go. He intends going to New York this week. Bessie Hall was here. I was at home all day.

Schools dismissed for the rest of the week.

Wednesday, March 26, 1890

Weather indicates rain, cloudy + windy but Ruth ironed clothes. The church carpet had to be taken up as the water reached the basement door, thought it did not enter the room. The floor was scrubbed and the spring cleaning is to be done so we could not have the usual prayer meeting this evening. I did the necessary mending and then sewed some on M's dress. Will and Merrill Slutz wet duck-hunting but it was so windy they could do nothing + were completely tired out.

Thursday, March 27, 1890

Weather windy and barometers falling rapidly indicating a storm which came in the evening. The thunder and lightning were unusual. The houses fairly trembled.

I was busy at home all day taking the word and a little sewing taking all my time. We get along nicely with the work but it leaves not time for outside matters. The children are all at home having their spring vacation a week earlier than they expected.

Friday, March 28, 1890

An unusually windy day. The river was so rough that the ferry-boat only crossed twice during the day. A man had a frightful experience trying to cross in skiff and came near being lost. Some said the waves were twenty feet high at times. News reached us of a cyclone at Louisville Ky + vicinity last evening which destroyed a large part of the city + killed more than 100 people, some reports were as high as 150. M + I cleaned the pantry + kitchen and nearly wore ourselves out. Did not go to Teachers' meeting, if there was any which we doubted.

Saturday, March 29, 1890

Weather more calm but still a little windy. We have been busy as usual. I was home all day. M went out in the afternoon + Bessie Hall was here while she was gone. The accounts of the storm are filling the papers, I wrote to Maggie Bell, am anxious to know whether she or any of her friends suffered by the storm.

Four years today since Dr. Pratt died.

Sunday, March 30, 1890

Weather quite pleasant. Went to Sabbath School as usual after which J. W. and I attended service at the Baptist church. For various reasons the children all remained at home. We miss our regular services very much and shall be glad when they are resumed.

Monday, March 31, 1890

The last day of the children's spring vacations.

We have been busy as usual with homework. Janie has not sent me word of any kind, and I do not know when to expect her back. It is four years today since Dr. Pratt was buried.

Tuesday, April 1, 1890

A fair pretty day. The children returned to school today after their vacation. They now must take the examinations which were cut short by the high water. Went to For. Mis. Soc. this afternoon, it was Maggie Peebles' day for Mexico and she came home from her visits to Zanesville + Chillicothe just in time for it. Mrs. Silcox and Lillie Johnson were here this afternoon before the meeting. Carl began wearing Will's outgrown Cadet pants, the first long ones wither ever wore.

Wednesday, April 2, 1890

Quite warm and bright.

Was home in the forenoon and after dinner went to get linings for my dress and took the material to Miss Knowles to have her make the dress which was given me on my last birthday Sept. 8th 1889.

Went to church in the evening. After prayer-meeting the annual election of trustees was held. W. K. Thompson was re-elected and Chas. Russell's place was filled by Enos L. Moore. Maggie Bell + all her friends escaped injury in the storm.

Thursday, April 3, 1890

Rainy. Spent the forenoon at home and after dinner was busy until 3 o'clock when I went to the Temperance meeting, after which Venetia Ramsey and I went to Mr. Reilly's to order the new singing books, Gospel Hymns No 5.

Friday, April 4, 1890

Weather quite pleasant. Was occupied as usual in the forenoon and spent the afternoon visiting my Missionary District, made several long calls and found several persons not at home. Saw Mrs. Amann, Mrs. Bryant, Anna Neil, Mrs. Micklethwait + Mrs. Barr. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening, ten ladies present but no gentlemen.

Saturday, April 5, 1890

Weather fair. Was at home and very busy all day. What with baking and sweeping and scrubbing I was not through until bedtime.

After dinner Mabel + Birdie were here, also Bessie Hall, Lizzie Peebles for a few minutes, she + her family having come in to stay over Sabbath with Mr. Peebles.

After tea Margaret went up to Jennie's with Rich + Lizzie. I was too tired and besides not through my work. Dr. Tappan and son Paul arrived today to take charge of this field.

Sunday, April 6, 1890

Easter Sunday has been a beautiful day and one we have enjoyed very much as we had service in our own church again. The children and I went to S. S. as usual and saw Dr. Tappan and his son Paul there and welcomed them to our church.

Text in the morning was Luke 26. 2nd "And the found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher."

Monday, April 7, 1890

Weather pleasant though a little windy. Was busy at home all forenoon, Margaret being called to fill Miss Cramer's place at school I was alone with the work. Ma was here awhile. After dinner I went to corps meeting then came home but as M was here I went up to Miss Knowles' to try on my dress then made a short call upon Jennie. Mary had an Easter card + letter from Bessie Thompson and her father.

Tuesday, April 8, 1890

Variable, warm, cloudy, bright + windy with rain at noon.

Was busy at home all forenoon then went to Mrs. Harry Greene's 15th Anniversary Reception in the afternoon. Helen + I went together then went again to call upon Mrs. Colton + Grace and to do an errand.

Presbytery meets at 2nd Pres. church this evening and will be opened with a sermon by Mr. Moran of Ironton.

Wednesday, April 9, 1890

Bright, fair + windy in the morning but raining before night. As early as possible I started to the Presbyterial meeting and met Mrs. Loughery on her way. The ladies' meetings were held in the parsonage which is now vacant and dinner was served in the church dining room. As a delegate I was invited to take dinner with them and did so. Enjoyed the meeting very much. Saw Mrs. Messenger + Miss Robins of Jackson. Will, J. W. + I went again in the evening as our service was postponed.

Thursday, April 10, 1890

Rainy and chilly.

We were home all day, I did not go to Temperance meeting because I felt that it was necessary for me to stay at home. I want to finish M's dress and make some aprons that we very much need.

Friday, April 11, 1890

Weather quite pleasant. Have been busy all day as usual, only when I went over to see Mother who is still sick, though she thinks she is improving. Janie has been gone two weeks today and has sent me no word. In the evening Margaret and I went to Teachers' meeting and Dr. Tappan was present to take charge of it much to our relief as Dr. D. has been absent now for two or three meetings.

Saturday, April 12, 1890

Weather fair. Was very busy all day. Swept, dusted, baked bread and did a little of everything in the course of the day. In the afternoon I went over to see Mother and then out to look for someone to clean house next week.

Bessie Hall and her guest Miss Hope Glidden called in the afternoon.

Sunday, April 13, 1890

Showery. Went to Sabbath School as usual and then to church. It is very pleasant to have regular services again. All of us went both morning and evening though Lizzie has such a sore toe that she has to wear an overshoe instead of a shoe.

Monday, April 14, 1890

Rather variable, some sunshine, some shadow, some rain. This is the anniversary of Lincoln's assassination. I went up to Jennie's after breakfast but did not stay long, came home and went to see Mother who is not feeling at all well today, we began house-cleaning with a young colored boy to do some cleaning of paint and windows.

Tuesday, April 15, 1890

Weather variable, rained after dinner. Margaret had a call to substitute in Mrs. Smith's room this morning so I was left alone. Dan Biggs came again this AM and went on with the cleaning as best we could. I can do very little at it because of the other work which takes so much time. Wrote to Cousin Eliza in the midst of it all as she has written me again about the Golden Wedding. She is quite as anxious as any of us about it.

Wednesday, April 16, 1890

Pleasant again. M went to school and Dan + I went on with the work. Tom Porter was to have come and put down a carpet for me but he did not get here. Mabel Pursell called to ask if M could go with her + the other girls after Trailing Arbutus tomorrow but she is in school so cannot go. Dr. Tappan's family came today and we saw the two older girls + Paul at prayer meeting. They live on 6th St. in the Richman house. Blanche Kearnes + Leigh Watkins were married at Springfield, O.

Thursday, April 17, 1890

Fair in the afternoon, rained after dinner. Tom Potter came early in the morning and put down the carpet which Mary gave us for the parlor. It is in the Marquette which she had on her room and when it is cleaned, it will be very handsome. I am very thankful, and pleased with the appearance of the room. Dan only worked until noon as he had something else on hand. I did not go to Temperance meeting not having the time to spare.

Friday, April 18, 1890

Dan was here again today and we did a full day's work. Are still uncertain as to whether the folks will come but hope they will. Had a postal from Janie saying her mother had been so sick she had no chance to write. Did not go to Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Did not get the washing done until today when Mrs. Edmiston came and did it. Do not know that it was ever so late in the week before the work was done.

William Dwight Greene arrived this evening about 8:30 p.

Saturday, April 19, 1890

Mrs. Edmiston came and finished the ironing by noon then left intending to return and scrub the kitchen but I hurried and had it all done when she came, the bread baked and things were in nice order.

Margaret was out in the afternoon and the children were away. The postman brought a short note from Mother Ricker with the good news that they expect to have May 1st for Ports. having no one to speak about it sat right down and wrote her on reply.

In the evening started to call upon Mrs. Tappan but decided I was not a good time so we (J. W. + I) went on out to see Mr. + Mrs. Prescott.

Sunday, April 20, 1890

Went to Sabbath school + ch. as usual. told several friends the folks were coming and the rejoicing is general.

In the evening I told Mrs. Lodwick and she almost she almost screamed out loud, as we were leaving the church. Dr. Tappan's children were at Sabbath school and all of the family who were old enough, except Paul, were at church. It looks odd to see the Pastor's pew so full.

Went up to see Jennie this afternoon.

Monday, April 21, 1890

We began preparations in earnest today, for the Golden Wedding. Had samples of cards brought + made a selection which was promised for next Friday. Helen came over + helped Margaret put the books in the case. Maggie Peebles came and sat until 4 o'clock to talk matters over and do what she could to help. I had put new matting under the bookcase and had to cut a piece out of the carpet in front of the fire place, to put in the other corner.

Tuesday, April 22, 1890

This was Katie Miles' birthday and she was over early to show her presents. The children had something for her. About noon there was a fire just back of our church which nearly destroyed the house + burned the cornice of the church a little. Dan was working upstairs putting down the matting.

Wednesday, April 23, 1890

Ruth came to wash today and was through in time to do a part of the ironing.

Dan was here again and we worked upstairs, have put the matting from the parlor in the front room and Dan has oiled the furniture in all the rooms, wiped the walls, washed the paint and made a thorough job of the cleaning. Went to church in the evening. Maggie Peebles' birthday.

Thursday, April 24, 1890

Pleasant but quite warm. We took up the carpet in our sitting room today and ripped the seams of the two pieces which must be changed in turning it. Helen helped me rip it. she is anxious to help all she can and is so enthusiastic over the prospect of the visit + Golden Wedding that it is a pleasure to have her help. We, M + I had to take

enough time to settle the matter of invitations, the list is a long one and if each person were to have a separate card it would take upwards of five hundred.

Friday, April 25, 1890

We had hoped to get the carpet down in our room again today but it was so late in the day before it could be cleared that we put it off until tomorrow. It was very wet in the morning when Mr. Washington came to see about it. We found enough else to keep us busy all day. I was too tired to attend Teachers' meeting. Will painted a border around the dining room floor this evening.

Saturday, April 26, 1890

Before I had my breakfast this morning the man came to out down the carpet in my room so I had to sew the seams and few rips as fast as I could. turning the carpet causes the short pieces to be changed. Helen has been helping me every day but we could not sew all the places yesterday. As Janie is not yet back and we have no one in her place we are very much hurried with the regular and extra work to be done. We have taken the children's' bed upstairs and the room seems much longer.

Sunday, April 27, 1890

Pleasant. This is Father Ricker's birthday, he being 77 years old. Mr. M. R. Tewksbury is 82 years old today and I congratulated him upon the fact this morning. We wish the two old friends could spend the day together. Mrs. Tewksbury is not yet able to be up.

We attended the regular Sabbath services as usual.

Monday, April 28, 1890

Pleasant weather. Dan came + worked on the cleaning in the hall until I was ready to put down the hall and stair carpet. It is quite pretty and adds to the appearance of the house. This evening Margaret + Will addressed cards of invitation while J. W. + I went up to see Mrs. Tewksbury who is still sick and had sent me word that she wished to see me. She regrets not being able to have a hand in the preparations and wanted to tell me that she intends to have a fruit cake baked for the Golden Wedding.

Will arose early + finished painting the border around the dining room floor.

Tuesday, April 29, 1890

Delightful day, breezy and not dusty. Mrs. Behrens + I cleaned the parlor carpet which Mary had given us and it looks like new. Mr. Gates papered the hall ceiling, Ruth washed and Dan was finishing up the windows + woodwork in Margaret's room. J. W. + Carl built two panels of fence in the backyard, where it had blown over. Helen went to Mis. Soc. + took my excuse. M. went to Jun. Y. meeting in the evening. Mailed over 80 invitations to the Golden wedding, to friends anyway.

Wednesday, April 30, 1890

Pleasant. Went early to see Uncle Sam and took him an invitation which was delivered in town. Then to see Mrs. Silcox + ask her to assist me on the day of the Reception. Then to see Mrs. Tewksbury, then to Jennie's + asked if her children could help distribute invitations. To Maggie P's and Mr. Ewing's. All the cards were distributed by the children today except a few that Mrs. Frank Johnson took for me. She + Mrs. Prescott were heron an errand. In the afternoon Dan + I put down the new carpet in the dining room. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, May 1, 1890

Weather pleasant but cool enough for a little fire. We have had a very busy day, Helen helped us all the morning but after dinner had to fix her dress as she and Enos were going to Mr. + Mrs. Belden Nichols Reception in the evening. She wore her wedding dress and looked very sweet + pretty. Mr. Knittel came after supper to confer about refreshments for our Reception next Mon. We are doing very well, are almost done house-cleaning + the new carpets and shades help the looks of the house very much.

Friday, May 2, 1890

Weather bright. We expected a telegram from the folks but as none came we did not wait dinner for them. When we were just through the meal Lizzie came breathlessly in saying they were at the door. She had gone to Front St. and watched for them so was rewarded with the first glimpse of them. Would not ride up with them, but ran on ahead of the bus. Cousin Eliza remained until after tea then went to stay at Mrs. Lodwick's as she had promised to do when they were here in Feb.

Saturday, May 3, 1890

Standard time has been adopted by Council + goes into effect at once. Schools open at 8:30 instead of 9.

Weather quite pleasant. We were busy all day except during the hour for preparatory lecture when we went to church. Mary and Margaret have been baking cakes and have them all done. Mary has done nearly all of it herself. Mrs. Tewksbury sent a fruit cake for the table + a smaller one for Mother R. to take home. We have our preparations for Monday almost completed. Mattie Peebles came at 6:30 this morning with her buggy + she + Will went in the rain after dog-wood blossoms.

Sunday, May 4, 1890

Weather mild and damp. We managed to spend a very quiet day notwithstanding all that was on our minds for tomorrow. Went to S. S. and church as usual in the forenoon had lessons after dinner and went again to church in the evening. It is very pleasant to have Father + Mother R. with us. He has not been very well but is improving and enjoys being here. Dr. Tappan announced Installation services for next Tuesday evening. Communion services were held in our church today by letters, Mrs. Cross, May K. Evans, Mrs. Tappan Oella + Julia Tappan.

Monday, May 5, 1890

The weather was not as bright as we hoped for still it was warm enough to dispense with fires. It is the long anticipated Golden Wedding Day which we have hoped to celebrate. A more extended account of the day must be given in the appendix as it will take pages to tell all about it. The friends who assisted us did all that they could and everything passed off well. Janie came home in time to prepare dinner. Geo + Clara Hosford came on the C + O train at noon.

Golden Wedding of Jacob H. + Mary F. Ricker May 5, 1890

Father + Mother Ricker and Cousin Eliza Boyle came Friday May 2nd from St. Louis and were here to attend Preparatory Lecture on Saturday and Communion service on Sabbath. Then most of the preliminary preparations having been made previously the final touches were given this morning this morning. Mattie Peebles and Will Ricker went to the woods early Saturday morning and got a quantity of dog-wood blossoms + moss which was kept in the cellar until today. This morning Mattie brought her horse and buggy at 7 o'clock when she + Helen with Jno + Wm Peebles went again after flowers and brought a quantity of trillium or wake-robin blossoms, + snow balls. Barton brought a whole bushel of pink wild honey-suckle and Cousin Eliza Boyle with Mattie, Lizzie, Helen + Ruth Holmes did the decorating.

The weather was warm enough to dispense with fires so the open grates were filled with snow balls the hearths + mantles covered with moss. The parlor mantel bore a large pink pyramid of wild honeysuckle in the middle with large branches of snowballs tied with broad old gold ribbon on either end. The sitting room mantel was decorated with the apple blossoms. The pictures, window cornices, gas chandeliers + top of book case were all decorated with the white flowers. The beam which was left on the sitting room was covered with moss + blue + white trillium, the glass being framed in snowballs. The wash stand was concealed in a pyramid of hemlock surmounted by a beautiful fern loaned by Mollie Murray. The bed had been taken out. The dining room was also decorated profusely.

The entertainment for the bride + groom of 1840 began early in the morning before anyone arrived or began the preparations for the Reception which was to open at 2:30 PM and close at 10:30 PM except during the time from 5:30 to 7:30 when supper was to be served to a few special guests. Janie did not return until noon today so Margaret + I got the breakfast as usual and had the usual bill of fare, principally cakes, corn cakes this time we had notified the home folks to come early with their congratulations so they could see the fin which we planned for breakfast. First Carl presented a sealed envelope which contained a note from himself with a gold dollar which he had earned a little at a time. His earnings were taken Saturday and exchanged for the dollar which was the only one to be found in any of the Banks.

The little gift was duly appreciated. The home folks came in, greeted the bride + groom and sat down to watch them eat. Presently Father R. cut into a hard substance in his cake and upon examination found it to be a 10.00 gold piece. His amazement was genuine and Mother R. was advised to examine her cake to see if it had any bones in it. She was so excited she cut it into crumbs but found nothing but having eaten nearly all of it she discovered the mate to Father's. It was worth the money to see their surprise and hear their remarks. After that sister Mary brought in a plate of biscuits + both refused them on the ground that cakes as rich as theirs were sufficient for breakfast. I urged Father to try one as Mary had made them so he agreed to take part of one of one.

As he reached for the one nearest him it came apart and he did not observe anything strange about it until urged to take it all, when he looked again + same another 10.00 gold piece shining in the middle of it. His astonishment was laughable and Mother R. did not require much coaxing, to try a biscuit which proved as good as Father's. He then took from his pocket three gold pieces which had been sent him by Geo + Lizzie Dimmock + Jennie Ricker and added them to the piece of sweetened ones in the saucer before them. The conversation was lively + interesting and they sipped their coffee without ever stirring it, Mother R. never takes sugar so hers did not require stirring and no sound betrayed anything unusual in Father's cup. Having finished his coffee he pushed back the pincer when Mary stepped up saying, "I'll take your cup if you are done with it." Turning it upside down on the saucer, two 5.00 gold pieces were brought to view which added to the surprise of both people. A vigorous, but very excited stirring of Mother's coffee failed to disclose anything further but she drained the coffee cup and, behold! her two 5.00 were there. It was very enjoyable and we were sorry more of the family were not present. Enos came but Helen had gone for flowers, + we had not thought to mention it to Father so Mother came with Mary. That finished the breakfast but at noon Father M. sent a 20.00 gold piece which was concealed in a piece of sponge cake as desert. It was another complete surprise. Just as we were thinking of preparing a noon lunch, Janie came and relieved us of that care and just as we were finishing the meal Cousin Geo Hosford and Clara arrived on the South side train.

The table was hastily taken apart after we had lunched and the dining room was furnished with small tables and chairs for afternoon refreshments and Maggie Peebles came to see that guests were shown to the dining room after speaking to Father + Mother.

These ladies all came early then we of the family went to dress for the afternoon.

Mother Ricker + Father R. were ready first and took their places in the parlor beneath the floral decoration which bore the two dates 1840 1890 in glistening white letters on a crimson plush background upon which were groups of pansies with a bunch of beautiful roses between the dates. Lizzie Peebles had arranged the piece + it was much admired.

Soon I in my black satin, Margaret in her light chalice dress and the little girls in white were ready. Carl remained home from school also to help but Will could not spare the time neither could Jas. W. as it is his busy season of the Water Works Office. Geo + Clara Hosford went to see Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury in the afternoon as they expected to remain with us the rest of the time. The first guests to arrive were Mr. + Mrs. Thos. Timmons, Mrs. being the good "Biddy" who had lived with Mother R. at Madison Furnace, years ago. She brought a gold line sugar spoon as a token of her regard. After this guests + letters of regret came in steadily all the afternoon. Cousin Eliza who was Mother R.'s bridesmaid 50 years ago was with her at the Golden Wedding.

We had sent cards of invitation to the children in the family connection and requested them to be present at 4:30 PM so when all were here they were put in line upstairs + marched in to take their turns speaking to the bride and groom. Our little girls, Jennie's five, Charlie Greene, Jno + Wm, Elizabeth, Will Moore, Ada Moore, Ruth + George Johnson were presented and after a few moments were served with refreshments upstairs. Father + Mother seemed to specially enjoy the young folks. As the last of the afternoon guests departed, those invited for tea began to arrive and about 6:30 the two tables were ready in the dining room and seated as follows. The long one

had places for Father + Mother Ricker with Mr. + Mrs. J. G. Peebles on one side + Mr. + Mrs. Richard Lloyd on the other.

Mr. + Mrs. R. celebrated their sixtieth anniversary last Oct. 21st 1889 and Mr. + Mrs. Peebles will soon reach their fifty fifth if they live. Father and Mother Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Tappan Prof and Mrs. Lowes were also at the table and places were reserved for Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury who did not arrive until later in the evening. At the other table Cousin Eliza, Aunt Mary Moore, Geo + Clara, Jas + I sat. The supper of cold tongue veal loaf, bread + butter, stew, cake, ice-cream and coffee was nicely served and Mattie Peebles rendered herself most sufficient and helpful. Sister Mary cut all the cake in the china closet and issued the provisions to the waiters. Mrs. Shafer from Mr. Knittel's dished out the ice-cream in the kitchen and at the close of the evening had served out fourteen gallons of ice-cream except just enough for dinner the next day.

After the tables were cleared the ladies in waiting had supper and the Ironton friends having arrived at this time, they were served that is Helen Ricker + Alex + his wife, Aunt Ad and Mrs. Ellison had been to supper. By the time the evening guests began arriving and soon the house was full. About 9 o'clock Mr. E. E. Ewing read a poem of his own written for the occasion upon my request and it was excellent. Mr. + Mrs. J. G. Peebles led in singing Auld Long Syne after which he and Mrs. Peebles sung a duet, be gone dull care" one they used to sing together in their young days. Mrs. Lillie Anderson sung John Anderson my Joe, John.

At the close of singing Auld Long Syne, Mr. Peebles slipped an envelope into John's hand with instructions to give it to Father Ricker which he did and upon opening it later it was found to contain Fifty dollars in gold. Geo + Clara, Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury, Aunts Betsey + Sue and Uncle E. B. Moore also added to the breakfast saucer of gold and the total sum from all sources was \$178.50 then Mr. W. C. Sturdivant + Cousin Mattie had sent a beautiful gold cream ladle + sugar spoon upon which the two dates were engraved with the initial "R." Cousin Eliza Boyle had brought a salad fork of gold with an oxidized silver handle of precisely the same pattern as the spoons. Hattie Norton sent a beautiful gold lined cake basket which was entirely unexpected.

Mrs. Carrie brought a small foreign gold coin Mr. + Mrs. McCulloch sent a handsome pair of gold napkin rings marked. This was a great surprise to us all as they are not even old acquaintances much less relatives but in the spring when Father + Mother were here, they called at the Office and Mother R. introduced herself to Mr. McCulloch in a way that completely won him and he desired to express his appreciation of her friendliness. Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Borklaw had sent over two little decorated pitchers and plates (for butter) Mrs. Silcox had made Mother R. a handsome black silk shopping bag such as are used nowadays. Cousins Libbie, Mattie + Sadie each brought a useful present and the recipients were made very happy.

Mrs. Frank Johnson and Helen Moore each brought beautiful roses and Mrs. Prescott brought lovely pansies. Clara Hosford wore very handsome pink roses which looked like La Frances and both she and her flowers were greatly admired. The Ironton friends came on the evening train and returned on the 10 o'clock train so they only had a short time to spend with us.

Mrs. Peebles was so feeble that she could not remain long and she + Mr. Tewksbury regretted that they could not take a more active part in the affair. Though the home is not adapted to such gatherings, everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion and we

shall always be glad we were permitted to celebrate the Golden Wedding of Father + Mother Ricker in our home.

List of invited guests

Kirkwood + St. Louis
Mr. + Mrs. J. H. Sr.
E. D. Ricker and family
C. G. Ricker
J. H. Ricker + wife
Rev. Jno Warner + family
Mr. Alex Mermod
C. O. Evans
Mr. + Mrs. S. W. Bard
Mrs. Asenath Phelps
Mrs. Mary F. Weir
Rev. Mr. Scheetz + family
Geo K. Hosford + family Cin. O.
Albert Sturdivant + family Wash. D. C.
Mr. + Mrs. Geo Morrison Bath
Mrs. Josei Lang + family Oxford
Mrs. Hittie Smith
Miss B. H. Ricker Bath
W. C. Sturdivant + daughter S. Mass.
Mrs. Mary Jordan Smith's College
M. A. Ricker Wilson's College
J. E. Ricker Brooklyn
Mr. Geo Dimmock + fam. Elizabeth
Mr. Edrd Jordan + Son Elizabeth
Mr. + Mrs. Henry Folger Elizabeth
Mrs. M. J. Bailey + fam. Rock I.
Mrs. E. J. Rodgers Cin.
Mrs. Jane McCable
Mr. + Mrs. Burwell + Son St. Paul
Mrs. Alex Ricker + fam. Ironton
Mr. + Mrs. Alex Ricker Jr. Ironton
Mr. + Mrs. Cyrus Ellison Ironton
Mr. + Mrs. Frank Tomlinson Ironton
Mr. + Mrs. Ed. Wilson Ironton
Mr. + Mrs. Arthur Ricker Washington
Mr. + Mrs. Edward Ricker Iowa
Mr. + Mrs. C. F. Morton Nashville
Mrs. O. B. Gould Franklin F'ce
Miss Minnie Gould Franklin F'ce
Mr. Robert Peebles + fam. Ashland
Mr. R. R. Peebles + fam. Henley
Mr. + Mrs. N. B. Norton Coalton

Mr. Thos. Means + daughters Ashtabula
 Mr. + Mrs. Jno Means Ashtabula
 Mr. + Mrs. Jno Campbell Ironton
 Mr. + Mrs. Jno Peters Ironton
 Mr. + Mrs. Wm. Duis Wheelersburg
 Mr. Jas Ferguson + family H. W. Va.
 Miss Hattie Wood H. W. Va.
 Mrs. Sarah Crossley + fam.
 Mrs. Sam Hempstead
 Mr. Thos. Martin + fam.
 Mr. Hamlin Adams + fam.
 Capt. Thos. Meredith Cal.
 Mrs. B. B. Gaylord + fam. Cal.
 Mr. J. H. Robinson + fam. Newton
 Mr. H. R. Tracy Boston
 Mr. Matthew Addy Cin.
 Mr. Thos. G. Smith Cin.
 Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn Covington
 Mr. + Mrs. Geo Bell Louisville
 Mrs. S. E. Messenger + wife Jackson
 Mrs. Alanson Robbins + daughter
 Mr. J. E. Feres
 Mr. L. M. Bearman + fam.
 Mr. J. C. Hurd + wife
 Rev. J. Y. Gibson + fam.
 Rev. Reese Edwards + wife
 Rev. Mr. Tedford + wife
 Mr. David Dungan + wife
 Mr. + Mrs. Jno Davis
 Mr. + Mrs. Wm. Nutt
 Hon. H. S. Bundy + wife
 Miss Maggie Coles Ashland
 Mrs. Maria McCall + son
 Mr. + Mrs. C. A. Geiger
 Mr. + Mrs. O. S. Bond Toledo
 Mr. Chas Riggs + family
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hurd
 Mr. C. W. Greene Died
 Col M. Churchill
 Mrs. H. A. Towne
 Mr. + Mrs. J. B. Folsom
 Rev. T. L. Hughes Sr.
 Rev. T. L. Hughes Jr.
 Mr. + Mrs. Wm Moore
 Miss M. E. Moore
 Capt. E. B. Moore + fam
 Capt. S. G. Moore + fam

Mr. + Mrs. E. L. Moore
Mr. + Mrs. E. B. Greene + fam
Mr. Jno G. Peebles
Miss Mattie Peebles
Will H. Peebles
Mr. + Mrs. M. R. Tewksbury
T. N. Johnson Jr. + fam
A. T. Johnson and fam.
Mr. + Mrs. Henry Prescott
J. W. Bannon + family
Mrs. Charlotte Smith Died Mch 9th 1904
Mrs. J. O. Murfin + fam
Misses Jessie + Eliza Smith
Dr. D. D. Tappan + fam
Mr. Jesse Young + fam
J. H. Clough + wife
Mrs. Eliza Lodwick
Mrs. Tobt Wood + fam
Mr. Wm Russell + daughter
M. + Mrs. J. S. Peebles
Prof J. A. I. Lowes + wife
Mr. W. H. Angle + wife
Mr. L. B. Smith + wife
Mr. + Mrs. W. C. Silcox
Mr. + Mrs. J. E. Hadley
Mr. + Mrs. Wm M Pursell
Mrs. Elizabeth Kendall
Mr. + Mrs. J. W. Overturf
Mr. + Mrs. Geo Crawford
Mr. + Mrs. B. F. Richardson
Mr. + Mrs. F. L. Johnson
Mr. + Mrs. Geo Davis
Mr. + Mrs. E. E. Ewing
Mr. A. M. Damarin
Dr. + Mrs. D. B. Colton
Mr. + Mrs. G. W. Helfenstein
Mr. + Mrs. O. G. Young
Mr. + Mrs. S. G. McColloch
Mr. + Mrs. J. P. Jack
Mr. J. E. Duduit + family
A. S. Duduit + wife
Mr. + Mrs. Cole Gilliland
Mr. + Mrs. M. B. Wells
Mr. + Mrs. L. H. Murphy + Son
Mr. + Mrs. Sam Reed
Mr. A. Bentley Died Dec 27th 1891
Misses M. J. + Isabel Murray

Mr. + Mrs. Jno Peebles
Mr. + Mrs. Joseph Reed
Mr. + Mrs. W. K. Thompson
Mr. + Mrs. F. B. Kehoe
Dr. + Mrs. C. P. Dennis
Dr. Geo J. Dennis Chicago
Joseph Hurd + fam.
Miss Maria Montgomery
Mr. + Mrs. A. T. Miles
Miss Ella Edwards
Mr. + Mrs. Dan Smith
Mr. + Mrs. L. H. Young
Dr. A. Titus + wife
D. W. Young + family
Mr. David Clinton
Mr. + Mrs. Geo Selby
Miss Dora E. Hard
Mr. + Mrs. Wm F. Whitney
Miss Phoebe Gould Died Jan 18th 1892 aged 83
Miss. L. G. Johnson
*Mr. + Mrs. H. T. Newton
Mr. + Mrs. E. Gates
Mr. + Mrs. H. L. Badger
Mr. + Mrs. W. L. Slutz
Mr. + Mrs. S. O. Titus
Mr. + Mrs. C. Molster
Mr. + Mrs. J. J. C. Evans
Mrs. L. C. Damarin
Miss Roberta Spry
Mr. + Mrs. L. C. Robinson
Mrs. Mary U. Pratt
Mr. + Mrs. Myron B. Wells
Mr. + Mrs. Thos. P. Brown + daughters
Mr. + Mrs. J. K. Lodwick
Mr. + Mrs. F. B. Corson
Mr. + Mrs. J. K. Duke
Mr. + Mrs. Frank Lloyd
Mrs. D. D. Jones
Mrs. Amanda Pursell Died March 10th 1895
Miss Dollie Pursell
Mr. + Mrs. Henry Hall
Mr. + Mrs. Henry Hall
Mr. + Mrs. C. F. Russell
Mr. + Mrs. Henry Vincent
Mrs. M. R. Johnson
Mrs. Emma Jennings
Miss Alice T. Ross Died April 4th 1895

Misses A + V Ramsey
Mrs. O. F. Moore
Mrs. Thos. Kendall
Mr. + Mrs. Richard Lloyd
Mrs. Sam'l McConnell + daughter
Mr. + Mrs. H. E. Greene
Mrs. Mustin
Mr. + Mrs. D. W. Murray
Mr. + Mrs. A. Buskirt
Mr. + Mrs. Jno Waller
Mrs. Jno P. Terry
Mr. + Mrs. Wm Reilly
Mr. + Mrs. O. C. McCall
Mr. + Mrs. Will Calder
Mr. + Mrs. Geo E. Stubbins
Mr. + Mrs. E. F. Draper
Mr. + Mrs. McGinley
Miss Emma Bell
Mrs. E. S. Stearnes + daughter
Mr. + Mrs. Stout Barklow
Mrs. Richard Spry + daughter
Mr. + Mrs. T. J. Pursell
Mr. + Mrs. S. R. Ross
Mr. + Mrs. J. E. Miller
Mr. + Mrs. Emanuel Miller
Dr. + Mrs. Burr
Mrs. P. S. Iams
Mrs. G. H. Gharky
Mrs. Smith Folsom
Mr. + Mrs. Louis Terry
Mr. + Mrs. N. W. Evans
Mr. + Mrs. Thos. Timmonds
Mr. + Mrs. T. N. Johnson Sr.
Mrs. Wm McClain
Miss C. P. Tracy
Miss Persies Tracy
Mrs. Henrietta Crichton
Mr. + Mrs. W. I. Adams
Mr. + Mrs. Ph. Zoellner
Mr. + Mrs. Wm McCollom
Mrs. Lou Spry
Col + Mrs. T. J. Graham
Mrs. Jas Connolley
Mr. + Mrs. Jno Nichols
Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill
Mr. + Mrs. J. F. Davis
Mrs. H. Currie

Mr. W. C. Draper
Bessie M. Hall

Gleanings from the Golden Wedding Album filled after the anniversary, during the year 1890-91 together with a little family history from other sources.

Married fifty years or more, up to date of copying, Mch 1891

Louis H. Young Born June 3rd 1817
Adaline Young Born Feb 6th 1824 Married Dec. 2nd 1840

Jacob H. Ricker Born April 27th 1813 Died March 4, 1895 Kirkwood MO
Married May 5, 1840
Mary F. Wood Ricker Born January 5th 1816 Died Aug 24th 1894 Kirkwood MO

Jno Waller Born April 15th 1813
Mary J. Baldrige Waller Born Oct 17, 1917 Married July 26th 1837

Jno G. Peebles Born Nov 30th 1813 Died Oct 30, 1901
Married June 10th 1835
Martha Steele Peebles Born May 29th 1816 Died Nov 24th 11:30 PM 1903

Jesse Young Born Aug 29th 1814
Mary Ann Cough Young Born May 23rd 1809 Married May 10th 1835

Evastus Durr, D. D. Born Nov 9th 1806
Harriet Griswold Burr Born Nov 15th 1810 Married Feb 7th 1833

Richard Lloyd Born Nov 9th 1806
(Died March 5th 1891)
Anna Canfield Lloyd Born June 16th 1809 Married Oct 21st 1829

Married less than Fifty Years

William Moore Born Oct 8th 1815
Elizabeth Smith Moore Born Sept 15 1826 Married Aug 11th 1847

Jas W. Ricker Born July 15th 1841
Louisiana Moore Ricker Born Sept 15th 1848 Married Nov 3rd 1870

E. Barton Greene Born May 12th 1849
Virginia Moore Greene Born July 29th 1853 Married March 11th 1875

Richard R. Peebles Born July 30th
Elizabeth Moore Peebles Born June 18th 1856 Married Aug 31st 1876

Enos L. Moore Born Aug 20th 1860
Helen Robinson Moore Born Nov 8th 1861 Married Sept 14th 1887

John M. Moore Born Nov 8th 1858
Mary Warner Moore Born April 11th Married June 4th 1885

Persons present both in 1840 and 1890

Charlotte Smith Born Sept 9th 1814

Jacob Scott Peebles Born June 19th 1817 Died July 8th 1890

Eliza Lodwick Boyle, Bridesmaid

Josephine Ellison

Elizabeth Kendall Born Aug 30th 1807

Persons over 75 years of age

Lewis H. Young Born June 3rd 1817

Charles Smith Born Nov 1st 1816

Mary Baldrige Waller Born Oct 1817

Tuesday, May 6, 1890

A bright pleasant day quite warm where the sun was well up. Clara Hosford's Margaret went up to see Mrs. Tewksbury and then they + Cousin George came to dinner. We visited until time for them to take the afternoon train for Cincinnati. We wanted Clara to remain but she could not. Cousin Eliza comes up every day from Mrs. Lodwick's to spend what time she can with us. Libbie Ferguson, Sadie Crossley, Mattie Wood + Jennie Adams were here to see the friends. It was pleasant to see them all together.

Dr. Tappan was installed as pastor of the 1st Pres. Ch. this evening. Mr. Blackburn delivered the charge to the people. He called her in the afternoon. Was stopping over home.

Wednesday, May 7, 1890

Weather showery but not unpleasant. We have been trying to straighten up things and get the borrowed articles returned and have made good progress in that line. In the afternoon Father + Mother R. Cousin Eliza and I went to make calls at Mr. Tewksbury's, Mr. Peebles' and Jennie Greene's. Jennie has missed all the pleasant times we have been enjoying for which we were all sorry. Went to prayer meeting in the evening and was too tired + sleepy to get the full benefit of the lecture.

Thursday, May 8, 1890

Lovely day which we improved by going to Franklin F'ce to visit Mrs. Gould + Winnie. The party consisted of Father + Mother R. + Mother, Margaret + myself. We were sorry J. W. could not go but he could not leave the office. Franklin F'ce was the place where Father Ricker began life in the west and subsequently his two brothers + sisters came to the same place. It was there in the store that he first saw Mother R. who had ridden up in the door for the mail. My own father also worked at the Furnace as engineer about the same time. We enjoyed the day very much. A Reception was joined by the church to Dr. Tappan and his family this evening. We did not go but the children went. We couldn't as we were too tired.

Friday, May 9, 1890

Weather pleasant. Quite foggy in the morning and so the folks decided not to risk starting until Monday for which we were very glad. I went out in the forenoon to do some errands, to see Mr. Ewing and ask about his bill. I got the Autograph Album from Mr. Reilly's and began to collect the autographs of those who were at the wedding. Was sorry it was forgotten at the time. Mrs. Crossley was here to call. In the afternoon Dr. + Mrs. Tappan and Lucy were here. I did not go to Teachers' Meeting. Mr. J. B. Nichols came and sung a few pieces in the evening. Uncle E. B. M. + Mary E. were here, also the home folks.

Saturday, May 10, 1890

Showery all day but pleasant with all. In the forenoon we made preparations for a trip to Henley and later dinner Father + Mother R. Cousin Eliza Mother + Mary, Enos + Helen and I with the five children went out to spend the afternoon at Lizzie's. We

regretted that J. W. could not go but he was too busy so could not leave. The house was fairly blowing with wild flowers, crab-apple blossoms ferns etc. The supper nice + beautifully served and we had a delightful time. Uncle Sam Moore's birthday.

Sunday, May 11, 1890

A most charming day, though a little cool in the morning. We went to Sabbath School as usual then all went to church. After dinner we talked a little while then Father + Mother Ricker went to say good-bye to Mr. + Mrs. Tewksbury as they leave early tomorrow + Mrs. T. is sick. Jimmie went with them. We went to church again in the evening, all except Mother R. + the two little girls. Dr. Tappan's little Lucy has Scarlet Fever.

Monday, May 12, 1890

Beautiful day. Father + Mother Ricker and Cousin Eliza Boyle left this morning, on the Chancellor, at 9 o'clock for St. Louis. We have enjoyed every moment of their visit. They seemed to regret going I came home from the boat and slept until almost noon, being quite tired out. After dinner I went up to see Jennie who had an opportunity of riding out for a little while so she went down home. I made calls at Mrs. Peebles' Mrs. Tewksbury's Mrs. Colton's to return things. The Golden Wedding is over now. Mrs. Draper called this evening.

Tuesday, May 13, 1890

Beautiful day. Margaret and I spent the most of the forenoon sweeping and putting in order the house which has not been thoroughly swept since the Reception. We are so tired that we shall not undertake much sewing for a few days. Mother was in bed so I went over and made an apron while there. After dinner I went and sat awhile with Mrs. Dennis who has been sick again.

Wednesday, May 14, 1890

Rainy in the morning, nearly all day in fact but the sun shone brightly in the evening. I wrote to Lizzie, Henry + Helen Ricker after dinner then began writing up my book which has not been touched since April 17th because I have been so busy early and late. Helen came over + I helped her write up the minutes of yesterday's meeting. Enos left this morning for Cin to attend the spring meeting of the Mechanical Engineers Society. Helen expects to join him tomorrow.

Thursday, May 15, 1890

Beautiful day. Have been most of the time trying to get my book written up. Frequent interruptions delayed me. Mrs. Silcox was here in the morning. After 3 o'clock I went to Temperance meeting + then Mary + I went to call upon Mrs. H. E. Greene + her mother and Mrs. Tewksbury. When I returned I learned that Mrs. Lowes, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Terry + Miss Alice had been here. Had a letter from Mother R. telling of her safe arrival at home after the most comfortable trip she had ever made.

Friday, May 16, 1890

Weather pleasant, though cold enough for a little fire. Have been writing some and am preparing to begin on the sewing next week. Went to Teachers' meeting this evening. Helen did not get home as she had intended so was not at the meeting + was missed. She went yesterday morning to join Enos on the Excursion to Hamilton with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The Society not being entertained in Cin.

Saturday, May 17, 1890

Returned to the old routine and gave me room a good sweeping + dusting this AM. Lizzie Peebles came in last night and was here this morning. She is planning to have the celebration of Mr. + Mrs. Peebles' 55th anniversary at Henley, June 16th + was here to consult with us. Went home after dinner. It has been a beautiful day. Carl + Oscar Row went over into Ky and got me a basketful of fine ferres + Jack-in-the-pulpits.

Sunday, May 18, 1890

Rainy, not all day but in the evening. We attended the usual services and had the usual lessons after dinner. Dr. Tappan was the only member of his family out owing to the case of Scarlet Fever at his home.

Monday, May 19, 1890

Rainy all day, hard rain several times during the day. We had a letter from Father Ricker telling of a great surprise party at their home last Thursday evening. About 100 people with congratulations, refreshments etc., made a descent upon them. They also received two beautiful gold spoons and 25.00 more in gold. We had a letter today for them from Mrs. Gaylord of Riverside Cal. Margaret + I began to sew the summer sewing today.

Tuesday, May 20, 1890

Weather brighter, Janie put the clothes out and while there was not a hot sun, there was breeze enough to dry them. Margaret sewed industriously all day on her white sewing while I was busy with the little girls' clothes.

In the evening Helen and I attended the Episcopal Convention and heard Bishop Leonard talk a little about Mission Work. He is Bishop of Montana + Utah but his talk was more general than particular, so we did not leave much about work in Utah. Enos went again to Grand Rivers Tenn.

Wednesday, May 21, 1890

Weather clear and bright again. Was busy all day but did not accomplish much sewing. There is a great deal of running back + forth about the milk. Jennie + her baby, Dwight, and little Mary were down to see me and spent the afternoon. It was Dwight's first call. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, May 22, 1890

Quite warm. Was busy at home all day and after school the little girls and I went up to Mr. Herners to get a few things.

Margaret thinks some of going to Jackson next week as she has had several letters urging her to go. Did not go to Temperance meeting.

Friday, May 23, 1890

Pleasant. Mrs. Behrens was sick and Margaret went over home to help Helen with the dinner then went to take charge of Miss Lucy Hall's school for the afternoon. Miss H. and Miss Ross went to Cin this afternoon to attend the May Festival. I have always wanted to attend but have missed it thus far.

Went to Teachers' meeting + found eleven others present but no teacher as Dr. T. failed to get there. A (?) storm apprehended us.

Saturday, May 24, 1890

Bright and very warm.

Was busy at home all the forenoon and then took my sewing and went to sit with Mother who is still not well. Came home shortly before 5 o'clock and soon after the fire alarm sounded. We all ran to the fire which was on south side of second between Court + Market and burned out six business houses. There was no wind or it might have been much worse. I was unusually tired tonight. Margaret spent the day at Henley and it was very late when the train came. Miss Ella Edwards was with her.

Sunday, May 25, 1890

Damp and cold. There was fire in one of the stoves at church + I went to warm my feet before service. All went to Sabbath School as usual. Cleared off pleasant in the afternoon. Memorial services were held at our church + Dr. Tappan preached an excellent sermon from the words contained in Psalm 46. 8 + 9 verses.

Went to evening services as usual.

Monday, May 26, 1890

Rainy but delightful for work indoors. I have enjoyed the day very much. Cut out some sewing but did little else. Rain ceased in the afternoon and was pleasant in the evening. Miss Ball was here to see M. about going to Jackson, then Mrs. Clough + Miss Edwards came with a paper for her. Mrs. Silcox called for me to go with her to the joint meeting of Post + Corps + I went as J. W. was there. Rich called to see me but I was away + missed seeing him.

Tuesday, May 27, 1890

Cleared off and was bright and beautiful today. Margaret went to Jackson this morning to attend the "Y" conference to be held there today and tomorrow. She went alone and has no acquaintances there but has an invitation from the daughters of an old friend of her father's and will probably meet others. Helen and I went to the Missionary meeting. She had the topic, Seam + Laos, in charge and the reacting was very interesting. I went to see about publishing the Laos on Tobacco. Met with good success.

Wednesday, May 28, 1890

Weather fair and pleasant. Sewed a very little bit, wrote some, spent some time over home with Mother and was busy here and there the rest of the time. Had no service in any of our churches except at All Saints where the Bible Society held the Annual meeting. The Operetta which has absorbed the time and energies of so many school children opened this evening and the Bible meeting very slim.

Mr. Henry T. Newton was buried this afternoon. J. W. + I attended.

Thursday, May 29, 1890

Beautiful day. Have been busy all day trying to do a little white sewing for myself. M did not come home but I had a note in the afternoon saying she + Miss Morgan would be here tomorrow. Rich + the four older children came in to attend the Operetta of the Naiado Queen in which a great many children take part. L. did not come in. I did not go but J. W. the two little girls and Carl went. Will takes part in a drill. The Catholic Fair is going on also and everybody is abroad.

Friday, May 30, 1890

Weather bright and hot with no rain, a most unusual state of affairs for Memorial Day. I was unable to go to the Cemetery with the Relief Corp, not being well. Helen and I walked up to the corner to see the procession pass then we went back to sit with Mother. Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles were there also. Our little girls went with Mrs. Miles + Katie. Margaret came home from Jackson + brought Miss Jessie Morgan to spend the night. I went to Teachers' meeting.

Saturday, May 31, 1890

Warm. Miss Morgan left before 8 o'clock this AM for Manchester and will be back Tuesday next. Margaret, the two little girls + Ruth Holmes went to Henley this afternoon. Lizzie wants M. to help her plan and prepare for the approaching anniversary of Mr. + Mrs. Peebles' marriage, the 55th anniversary. It is to be a surprise to Mr. + Mrs. P and we shall need to be very careful about our preparations.

Sunday, June 1, 1890

Mrs. Behrens came for me early this morning saying mother was quite sick. I went over and found her very sick. The Dr. had been sent for + I was unable to leave here to go to church or Sabbath School. My class was put with Mary Y. Moore's. Mother was enough better for me to go home for the night with the understanding that I was to be called if necessary.

Monday, June 2, 1890

Weather warm. Was over home most of the forenoon with Mother who is better but still quite sick though not dangerously so. Mary + Helen were at home in the afternoon so I attended the Corps meeting and then went to see Mrs. Stearnes who fell and broke the cap to her left shoulder joint today. Maggie + Mary were there. I then went to see Jennie + asked for her horse to go + invite the Henley guests tomorrow. Stopped at Mrs. Tewksbury's.

Tuesday, June 3, 1890

Bright and hot. Helen + I started quite early this forenoon to give invitations to the guests who live in the suburbs + upper part of the city. We were gone until noon and found a great deal of sickness + suffering on our round. Mrs. Hayman + Mrs. Crawford both afflicted with cancer were on our list. The first was screaming with pain + the latter was quite cheerful + thinks of going if she feels as well as when the time comes as she does now. I went to visit with Mother in the afternoon. Margaret came home this afternoon + Miss Morgan came at bedtime.

Wednesday, June 4, 1890

Mother was not feeling so well this morning, she has a very discouraging time of it. I have had mending enough to keep me busy all day. Miss Morgan left on the morning train for Jackson and Margaret + Will left at 1:35 PM for Henley where she will stay until after the 10th but Will will return sooner. Maggie Peebles + I have frequent consultations over the surprise party but have to use great caution lest we arouse suspicion.

Thursday, June 5, 1890

Spent much time with mother but went to the Temperance meeting after which Maggie + I went to see Mr. Ewing in regard to dishes ect for the tables and a program of intellectual feast for the guests at the Henley party. Supper was over when I reached home so things arose to detain me. The preparations are progressing favorably however.

Friday, June 6, 1890

Visits to Mother who is improving and my usual home duties kept me busy all the forenoon. After dinner Maggie Peebles came and we mapped out a sort of program which is to be submitted to Mr. Ewing next Monday evening. Went to Teachers' meeting and had a pleasant time. Will came home on the evening train after we had retired but as he brought a note with a request from L. I got up and did what she needed done.

Saturday, June 7, 1890

Quite warm. Had fine strawberries and engaged the bushels + a half for Maggie Peebles to be sent to Henley Tuesday. Sent out a number of things today. Maggie sent a trunk containing curtains + other things for Helen to take with her Monday morning when she goes. The preparations so far have been very successful, but we hardly dare hope for a complete surprise when there are so many ways for the secret to get out.

Sunday, June 8, 1890

I went to Sabbath School again this morning and afterwards to the usual church services. At the close of the morning service Mrs. Peebles was taken sick but did not wish to be notified so walked home with Mr. P. + Mary. In the evening Maggie said she was much better.

Monday, June 9, 1890

Rained some this afternoon but not much. It looks threatening for tomorrow. Helen, Mattie Peebles and Mrs. Thompson went to Henley this morning to assist L. in getting ready for the party. They are to decorate the house which Mr. Prescott used to occupy and use it for a dining room with kitchen + pantry for the convenience of the waiter. Nearly everything is done at this end of the line Maggie and Mr. Ewing + I met at the Reading Rooms and arranged the program which is now ready for the occasion.

Tuesday, June 10, 1890

The eventful day has come when we are all to celebrate Mr. + Mrs. Jno Peebles' 55th wedding anniversary at Henley. It was showery in the forenoon but pleasant in the afternoon. Ninety-eight persons bought ticket to Henley besides those who had passes and the children who went free. The surprise was a complete success. Mr. + Mrs. P went out on the morning train expecting Rob + his family with Maggie + Mary to follow at noon which they did with all the rest, who were not expected. It was a delightful occasion of which I shall preserve a newspaper account. Henry came home this forenoon.

Wednesday, June 11, 1890

We all reached home in good time and order last night except Margaret who will come tomorrow with Rich + his family. The boys + girls of the senior class have been busy today preparing for Commencement tomorrow evening. The boys brought some fine ferns from Ky and put them in our cellar to keep fresh until tomorrow. We went to church as usual and found rather a slim congregation.

Thursday, June 12, 1890

Weather fair and warm but not as hot as it usually is on such occasions. Will got ready very promptly and quietly and did not feel at all nervous until he arose to speak when he became very nervous and found it hard to go through without breaking down, not because he was unprepared, but for want of practice before the public. The exercises were not quite so long as last year. I am sorry that Will must leave school now but cling to the hope that he may yet be permitted to go on with his studies. There were 15 in the graduating class. Margaret came home this afternoon. The children were all promoted on good averages.

Friday, June 13, 1890

Weather pleasant. The occasion of this day was the Alumni meeting which occurred at the S. O. V. Hall, Cor 5th + Chil. It proved a pleasant affair. We now have two children in the Association besides three sisters and a cousin. Will made the response for his class to Mrs. Hughes Address Welcome and did better than last night. We did not get home until after 2 o'clock.

Saturday, June 14, 1890

Weather warm. Lizzie Peebles and her three youngest children were here awhile. They have decided not to return home until Monday. We were busy in the usual ways until late in the day. I was over home a part of the time when Lizzie was there. In the evening I went to see Mattie Wood who has been sick at Mr. Peebles' ever since the Henley party, but I did not know until today.

Sunday, June 15, 1890

Cloudy with a little rain. Carl is fourteen years old today. He has grown very fast during the last year and is now quite large.

We attended Sabbath School and did not come home until noon as it was children's day and the Sabbath School remained to morning service. I like the service better than the one last year.

Went to church in the evening.

Monday, June 16, 1890

Showery in the afternoon. Lizzie and her children went home this afternoon.

Will went to the Foundry + Machine Works this morning to learn the trade of a machinist. I am so glad he decided to begin at once and trust he will be faithful and make a good mechanic then go to school awhile again. Father wants him to learn the trade and we have always advocated such a course for boys as they are then sure of a way to make a living.

Tuesday, June 17, 1890

Rained some today again.

Father went with the Reading Club on an excursion to the Serpent Mound in Adams Co. They left on the morning train and returned in the evening. I sewed most of the day, taking my work over home for a while to sit with Mother. She is improving a little.

In the evening went to the business meeting of the Alumni Association but no notice had been sent the Janitor so there was no meeting. Stopped at the S. S. Convention at 6th street. It stormed in the vicinity tonight.

Wednesday, June 18, 1890

Sewed most of the day and finished off the dark blue calico dresses for the little girls, then began altering my blue gingham. Was over home awhile. Jennie and her little folks were there. Mrs. Towne called on mother while I was there this morning and was coming here only I saw her there. Did not have any prayer meeting this evening because of the S. S. convention at 6th St. I did not go however for I was too tired and went to bed very early.

Thursday, June 19, 1890

Beautiful day and pleasant as beautiful. I sewed most of the day. Mother came over twice today so she feels much better. Uncle Enos + Mary Ellen were here to see her as they did not find her at home. Mrs. Spry was here also. Helen and I went down street

to do an errand or two then went to call upon Mrs. Towne at Mrs. Lodwick's. Helen, Enos, Margaret + Will went boat-riding after supper and Carl went fishing with Oscar Finney.

Friday, June 20, 1890

Have had done some writing, a little sewing and went to Teachers' meeting as usual in the evening. Great preparations are being made for the celebration of the Fourth of July and it is expected that a crowd of strangers will be in town on that occasion.

Saturday, June 21, 1890

The usual sweeping and dusting took the most of the forenoon. Though this is the longest day of the year it is too short for what I want to do. This ends Will's first week in the Machine Shop and thus far he gets on very well but finds the confinement and constant work hard on him. He looks thinner already.

Sunday, June 22, 1890

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. A stranger, Dr. Dinim preached in the forenoon, and in the evening Dr. Tappan preached an interesting sermon on the Reformation + Martin Luther. It was the second one on the same subject and was very interesting.

Monday, June 23, 1890

Will began his second week at the shop and Margaret is deep into dress-making. Has three dresses on hand to make for myself. A blue calico given her by Lizzie and a white and an even + red linen came from Mary.

Tuesday, June 24, 1890

Quite warm. Nothing special today except that it was missionary day and Helen + I went, she with her new lawn and I one which has been in service eight summers already and is just as good + comfortable and pretty as when new though now a little out of date as to style of skirt though the waist is just right. After meeting I called to see Mrs. Dennis a few minutes.

Wednesday, June 25, 1890

am engaged busily every day but my employments are so alike after a day that I forget what I did, this was mending day and that usually fills all the spare time from other duties. Went to church in the evening. The congregation is considering the matter of renovating the church.

Thursday, June 26, 1890

Was busy here and there all day, am trying to get something cool ready for the little girls this week.

Am back and forth between here and home a great deal.

Mother seems to want me with her and I want to go whenever it is possible.

Did not go to Temperance meeting as I had planned.

Friday, June 27, 1890

Weather quite warm

Began making up Lizzie's pink sateen which Jennie gave her last summer for a birthday present. Mother seems better today and has been over here.

Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Margaret was elected as teacher in the public schools this evening.

Saturday, June 28, 1890

Very warm all day with a hard rainstorm in the evening. I sewed busily on Lizzie's pink sateen dress until four o'clock PM then Margaret took it to sew it on the waist while I began a flowered challe for May and by sewing until 10 o'clock I got both of them ready for tomorrow.

Maggie Silcox + Janet were here. Margaret is being congratulated upon getting a school.

Sunday, June 29, 1890

Quite warm. Went to Sabbath School and the usual church services. It was very threatening in the evening, so very strong-that few people ventured out but as we live so near the church all but the little girls went.

Monday, June 30, 1890

Very warm. Had to go out to some errands this morning, get some luster or morair for coats for Jno + Wm Peebles and some toweling for ourselves. Sent the pkg by mail. Bessie Hall went out on the early train but it was too soon for me to send by her.

Tuesday, July 1, 1890

Warm. Was busy with a luster coat for Carl but did not get it half done as there were so many interruptions. I got it cut and basted up. Make so many trips over home that I do not get on very fast with my work. Margaret went to the "Y" meeting this evening but did not remain long. A storm was brewing and it rained very hard during the evening and night.

Wednesday, July 2, 1890

Weather warm. I was over home most of the day working on a new sateen dress which Ma or Mary gave me. They were quite determined I should lay everything else aside and make it while Miss O'Connor was with them.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening. The matter of frescoing the church was again discussed after services, Carl went to Henley this noon after Rich's horse.

Thursday, Jul 3, 1890

Beautiful day, a little cloudy and a pleasant breeze all day. Lizzie and her family came in this afternoon to spend the Fourth.

I was over home sewing on my new sateen most of the day. Went to Mrs. Baxter's funeral at our church in the afternoon then went to do an errand. The streets are full of people and things are looking lively in anticipation of tomorrow. Margaret + Will went to the O. S. U. Glee concert at the Opera House.

Friday, July 4, 1890

Beautiful day, one of the most perfect I ever knew but it sprinkled a little in the afternoon. In the forenoon we watched the parade and waked up street to see the decorations, Margaret, Mary + I. After dinner I wrote awhile, napped a little and spent awhile over home with Ma, Mary, Linnie, Lizzie + Helen. In the evening we went to Front Street to see the fireworks which were unusually fine.

Saturday, July 5, 1890

Quite warm. The usual Saturday work and a little sewing occupied the day. Finished off Carl's luster coat so he could have something to wear when he pumps the organ.

Lizzie and her family went home this afternoon. She was here a few minutes this morning then went with Margaret to so some errands.

Sunday, July 6, 1890

Weather warm. We went to Sabbath School and church as usual and spent the afternoon in the usual way.

Mr. Joseph Peebles is very low at his brother John's and cannot live long.

Monday, July 7, 1890

Warm, exceedingly warm. Margaret went up to her Aunt Jennie's this morning and when she returned told us that Mr. Peebles had just died. He has been sick for some time at Mrs. Lodwick's and last Tuesday they took him to Mr. J. G. Peebles'. I was up at the house this afternoon then went on to Jennie's where I spent most of the afternoon. Barton is not at all well.

Tuesday, July 8, 1890

Quite warm. I spent most of the day at Mr. Peebles' there was little to be done except receive callers, Mrs. Stewart and Alice Ross were there also. The members of the family have been sitting up and are taking needed rest.

Wednesday, July 9, 1890

Weather warm. Was at Mr. Peebles' and say Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn who came last evening to attend Mr. P. S. Peebles' funeral. The friends from up the river, Mr. + Mrs. Ferguson Mrs. Crossley, Rob Peebles, wife + their children, Gay + Hattie Norton came before now + Rich + the boys came after dinner. The funeral was held at the church at 4:30 PM then the remains were taken back to the house. The family will accompany them to Cin tomorrow + we went to church in the evening then called at Mr. Peebles' to see the friends from up river.

Thursday, July 10, 1890

One month ago today we all went to Henley to the surprise party and today Carl + I drove out to take Rich's horse and buggy. It was so cool I wore a heavy wrap + kept it on until noon, we reached there about 10 o'clock.

It was a delightful drive and we had a pleasant day. The Peebles family went to Cin on the early train to bury Mr. J. S. P. in Spring Grove, and returned on the evening train. Rich was with them. Henry went to St. Louis.

Friday, July 11, 1890

Another delightful day and one I have enjoyed very much. Miss Hall went to town last evening sick so Lizzie attended to the lessons and after that was done we visited, I have been mending stockings, that being the work I brought with me, I have also a basque to make over + hope to do that tomorrow.

Saturday, July 12, 1890

Still pleasant. After breakfast Carl and I took the younger children for a drive then later we took Elizabeth.

Upon our return I began work on the basque and kept at it until dinner time. After an early dinner Carl and I took the train for home having had a pleasant little visit.

Sunday, July 13, 1890

This is one of our War Anniversaries, being the date in 1863 when the Union Army reached Yazoo City and gave us an opportunity to leave the Southern Confederacy. We attended S. S. as usual then returned to church and Communion services we held. Went again in the evening.

Monday, July 14, 1890

Weather pleasant. The little girls hoped to have gone to Henley with Miss Bessie this morning but did not get off, then again at noon they were disappointed both times however the bore it so well that I decided to go with them tomorrow. Went down street late in the evening + bought a necktie for J. W.'s birthday tomorrow. This is the French 4th of July, Anniversary of the destruction of the Bastille.

Tuesday, July 15, 1890

Beautiful day. Arose early + went with the little girls to Henley. Had breakfast after we reached there. Spent the forenoon cutting out and preparing sewing. After dinner had an unexpected invitation to go on a business trip and yielded to Lizzie's urgent request that I go. Had a delightful trip and saw the place for the first time about 4 o'clock after hearing of it for many years. About sixty guests were at the Hotel. The day seemed very long after my two journeys.

Wednesday, July 16, 1890

Quite warm in the middle of the day but pleasant morning and evening. Instead of starting home at 9 o'clock as we had intended, R. was not through with his business

so we did not leave until 6 PM and after a pleasant drive over the hilly road, we had to wait an hour at Mineral Springs Station for the evening train.

Reached Henley about bedtime after having had a delightful little trip.

Thursday, July 17, 1890

Weather pleasant. We are enjoying a nice visit but there is too much picnicking for the sewing to make much progress. Had planned to make a good day of it but Lizzie wanted us to go across the creek and spend most of the day. The hammocks, carpets, rugs camp chains, books, darning etc. were taken over and some of us remained there with the little children most of the day. Lizzie + May went to the house with us for dinner. A threatened storm sent us home early.

Friday, July 18, 1890

Another beautiful day, which we spent at Beech Camp. Bessie, Lizzie, Rich + the children + I all had dinner there together after R. returned to the Office. Late in the day Mr. + Mrs. Rawson + daughter came to spend the rest of the afternoon.

We all went home to tea. Saw a notice in the paper R. brought to Camp of the death of W. C. Buchanan J. W.'s Dakota friend. Died near Chicago on the 16th of July.

Saturday, July 19, 1890

The day of the S. S. picnic at Otway or near there. We did not go down until the afternoon train and on the train met J. W. Mr. Peebles + their Portsmouth speakers for the occasion. Dr. Tappan, Mrs. Fagan + Mr. Ewing. Mrs. E. was present also. We had a delightful day and came home from the picnic, having our baggage checked before we left Henley. Bessie Hall gave up her attempt to teach the children + came home with us.

Sunday, July 20, 1890

Pleasant weather.

Went to Sabbath School as usual. Only three of my class present + what was there of Mrs. Cross's class was put with mine. At the morning service Barton and Jennie had Wm. Dwight baptized. Two other children were baptized also but I did not know either of them. Went to church in the evening.

Monday, July 21, 1890

Pleasant. Spent most of the day writing up my correspondence. Answered letters from Mrs. Robinson who invited us to visit them during the G. A. R. Encampment at Boston in Aug, Mrs. Bond aunt Betsey, one or two business letters. Had several interruptions from callers. Mrs. Lowes, Helen and the home folks were here. Jennie was here in the morning. Wrote to Lizzie also.

Tuesday, July 22, 1890

Warm. Made a blackberry jelly instead of doing the work I had planned. Maggie Peebles was here in the forenoon, Bessie Hall in the afternoon and the home folks between times. Bessie leaves in the morning for Springfield to visit Grace and rest her

eyes. Margaret Johnson, Lillie Johnson and Minnie Tewksbury called this evening just before tea. Heard that Mrs. Gould + Winnie are going to Europe soon.

Wednesday, July 23, 1890

Rained nearly all day and was delightful for the work we had on hand. Margaret, Carl + I with a little help from Lizzie + May scraped the paper from the walls + ceiling of the front room upstairs. It was a hard, all day job but we finished by supper time. Mrs. Ross came and said she would paper the room Friday for me.

Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, July 24, 1890

Quite warm. Margaret went up to Jennie's early this AM and just after she left I got blackberries to put up, five gallons in all. No, this was the day Mrs. Ross came to paper the front room upstairs and I find I am still wrong. Helen was over and I did some sewing then Margaret + I did some errands, selected wallpaper, a spoon for Lizzie's birthday + then went to the Temperance meeting together.

Friday, July 25, 1890

This was the day Mrs. Ross papered the front room and I had the blackberries to put up, there was an accumulation of work + Margaret went to Jennie's. We got through with all of it however and went to Teachers' Meeting in the evening.

Saturday, July 26, 1890

Warm. Took a general sweep this forenoon and was busy most of the forenoon. Mother intended going to Henley today but did not get off. Jennie + her children drove around here this morning to show us her new carriage. It was the first time they had been out in it. In the afternoon Margaret + I were late getting through with our work and before we dressed Birdie Spry + Mabel Russell called.

Sunday, July 27, 1890

Quite pleasant. Attended Sabbath School as usual and afterwards morning and evening service. Dr. Dennis took dinner with us, Mrs. Dennis has not yet returned from her Western trip and the Dr. is very tired of boarding house fare.

Was over home a little while before supper.

Monday, July 28, 1890

A little cloudy but no rain. Quite warm. A destructive tornado reported from Lawrence Mass. A young girl, Minnie Dugan took poison yesterday + died today, the effects of bad company and uncontrolled conduct. Ma went to Henley. J. W. wanted me to go with him to call upon Mr. + Mrs. Thos. L. Hughes at Mr. Clare's and I was dressed to go but felt so little like going out that we decided not to go and I went to bed instead. Jose Murfin was here, also Mrs. Joe G. Reed.

Tuesday, July 29, 1890

Very warm. Have felt so badly all day that I was obliged to abandon the idea of attending the Foreign Missionary meeting and sent my excuse. Had promised to go up to Jose Murfin's to say good-bye to Mrs. Gould and Winnie who are in town on business and expect to sail Aug 9th for Europe, on the Str Deronia. I could not go but helped Margaret put up several gallons of blackberries. In the afternoon late Jennie came up with her new carriage + took the three girls + me to ride in honor of Lizzie's birthday, then she took tea with us. Lizzie had a happy day as usual, several small presents among them the first silver spoon which gives her great pleasure. Bessie Hall was here to say good-bye as she goes tomorrow to visit Grace at Springfield.

Wednesday, July 30, 1890

Weather warm. The hives came out on me so thickly that I sent for the Dr. that he might see just what they look like at their worst. He found I had begun a course of treatment. It rained today and proved a pleasant time for Bessie's trip. Have not been idle for I feel like being busy all the time and have rather enjoyed doing a little sewing.

Thursday, July 31, 1890

Fair bright day and quite warm though the dust is settled. I was unable, of course, to fill the place which I had promised Mrs. Reed so Margaret went instead and doubtless gave better satisfaction. The lawn fete for the benefit for the Home for Aged Women is being held at Col. A. C. Thompson's place on 2nd street. Richard came in and relieved him of the duty. It was a charming evening.

Friday, August 1, 1890

Rained today and rather spoiled the prospects for the lawn fete still they went on with it. Margaret went up and assisted Mrs. Reed at dinner time then came home and rested for the evening. The Dr. is still coming to see me and I have finally quite trying to sit up and work as usual. Shall make a business of getting well. The fete will rather spoil the Teachers' meeting.

Saturday, August 2, 1890

One of the first persons I saw this morning was Lizzie P. She Richard and William came in on late train went to the fete, after which they went over home and stayed all night then arose betimes and went to market. They went out on the early morning train and Mother came in on the afternoon train, having stayed all week.

Mrs. Dennis called to see me this evening and seems greatly improved by her trip which would have done her even more good had she stayed longer.

Margaret put up blackberries again today which will probably finish our work in that line.

Sunday, August 3, 1890

A warm day. Was in bed all consequently missed all my usual duties. Have a cough which interferes with talking or reading aloud. Managed to hear the little girls' lessons and that was the extent of my labors today. There was no evening service as Dr.

Tappan went to Wheelersburg to preach. J. W. + the boy went to Bigelow. Had hives badly this evening on my face, neck shoulders and arms.

Monday, August 4, 1890

Showery so that Janie did not succeed in drying all the clothes. She is having a siege with toothache and I am unable to do my usual work and thus relieve her a little. Had to send for Mrs. Silcox to take my place at Corps meeting which she did, calling here first for the book and orders.

Tuesday, August 5, 1890

Showery again and Janie still has some clothes in the tub. Mary Ellen was around to tell me of the Missionary meeting held at her home this afternoon. She had been here before to ask me to attend which, of course I could not do. Had a letter from Maggie Bell who has taken her mother to Leadville Col. for her health.

This is Lucy Moore's birthday. County Fair opened today in the rain.

Wednesday, August 6, 1890

Still in bed with a very bad cough though in other respects I am better. This is Margaret's birthday but she could not expect to fare as well as she did last year. Her Aunt Mary brought her a pair of low cut bronze shoes and Mother gave her what she considers the best picture of herself she had taken.

Margaret is not well and did not go to church. The Dr. is giving her medicine. J. W. and Lizzie represented the family at church. At a congregational meeting held afterwards it was decided to fix up the church.

Thursday, August 7, 1890

Rainy day today. The little girls had hoped to go to the Fair but the weather was unfit. Mrs. Hall was in this evening to report to me but she was mistaken in her chairman. I have been able to do a little sewing today but still am not well. Have tried keeping quiet and talking as little as possible and did not cough so much.

Friday, August 8, 1890

Beautiful day and all the more pleasant for having rained and settled the dust. We had early dinner then all the family except myself went to the Fair. Janie went also and I should have been left alone but for Ruth who came to do a little work for me in return for some things I gave her. Helen found it such hard work to sit with me without talking that she would not try it again. Maggie Peebles came to see me before Teachers' meeting.

Saturday, August 9, 1890

A heavy rain came up early in the morning and it bids fair to rain all day. I am feeling better this morning but am hardly ready for business yet. Have just finished "writing up" for two weeks past.

Lizzie came and went like a flash today, I did not see her, she was preparing to celebrate Father + Mother's anniversary + left very brief messages for all to go to Henley Monday.

Sunday, August 10, 1890

Pleasant day. Was up + down all day, of course unable to attend S. S. or church. Missed a sermon an occasion which I should have enjoyed. Dr. Tappan preached upon Love for the Sanctuary then called for subscriptions to renovate our church. Nearly 600.00 was raised in a few minutes + the sum will be increased during the week. The people were greatly pleased with his efforts and the result of it.

Monday, August 11, 1890

This is Father's + Mother's forty- third anniversary and Lizzie prepared to celebrate at her home. The family over home excepting Enos, Jennie's family or a part of it and a part of ours went out on the afternoon train + returned in the evening. I. of course, could not go, neither could the boys but, the others went and had a pleasant time. Maggie O'Connor came this morning to do a little necessary sewing for me + the little girls. My dress was the main thing needed.

Tuesday, August 12, 1890

Weather pleasant. Have been up most of the day and had a good deal of company. All hands are helping get me ready to for to Kirkwood for a change. The Dr. was in and urged me to go as soon as possible lest it should be hot again. Dr. said Mr. Jno Lynn is very sick with Typhoid Fever + the prospect for recovery is not good. Helen is devoting her time and energies to helping Maggie O'Connor on my dress.

Maggie Peebles was here to see me. I can talk very little to anyone as it makes me cough.

Wednesday, August 13, 1890

Weather quite pleasant. Have been sitting up all day and doing what I could to finish off a waist for May which had been begun at Henley. Everyone else was working on my things getting me ready to leave tomorrow. Lizzie was here with the rest. Margaret has had two bonnets made for me and the new gray dress is very pretty + just what I want. Several were in to see me, among them Emma Voorheis + Mary Peebles. I went to be weighted + found my weight is 109 1/2. It has been decided that Will is to go with me.

Thursday, August 14, 1890

Rainy. Awoke at 1:20 AM and coughed until time to get up + dress for the journey. Margaret got breakfast for Will + me and by 4 o'clock we were off in the rain for the C. + O. R. R. Rained lightly for a while. Train was late but we reached Con on tome + waited 40 minutes for the O + M Express. Had a pleasant journey to St. Louis but, of course, missed the early train to K.

Father R. came out to meet me not knowing Will was with me. J. W. had not written him. Found Mother R. + Taria at the gate waiting for me. Jennie, Mary + Frank had met us at the K. depot. We were warmly welcomed by everyone.

Friday, August 15, 1890

Kirkwood, MO

Weather cloudy but no rain. Coughed a great deal during the night but was down to breakfast after which Will took me to drive. Called first at Uncle Drew's to see Clara and the others who were at home, Uncle D., Jennie + Mary. From there we drove to the river then home. After dinner Mrs. Ewing + daughter + niece called. Little Warner + Marianne came to see me then Mary came later. Grandpa took me a little drive after tea + when we came back we found Jennie + Frank here. Will came later. Had letters from home + wrote Jim.

Saturday, August 15, 1890 (Should be the 16th)

Cloudy and rather cool. Did not venture to ride out or even walk farther than the corner of the lot because I coughed so very hard last night. Slept very little and am consequently the worse for it today. Mrs. Willis King + daughter Katie called this afternoon and after tea Mary + Will were here. Our Will went to watch the boys practice for the tennis tournament and is beginning to renew some old acquaintances and make a few new ones. Answered letter from Mary.

Sunday, August 17, 1890

Delightful day, cool and cloudy. I coughed very little during the night but made up for it this morning and did not dare venture to church. The others went in the morning but in the evening Mother R. remained at home with me. Will and Mary came up for a little while before tea. I have thought much of the home folks today and hope they are doing well.

Monday, August 18, 1890

Very cloudy and cool this morning. Will wen in on the train to take some laundry and get a few little necessities. He returned at 12:30 and went with Clarence + Clinton Kimball on an excursion to the river. Letters from J. W. + Margaret, the latter I answered. Mrs. Mitchell, Jennie + Mary Ricker were here before supper and Mr. Warner + Mary came after supper.

Tuesday, August 19, 1890

Quite cloudy and cool.

Sewed after breakfast until Father Ricker brought the horse and buggy when he took me to see Clara. Mary had gone to town + the other two girls were out driving. No mail but I wrote to J. W. In the afternoon Father Ricker took me out driving again and showed me the Cemetery and a great many pretty places.

Wednesday, August 20, 1890

Cloudy but pleasant. Soon after Father R. had finished his morning work, he brought the buggy and took me a long drive we went to the Sulphur Spring on the Rock Road. Will played tennis all day. Soon after dinner Ira came to see us. He just returned at noon from a trip to Little Rock. He has changed very little since I saw him eight years ago. Took the letters to the P. O. and stopped on my return to see Mary Warner. Went to prayer meeting in the evening + it rained before we got home.

Thursday, August 21, 1890

Rained in the night and was cloudy most of the forenoon but towards noon the sun came out. Will went to E. Carondalet to see Henry and returned just as we were finishing supper.

Brought me a small present from Henry, also a birthday present for himself from F. In the afternoon Charlie, Sallie + Nels were here, they just returned today from their supper trip as did also Jake + Mary who came late in the evening to see us. Mrs. McGoffin + daughter called. I had a delightful drive with Grandpa.

Friday, August 22, 1890

Cool + beautiful. Will's birthday was remembered by Grandpa with money under his plate to which I added a little later + Henry had given home so before. Had a drive with Ira, Jennie + Clara in the forenoon. Will went to the river with some girls in the afternoon. Wrote to J. W. Had letter from Helen.

Charlie, Sallie + Nels were here in the afternoon and just after supper Jake + Mary came. The four had just returned from Beulah Lake today.

Saturday, August 23, 1890

So cool that Mother R. opened the fireplace + started a little fire. Will took the drive with Grandpa this forenoon. I made a little gingham aprons which I gave to Taria. In the afternoon Jennie came for me + I went with her, Mary + Mary Barr to the Edward's Court to see the Tennis Tournament. The game is beyond my comprehension but I enjoyed seeing the players. We looked for Henry on the 9:30 train this evening but missed seeing him from some reason.

Sunday, August 24, 1890

So cool that we had fire all day in the sitting room. Will went to Sabbath School with Father R and I went to church with Mother R. When the time came, met on previous visits. After dinner we were surprised to find Henry at the door, he had come last night but some way missed Will + went back to the city. Ira, Will + Frank were here in the afternoon. Met Aunt Helen at church, she + Uncle Drew came home last night. Went to church again in the evening.

Monday, August 25, 1890

Pleasant and warmer. Sewed all the forenoon altering the waist I made last week. After dinner took nap then began a letter to J. W. which was not finished when Mrs. Swan, Nellie + Flo came in. Mrs. Halsey + Mrs. Good were here in the forenoon Aunt

Helen + Mary A. Ricker came late + when they were leaving Mrs. Dings came. Grandpa has a very sick cow which has claimed a great deal of his time today.

Tuesday, August 26, 1890

Began raining in the night and has kept raining all forenoon. It will spoil the Lawn Party to have been given at May Kimball's. Uncle Drew, Mrs. Warner + Mrs. Murtfeldt were here. Had letters from Pa, J. W. M. J. Peebles and Mary. Wrote to Margaret. Violet died this Am. Cleared off late in the afternoon. The Lawn Party adjourned to Mrs. Wild's and Will went there. Will L. was here after supper. Mother R. + I went to see Miss Halsey. Wrote to Margaret.

Wednesday, August 27, 1890

Grandpa had a fire when we went down to breakfast.

After his morning work was done he took Grandma + me up to Uncle Drew's + we stayed until noon. Clara seemed really better. No letters. Frank went to Jacksonville today. Mrs. Evans called. Grandpa took me to see Mr. Brown's Orchids + Ferns at his new greenhouse. It was a new and wonderful sight to me. I never before saw an Orchid. Went to church in the evening. Wrote to Mother.

Thursday, August 28, 1890

Beautiful weather. Sewed some then took a nap. No letters. Wrote to Helen. In the afternoon Mother R. and I went to call upon Mrs. McGoffin + daughter + Mrs. King + Katie. I went later to see Uncle Drew's family. Coughed quite a good deal in the evening. Will went to see a Tennis match and in the evening made a call.

Clara Ricker seems better she was just going to ride.

Friday, August 29, 1890

Beautiful day. I swept the parlor carpet this morning, which was a job for me but I did it easily then went to Clayton with Grandpa before dinner, it was a 16 minute drive. Will went to the city. Letters from Margaret, Elizabeth + Mary. Wrote to J. W. L. + M. Lizzie Peebles Dr. Ellis + Dr. P. H. Hayes about Asthma cure for Mary.

Hope she will try it.

Chas. W. Greene of Zanesville died after a long, long illness. A good man has gone to his reward.

Saturday, August 30, 1890

Beautiful day. Swept and dusted the bed-room and Will's room and was just finishing when Grandpa called out that he was ready to take a drive. We went to Sunset Hill, down past Barrett's Station, and out to the Manchester road returning about noon. Charlie had sent for the horse as the one they were using was hurt so the rides are at end. Wrote to Margaret in the afternoon. Jennie + Mary were here a few minutes. Mary Barr R. was here and I walked home with her then came directly back.

Sunday, August 31, 1890

Beautiful day. Went to church in the forenoon and again to a District Sabbath School Convention in the afternoon. Frank Ricker came home to dinner with us.

We had no evening service owing to the extra one in the afternoon. Will went to the Christian Endeavor meeting.

Monday, September 1, 1890

Cool enough for a little fire. Will took an early start and rode to the city on a Bicycle which Ira had rented to ride on Saturday evening. I made out two reports and sent to Maggie Peebles with a note. Mrs. Mitchell took us to Uncle Drew's to spend the evening. The entire Ricker family except Nelson were present and one exception Ewell Buckner. He + Frank sang together + the two Marys played duets so we had a musical treat besides the cake + ice cream. Began taking Dr. Pitman's cough medicine.

Tuesday, September 2, 1890

Beautiful morning. Margaret is to begin her year's work in the public schools of Portsmouth. I trust she may succeed in her chosen work and do much good. Mrs. Mitchell took Mother R. Mrs. King + Bennie, + myself to see Mrs. Brown's greenhouse this afternoon. In the evening we attended a meeting of the St. Louis Co. Y. P. S. C. E. at the Pres. church. The house was very full but I was disappointed in not hearing more from the young people.

Wednesday, September 3, 1890

Pleasant and warmer. Did various little things. Rec'd a pkg of Ice-wood from Lizzie with a shawl started. Oella Ewing came with her work and remained to dinner. After writing a letter to Jennie + a postal to Jimmie I gave them to Oella to mail for me. In the afternoon, late, Mother R. + I walked down to the story then I went to Uncle Drew's and stayed until six o'clock.

Thursday, September 4, 1890

Quite warm and a little cloudy. Will went to the city to spend the day and see the Exposition. He expects to go home tomorrow. I shall miss him very much. Letter from J. W. with 20.00. Will returned at supper time having seen all he cared to see and we spent a quiet evening at home. I had prepared his things for packing and at bedtime finished the work.

Mary Warner gave me two photos of the children for father. Mother R. called there today.

Friday, September 5, 1890

We were all up early and had breakfast and family worship over in time to go with Will to the 6:35 AM train. It had been raining but cleared off. A shower fell again at noon. Grandpa Grandma + I went to spend the day with Uncle Drew's family. Sallie + Mary B. Ricker were there, also Mrs. C. O. Evans. They all seemed disappointed that Will had gone. Mary A. Mary B. Ricker furnished excellent music and the luncheon was a treat.

Saturday, September 6, 1890

Still delightful though warmer. Letter from Margaret, postals from Will + J. W. Will wrote me from St. Louis, also from Cin. but both came together. In the afternoon Mother R. and I made a few calls. Found Mrs. Townsend + Mrs. J. Gould away from home but saw Mrs. Alter, Mrs. Alex Good + Mrs. Cranshaw. After tea spent the evening at Jake + Mary Ricker's upon invitation as it was Jake's birthday, thirty- nine years old. The other members of the Ricker family were present but no one else. Found Henry here upon our return.

Sunday, September 7, 1890

Very warm, in fact hot.

Attended service in the morning but it rained in the afternoon and we did not go to the Bible Society meeting at the Baptist church as we had intended. No service at the pres. owing to the other.

Henry returned to the city intending to go on the East Carondalet if the storm would permit. The thunder + lightning after supper were serious.

Monday, September 8, 1890

Wet and rather cold, great change since yesterday. Fire is necessary to comfort. Early this morning a ring on the triangle announced little Marianne at the door with a lovely bunch of geranium asters and heliotrope for "Aunt Louie" she said. I accepted it as a birthday present but M did not know of the occasion. No letters from home. Took cough medicine then went to see Clara. She was alone, the girls having gone to the city.

Tuesday, September 9, 1890

Rainy all day. Sewed in the forenoon and part of the afternoon. Wrote to Margaret took the letter so the office then went to sit awhile with Mary B. Ricker.

Letters from Margaret and Helen.

Spent the evening crocheting on the ice-wool shawl Lizzie sent me for fancy work.

Wednesday, September 10, 1890

Still cloudy all day but no rain after early morning. Sewed until time to go after the mail. Had letters from J. W. + Mary. Went to see Clara a few minutes. Returned to dinner. Aunt Helen brought her sewing + spent the afternoon. She gave me a fine embroidered handkerchief which is considered a birthday gift. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Ira came to make a little call before supper and being urge to remain did so but left before we went to church. Wrote to Helen.

Thursday, September 11, 1890

Warmer. Sent a postal to J. W. Had letters from him + Lizzie Peebles. Jennie, Mary and Mary Barr Ricker came to spend the day. Mother R. wanted Callie but she failed to get word to her. Mrs. Kimball called late in the afternoon after the others were gone. It has been a very pleasant day. Father Ricker brought in some very fine grapes which we enjoyed. They were covered with paper bags when small and have ripened perfectly and are free from dust.

Aunt Helen gave me a fine half each for our three girls Margaret Lizzie and Mary.

Friday, September 12, 1890

Very foggy, the trees shrubs + grass are dripping as if there had been a rain. After the mail was distributed Mother R. and I went to the P. O. and to do some errands then stopped at Mrs. Kimball's on an errand. Some threatening peals of thunder sent us hurrying home. Rained after dinner. We went to church meeting then Mrs. Barr called here. Aunt H. for me to go to dinner this evening so I went. Will came home with me.

Saturday, September 13, 1890

Clear and quite cool and fall like. Wrote to Mother and Mary also a card to Lizzie. Went to the P. O. and got a letter from Mrs. Boyle and papers from home. After dinner I took the mail to the office then went to see Clara and made a little visit.

Sunday, September 14, 1890

A little cloudy and quite cool. There was fire at the church. We all went in the morning and intended attending the Bible meeting in the evening but Mr. W. B. Dennis called and was apparently much interested in making inquiries about his old Portsmouth friends so we did not get off. His wife died here last spring, June 23rd at Mrs. Bragg's.

Monday, September 15, 1890

Slight rain in the morning but it cleared of later and was much warmer. Letter from J. W. containing others from Margaret, Carl + Lizzie. Went to the P. O. in the morning + met Mr. Henry Warner. took letter to J. W. at the Office then walked across the railroad to south Kirkwood (I supposed it is) and called upon Mrs. Swann, Mrs. Evans + the girls and Mrs. Ewing and Oella. Stopped at Uncle Drew's on my way home. He + Aunt H. called here after tea.

Tuesday, September 16, 1890

Pleasant but cloudy after dinner. Jennie Ricker was here. Had letter from Will quite characteristic. Told me seven times that he had a sty on his left eye. May and Noble Evans were here to tea. Wrote to Carl. Went to see Clara in the afternoon. Presbytery met at the Kirkwood church this evening and two members, Messrs Fenton and Armstrong were here to tea and will remain through the session. There was an accident on the 5 o'clock train coming out and Ira narrowly escaped serious injury and might have been killed. Several were slightly hurt.

Wednesday, September 17, 1890

Beautiful weather. A lunch for the delegates and entertainers of Presbytery occupied most of the day. I went with Grandma and assisted in pouring the coffee. Made some new acquaintances. This makes the second lunch of the kind I have attended this year, having been present as a delegate at the spring meeting at the 2nd ch. at home. Heard Mr. Gorin preach in the evening, an excellent sermon upon the text "Let us go up and possess the land for we are well able to take it. Two letters from Mary.

Thursday, September 18, 1890

Another beautiful day. Was busy all forenoon doing little things and preparing to go to the city with the girls. Presbytery closed at noon so Mr. Armstrong left when I did to go to the city on the 1 o'clock train. Jennie + Mary met me at the Depot. We shopped all afternoon after Jennie was through at the photographer's then met Frank and had supper at the "Silver Moon" after which we went to the Exposition, met Jake + Mary. Enjoyed two of Gilmore's Ban Concerts, saw a drill and left the Hall a few moments before it began raining. I had the only umbrella in the part but J had a parasol. Went home with Jennie for the night.

Friday, September 19, 1890

Cooler. Was down to breakfast before any of the others this morning. Ira ate a little and left without eating and Frank ate after we left. I am none the worse for my trip + the rain. Spent the entire day in the house as Mother R. got the mail in the morning and in the afternoon Father R. took the letters to the office. Mr. Warner was here + Mary Ricker called on the way to Jake's where they are to dine. They leave Monday. Letters from Mary and Helen.

Saturday, September 20, 1890

A beautiful morning. Our baby, Mary is ten years old today. I wish I could see her, sent her a letter and penknife yesterday. Went after the mail and to Uncle Drew's this morning. Grandma + Grandpa went also, to make a call. Jennie was sick + could not come down. I went again late in the afternoon and saw J. Mary had gone to the Tennis Tournament. Birdie Bragg called to ask me to drive with her sometime soon with Mr. Dennis' pony.

Sunday, September 21, 1890

Pleasant but a little cool. I wore my heavy jacket to church in the morning and took cold notwithstanding, as there was no fire in the church. Rained in the evening so I did not go out, neither did Grandma. Will was here in the afternoon and we then expected to see the girls at church this evening to say good-bye. Have continued taking cold all afternoon and evening.

Monday, September 22, 1890

Beautiful day. I have continued taking cold and am about sick with it still it was so pleasant I went after the mail then called to see Clara a few minutes. The girls left on the 6:35 AM train so we did not see them again. Went in the afternoon to the school to tell Birdie B. that I was unable to ride out owing to the bad cold I have. Called to see Clara again and as Sallie was going to take Clara out driving, she brought me home. Letters from home as usual.

Mrs. Zach Mitchell called.

Tuesday, September 23, 1890

Beautiful weather. Spent most of the day in bed trying to get rid of my cold. I've not had such a one for many a day. Was not at the table for breakfast or dinner. Later I dressed and came down to write for J. W. and Will. Ab out 4 o'clock Barton Greene appeared having come to East Carondalet and was suffering with a sore finger so much that he was almost ready to faint. After giving it a little attention Grandpa went with him to Dr. Pitman and was somewhat relieved. Mrs. Townsend called.

Wednesday, September 24, 1890

Weather somewhat cooler and unfit for me to go out in the evening, Barton was feeling much better and let for St. Louis this morning, + will go home this evening. My cold is somewhat better but is pretty serious. I walked to the post office this evening but no further. Mother Ricker remained at home from prayer meeting, not feeling very well. Mary W. came with her work this evening before tea.

Thursday, September 25, 1890

Cloudy all day with strong indications of rain which did not fall however. Was busy with my usual occupations. of rain which did not fall however. Was busy with my usual occupations in the morning and after dinner went to Mary W's on an errand and as they were just going out to drive the insisted upon taking me to the Post Office + Uncle Drew's. From there I walked home + I was quite chilly. Cold some better but still very troublesome. Grandpa, Grandma, Uncle Drew, Aunt H. and I dined at Jake's this evening and spent a pleasant evening.

Friday, September 26, 1890

Cloudy and cool. Was busy with my letters, reading and writing and doing little nothings all forenoon then when Mother R. went to the Missionary meeting at 4 o'clock I went to Uncle Drew's. "Grandpa" had taken my letters to the P. O. Clara was alone and I had a pleasant visit with her after two callers left. Talked some of going to the Institute in the evening but I was not well enough.

Saturday, September 27, 1890

Still somewhat cloudy and decidedly cool. In the afternoon mother R. + I went to make a few calls. Found Mrs. Born at home, also Mrs. Mundy but her niece Dana was out of town. Stopped at Uncle Drew's and they urged that I should stay over Sabbath with them and it was finally decided that I should, so I came home with Mother + got my things + returned. Took a magazine and read the Golden Wedding to Clara + her father + mother.

Sunday, September 28, 1890

Beautiful day and one that calls for special thanksgiving after the cloudy ones just past. I was feeling better and went to church with Aunt H. Took me to the Y. P. S. C. E. which I enjoyed then we went to church. Father + Mother R. seemed to feel very forlorn because I was not with them.

Monday, September 29, 1890

Beautiful morning with rain before night. Came home early and found Grandpa going to the city so Grandma + I got ready to accompany him. He went to attend to his business and we shopped until noon then met him at Barr's where we had lunch. We then went to the Ex after I had called Ira and invited him to go to the Ex with me in the evening. We had a pleasant day + evening. Grandpa left for home at 3:15 + we came at 9 o'clock Nugent's Linen Shop is the best exhibit there as I regard it, though there are many handsome ones. Letters from J. W. Margaret + Mary.

Tuesday, September 30, 1890

Rained in the morning, cloudy most of the day. Had letters from Jimmie and the mail I received yesterday together with the paper. Wrote on the afternoon then Mother and I went down street and I finished my round at Uncle Drew's as usual. Came home at tea time. Have coughed a good deal this afternoon. It comes in spells, sometimes I am free from it for a day or two.

Wednesday, October 1, 1890

Rained in the night. Is cleaning up this morning. Aunt Helen wanted me to go to the city with her + Mary today but it is too damp for me to go. Had letters from home as usual and wrote some. After dinner Mother + I went to make calls upon the Misses Murtfela + Mrs. Townsend and lastly I went to Uncle Drew's.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. Warner was unexpectedly detained by a wedding but came in after Father Ricker had opened the meeting.

Thursday, October 2, 1890

Bright and pleasant.

Mother R. + I went down street to do some errands then I went to see Clara, afterwards to see Mary W. M. then came to dinner. After three PM Mother and I walked out to call on Mrs. Mitchell on Webster Ave. I went to Uncle Drew's afterwards to invite him and Aunt Helen to tea tomorrow evening. My ice-wool came from Altman's.

Friday, October 3, 1890

Bright in the morning but cloudy to sprinkling afterwards. Put on a porous plaster to see if it would stop my cough. Uncle Drew and Aunt Helen took tea with us and after Mary had then taken the children home and put them to bed she returned and spent the evening with us. Mr. Evans called.

Saturday, October 4, 1890

Cloudy. Had letters from home and answered some of the, in the forenoon. After dinner I went to help on Clara's wrapper, on putting a fancy silk stitch down the fronts. May + Noble Evans and Bessie Brown called while I was there. I remained until almost six then came home.

Sunday, October 5, 1890

Pleasant day. I went to church in the morning as usual. In the evening Ira called to see if I wanted to go to the Christian Endeavor meeting at the Pres. church. I went with him and afterwards to church and he then came home with me and sat awhile.

Monday, October 6, 1890

Cloudy but no rain.

The trees are losing their leaves very fast. I was busy one way and another all forenoon, went to the P. O. and then to Uncle Drew's and after dinner I went to spend the afternoon and work on the wrapper, did not get it done so stayed to dinner + worked on it afterwards. Ira and I made candy, rather he made it and I helped pull it. Have almost decided to go home Wednesday.

Tuesday, October 7, 1890

Beautiful day. Aunt Helen and I went to the city this AM and I remained until 4:20 then came home and found letters which made me regret that I had not planned differently. Was feeling very badly all day. Think I was homesick. Was sorry to have missed seeing the veiled prophets procession in the evening as Charlie had invited us to go to the Sub. Treasury and see them but I did not feel equal to the crowd + risk of more cold.

Wednesday, October 8, 1890

Beautiful day. I went into the city on the 7:20 train with the boys and Ira went up street with me to Browning King + Co.'s to get an overcoat for Will. He then went to his work + Will brought me the money I wanted and helped me select the coat. Came home on the 9:50 train and dressed for dinner at Mr. Warner's. Father + Mother R. Mae D. + Aunt Helen + I were the guests. We had a pleasant time. Wrote to Father + Jimmie when I came home.

Thursday, October 9, 1890

Beautiful day. Decided to go home tomorrow so packed my trunk, finished the edge I was crocheting for Grandma. She has given me something for all the children, Ruth + Mrs. Miles, Helen and the babies. They both feel so badly at my going that I dread leaving. President Harrison will be in the city Saturday. I should like to have been there.

Friday, October 10, 1890

Fair and warm, hot before the day was over. We arose early as both Father + Mother R. accompanied me to the Union Depot at St. Louis on my way home. Waited at the station until after three though trains passed without stopping before our 6:35 train could leave. Bought a ticket from St. Louis to Cin for 3.00. Had a warm dusty ride that reached O. safely on time. Bought tickets to Portsmouth for 2.25 which makes a cheap trip all through. J. W. met me at the station. Children were all in bed except Margaret who suspected I was coming + waited for me. J. W. wanted to surprise the children so did not tell them I was coming. Helen's brother Frank was on the train coming up but I

did not know of it and did not meet him until we left the train where he was met by Enos who did not know I was coming.

Saturday, October 11, 1890

Beautiful day. Found the family quite ready for my return and all reasonably well except colds. Had an invitation to a Reception given by Mrs. McCall and her daughter Mrs. Calder. Margaret went but my trunk did not come home so I could not go. Jennie was down a few minutes. Her Virginia is sick so she could not stay long. Helen is busy packing to go with Enos to Grand Rivers Ky. Margaret went to Mrs. Lowes' to tea with Mary + Helen after she returned from Mrs. McCall's. The house has been painted as a surprise for me.

Sunday, October 12, 1890

Another beautiful day. My trunk came before daylight much to my relief. Did not go to S. S. but dressed in time for church. Repairs are not finished so services are still held in the lecture room. I went both morning and evening. The children seemed very glad to have me here to study the lesson with them again.

Monday, October 13, 1890

Still pleasant and mild though we keep a little fire all the time. Wrote to Mother R. unpacked my trunk, visited with the family and had a long call from Mrs. Silcox, sold my return ticket to St. Louis to Mrs. Burwell for \$1.50 so the fare from Kirkwood to P. cost me just 4.00. Transfer of trunk + cup of tea. 60 more which made a cheap trip for me. The children were much pleased with the things I brought them, mostly pretty handkerchiefs. Was up to see Jennie this morning. Mrs. T. N. Johnson took me in her carriage. Kate Newman called to ask for items for a personal sketch to be published among those of the prominent women of Portsmouth. I begged off.

Tuesday, October 14, 1890

Still fair and pleasant. Have been busy with the drawers + closets, and things that have needed attention in my absence. In the afternoon attended the regular Missionary meeting. Mary Peebles was present having returned from a long trip East. She left the week after I did. Helen had to resign as Sec'y so Mrs. Lowes was elected in her place. Did an errand after the meeting + then called to see Mrs. Tappan + her new boy.

Wednesday, October 15, 1890

Bright, lovely fall weather. Swept + dusted, arranged the closet shelves + put away the clean clothes. Mended some and put aside the others. Wrote to Clara. Lizzie and her children came in and called to see me. I went down street with her + Helen before tea. Coughed in the evening so did not venture out to church. There is quite a good deal of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, (so called) Typhoid Fever + Measles in town.

There was frost this morning.

Thursday, October 16, 1890

Rainy when we arose which was earlier than usual as the hours at the shop have been changed + Will must be there at 6:20 AM hereafter. This was the day of the Reception at Mrs. Tewksbury's where Julia, Margaret, Minnie + Mrs. Jas Herron received with her. Margaret hurried home from school, dressed and went in a hard rain. I dared not risk going out. It was fair early in the afternoon but I did not want to go without M. Helen missed it because she was expecting the wagon to come for her goods to be shipped to Grand Rivers Ky.

Friday, October 17, 1890

Bright and pleasant. I went up street this afternoon. Paid Dr. Kline \$ 11.00 on account then called at Mrs. Tewksbury's, saw her and Margaret. Went on up to Jennie's and found her in bed. Went to ask Lydia Knowles about making a basque for me. Stopped at Mr. Peebles' and saw her but the girls were out. Helen was there and we left together. Walked down to front Street to see Enos' barge then I came home.

Saturday, October 18, 1890

Weather fair. Swept and dusted in the old time way this forenoon. Intended going out in the afternoon but Aunt Maria McCall came to sit awhile with me and I kept her to tea. I was glad of an opportunity of seeing her. Have been busy most of the day and am gradually getting the drawers and shelves in order and the neglected little jobs of mending done.

Sunday, October 19, 1890

It was raining when we arose but stopped later on and as Fannie Spry was unable to take my class for me this morning I decided to go myself. Had been absent since July 27th almost three months. We had service in the main audience room today, the first time since the new carpet + cushions were put in and the walls newly frescoed. We like it all very much, it is bright and cheerful + clean. I did not go out in the evening, went to bed as soon as the others had gone.

Bessie Hall was here to tea.

Monday, October 20, 1890

Weather fair and pleasant but cool morning + evening. I was home until after 4 o'clock when Margaret and I went to make party calls upon Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Tewksbury, Margaret + Julia and Mrs. Herron who received with Mrs. Tewksbury. Mrs. Lowes was here just as we were starting out. Intended calling upon Mrs. Moore + her daughter, Mary Ellen and Mrs. Borhell at Uncle Enos' but they were out. Margaret went in the evening.

Tuesday, October 21, 1890

Quite fair and pleasant but cool enough for a good fire. Was busy all day, mending + straightening up. Mrs. Dennis + Mrs. Miller called in the afternoon, also Mrs. Mame Duduit. In the evening Jimmie + I went to Aunt Mary's to tea. Barton +

Jennie, Mrs. Calista Moore + daughter Mary Ellen and Mrs. Borhell now of Nashville were there also. We spent quite a pleasant evening.

Wednesday, October 22, 1890

Fair and mild in the forenoon. Children went out after dinner without umbrellas + were consequently caught in the rain before school was out. Wrote to Ira + sent the hdkf I brought home to work for him. Bessie Hall called after school. M + I went to Dr. Kline's this AM + had her throat examined, then we went + selected hats for Lizzie + May. Spent the afternoon cleaning out drawers + selecting rags for the housework + rags for the bag. Rained so neither of us M nor I could go to prayer meeting. Carl and his little follower Oscar Row went. J. W. had a board meeting to attend.

Thursday, October 23, 1890

Rained all day. I did my usual work then wrote to Mother Ricker and Maggie Bell whose anniversary occurs next Saturday + from whom I had a letter yesterday. Children went to school except Will who is at work. Helen was over a few minutes. Cannot go to Temperance Meeting or anywhere else when it rains, am still coughing.

Friday, October 24, 1890

Weather variable. I sewed all the afternoon on a night shirt for Carl, finished it with the exception of a button hole or two + some buttons. Mary Ellen and Mrs. Calista Moore called. I have not been able to visit much with the visitors.

Saturday, October 25, 1890

Damp and disagreeable, rained most of the day. I could not go to preparatory lecture. Margaret + Lizzie represented the family. Had a letter from Mother R. Margaret made over her school dress skirt in short order today, did remarkably well with it. She took the first of a few music lessons today of Mrs. Draper. Intends practicing this winter.

Sunday, October 26, 1890

Rained in the morning but cleared off later. I did not get up to breakfast but arose soon after + had Mother put on a couple of blisters for me. Went to morning service which was Communion and several persons were received into the church. Mrs. Haynes on Examination + Mrs. Glidden, Mr. + Mrs. Prediger + Mr. J. W. Evans I think, also Miss Hasher. Spent the afternoon on the bed as the blisters would not admit much movement on my part.

Monday, October 27, 1890

Cloudy and disagreeable. Wrote to Mother R. Mattie G. and Lizzie P. Am better after my blistering. Mr. + Mrs. J. K. Duke celebrated their 20th anniversary this evening and we were invited. I sincerely regretted that I could not go but succeeded in persuading J. W. and mother to go. Father had a cold also and could not go. We attended the wedding and have been to several of their pleasant anniversaries since.

Tuesday, October 28, 1890

Bright and cheerful out of doors but I cannot go out, the blister on my throat is quite sore. Sent my resignation as the Pres't to the Foreign Mis. Society but instead of accepting it the sent Mrs. Lowes to say the society would meet at our house for the winter with my permission. Of course they will be welcome here. Wrote to Will Ricker but did not finish the letter. Want to send him a trifle for his birthday.

Wednesday, October 29, 1890

Weather damp and unpleasant. Have been at home all day and was busy doing a little writing, the weekly mending and other things. Did not touch the aprons which I am anxious to finish for the children. J. W. had a board meeting to attend M + I could not go out on account of our coughs and the representation at prayer meeting was slim. I think J. W. was there before it closed.

Thursday, October 30, 1890

Rather raw and unpleasant but a letter from Lizzie asking to have some errands done full to have my share and so I went to attend to them. Am improving slowly but need to be careful about going out. Went to the Water Works Office and wrote letter to Lizzie to go with her package. This is Will L. Ricker's birthday twenty-three years old and a young man of whom his friends are proud. Enos + Helen left for Grand Rivers Ky.

Friday, October 31, 1890

Rather pleasant. Margaret is invited to a Halloween party at Bertie Spry's but she cannot go out at night. Ralph Moore called on us this evening. Elizabeth Greene came to spend the night with the little girls. Had letter from Lizzie who said John's first long pants, his birthday present, were too long but they served the purpose of a surprise and can be exchanged.

Dr. Tappan called.

Saturday, November 1, 1890

Quite fair and pleasant though there was too much wind for me to venture out. Did my usual sweeping and dusting with a few extra strokes. Sewed a little but did not finish the aprons for the little girls. Mrs. Selby called and afterward, Mrs. Colton. Mrs. Robinson is expected over home tonight.

Sunday, November 2, 1890

Cloudy and bright by turns. Went to Sabbath School and church in the forenoon and reached home just in time to escape a rain which did not last long however. Did not go out in the evening, and did not permit Margaret to go out after Sabbath School as she coughs very hard. Went home before tea and saw Mrs. Frank Robinson who came last night.

Monday, November 3, 1890

Cloudy and chilly, very unlike the day twenty years ago when we were married. Lizzie + May came downstairs early with a gift for each of us as a token of their remembrance of the day. A vinegar jug for the table and an individual cream + sugar set. After tea Lizzie Peebles, who came in to bring Margaret today, + Mr. + Mrs. Robinson came over to call on us. J. W. had to attend Post meeting so missed the call. I was at the Relief Corps meeting in the afternoon.

Tuesday, November 4, 1890

Clear and quite cool. Lizzie came over soon after breakfast and waited until 10 o'clock for the Dr. who did not come until later. She then went to do her errands and I waited for the Dr. who came and lanced Margaret's face. He thinks it will now get well. I was surprised this morning by the gift of a plush cloak to which several members of the family contributed. Lizzie went home on the afternoon train leaving M. with us for a visit while her face is under treatment.

Wednesday, November 5, 1890

Weather fair. This is the 5th Anniversary of Jake + Mary B. Ricker's marriage. Did the usual mending and the other work which belonged to the day. In the evening Margaret and I went to Teachers' meeting then to prayer meeting. I had not been present at either meeting for a long time. Margaret and Will went to hear Mrs. Livermore lecture after prayer meeting closed. We came home.

Thursday, November 6, 1890

Bright and pleasant.

Was home with little Margaret as she could not go + Janie was away in the afternoon. I had intended going to W. C. T. U. but could not leave until after the children came home. I then went to see after trimming for Lizzie's cloak.

Was out on an errand in the morning but did not accomplish much in the planning of the cloak, it seems rather difficult to make just what I want.

Friday, November 7, 1890

Was busy all day sewing on Lizzie's cloak. It is to be made from a skirt pattern costing 2.50. a very pretty striped goods with border around the button. Three rows of black velvet between the stripes and a black velvet yoke stirred into the ruffle around the neck make a very pretty trimming and the cloak is not expensive and pleases L. very much. I sewed on the velvet after supper. Maggie Peebles was here but I did not see her, not being in at the time.

Saturday, November 8, 1890

Weather so mild that rain seemed inevitable but none fell after all. J. W. Margaret and I went out to Mr. T. N. Johnson's + Minnie Tewksbury. We came home early, it was not quite 9:30 when we reached home though we walked in, having missed the street car. Had not expected to go as I thought it would surely rain before evening.

Maggie Peebles left today for Atlanta Ga to attend the Nat'l Convention of W. C. T. U. Finished L's cloak.

Sunday, November 9, 1890

Rained a little. I went to Sabbath School, remained to Teachers' prayer meeting and was just coming home when it began to sprinkle so I remained until after morning service. Went again in the evening.

Dr. McClure called to see how Margaret Peebles' face was doing and pronounced it making good progress in healing + said nothing more was necessary in the way of treatment.

Monday, November 10, 1890

Damp and cloudy. Not a pleasant prospect for the wedding tomorrow unless the weather improves. Began fixing up a waist for M. to wear to school. Do not seem to have accomplished much in any way. Wrote to Mother Ricker and sister Elizabeth. Had an errand to the dyer's and miller's so took occasion to make several short calls in the interest of the Missionary meeting. Saw Mrs. Amann, Mrs. Hadley, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Lodwick, Mrs. J. D. Peebles + Mrs. Frank Robinson left on the early train tomorrow. Dr. Dennis began to straighten Elizabeth's teeth.

Tuesday, November 11, 1890

Rainy all day but seemingly worse towards evening. Did not intend going to the wedding reception but the children were so anxious that I finally dressed and went. Was well protected and did not take any more cold. Retta Reed and Leslie Turley were the bride + groom. The house was filled with guests after the ceremony and there was such a rush that trains were at discount. We came home at 9:30 PM.

Wednesday, November 12, 1890

Another wet day. Did some mending and left some mending and left some undone to attend the Missionary Convention at Bigelow M. E. ch. in the afternoon. Went again in the evening. Margaret and the little girls went also but the boys and their father remained at home. Lizzie went home today. Was here a few minutes in the evening. We shall miss little Margaret.

Prayer meetings in the various churches was omitted on account of Missionary Convention.

Thursday, November 13, 1890

Weather quite fair. Had some mending to finish and Margaret's waist to alter. In the afternoon took some cream to Mrs. Sanford then went up to Jennie's and from there to the W. C. T. U. meeting. Have not been there for a long time.

Friday, November 14, 1890

Damp, cloudy in the forenoon but clear later in the day. Maggie Silcox was here an hour or so this forenoon. Did some mending and wrote to Clara Ricker.

Saturday, November 15, 1890

Pretty day. Swept and dusted as usual then took up the rug from the spare room and after Carl had cleared it I put it down in the sitting room. Jennie came in the afternoon just as I was finishing taking the carpet down. Aunt Mary Sam was here also and Ma came for a little while. I was very tired in the evening.

Sunday, November 16, 1890

Damp with light rain. We went as usual to S. S. I remained to Teacher's prayer meeting and then went upstairs until church time. In the evening Margaret and Mary remained at home. Dr. Tappan preached the first of a series of sermons on the "Jew in History + Prophecy. There were probably a dozen Jews in the congregation. He had invited them, through the papers.

Monday, November 17, 1890

Rainy and disagreeable in the latter part of the day. After dinner I went over home to help awhile with their sewing and while I was there it rained very hard. Came home and began ripping up a dress to be made over. Was very tired when evening came and went early to bed.

Tuesday, November 18, 1890

Not rainy but damp and unpleasant. Spent the forenoon ripping up a green dress Bessie Hall gave me. Soon after dinner Lizzie and her boys came to attend the S. S. Institute at our church. Maggie Silcox came early and we all went together to the afternoon session. In the evening there was a good audience upstairs to hear Dr. Pelonbet and Col. Cowden talk on S. S. work. Mr. Marion Lawrence the state Sec'y gave a brief talk and answered the questions in the box. Will went to the farm.

Letter from Will L. Ricker.

Wednesday, November 19, 1890

Clear, cooler and rather windy. Hurried through the morning work, put away the clothes, did a little mending and then went up to see Lizzie at Mr. Peebles' and go down street with her. After dinner May was out of school because her teacher was visiting so she and I took a long walk. Went to have an umbrella mended then to have my basque lining fitted and to see Jennie who was not at home. Called to see Carrie Lorey.

Thursday, November 20, 1890

Beautiful day but I have not taken advantage of it by going out. Was busy all the forenoon ripping and in the afternoon washed the goods of the green dress Bessie gave me. Did not get it dried + pressed as I hoped because callers came before I was through. Mrs. McColloch, Mrs. Prescott, Miss Mary L. Murray, Mrs. Murrill, Mrs. Currie and Mrs. Graham came in rapid succession. I could not get out to W. C. T. U.

Wrote to Will L. Ricker.

Friday, November 21, 1890

Still fair and pleasant. Mary Peebles came quite early this morning to talk over the arrangements of the program for the Missionary meeting next week. At noon I had a message from Miss Hard saying the Inspector, Mrs. Morris of Ironton is here and so I had to hurry around and find some members to make a meeting. Went to Miss Hard's with my books and there met Mrs. Duduit, Miss H + Mrs. McCall. Held a meeting and then came home. Met Jennie + Mary in the carriage + they took me in for a short drive.

Saturday, November 22, 1890

Pleasant. Swept + dusted, then finished pressing my goods. After dinner Margaret + I walked out to Mr. T. N. Johnson's to pay our calls. On our return we went over to 2nd Street. Called at Jennie's then to see Flora Field. I then went to Mrs. Reed's + M to Mrs. Young's where I afterwards joined her. Such a long walk after my morning's work tired me out very much.

Sunday, November 23, 1890

Beautiful day. Quite cool and frosty but there are still many handsome rosebuds in the bushes in some yards. Went to S. S. and church. In the evening Dr. Tappan preached on the Endurance of Moses, not one of the regular series on the Jews, however but had a number of Jews in the congregation.

Monday, November 24, 1890

Was busy as usual about the house with a little of everything. Wrote to Mother R. and Lizzie P. Mary Peebles was here to bring the Map of South America which she wants to use tomorrow at the meeting.

Bessie Hall was here after school and I asked her to take tea with us Thursday evening. Slice terry is very low with Typhoid Fever and a complication of other troubles.

Tuesday, November 25, 1890

Weather dry and dusty. Have been busy all day. spent the forenoon doing a little extra cleaning and in the afternoon entertained at the Missionary Soc. After the Top, South America, by Mary Peebles had been completed I served tea and salted wafers while the ladies enjoyed a little social talk. Will went to the Home for Aged Women to get his supper, it being their regular annual spread.

Wednesday, November 26, 1890

Weather rather cloudy + cold as though we might have snow. Rich + Lizzie Peebles with their family came in today to spend tomorrow with the Peebles family as they always do, it being celebrated as Mr. Peebles' birthday which however occurs on the 30th.

Have been working on Margaret's school dress, or trying to do so. Lizzie gave M. an excellent second hand green skirt which we hope to make over into a nice dress. did not go to prayer meeting as it was not thought prudent for me to do so. Flora Field + Essie Cochran called.

Thursday, November 27, 1890

Weather cold enough for a few flakes of snow still is does not seem quite like Thanksgiving weather. Services were held at the 2nd church + Dr. Tappan preached the sermon, of course, his text was Matt D. 13. and he made an excellent discourse upon the theme of popular interest just now, which the secular unionists could not enjoy much. Had out dinner at home + Virginia Greene was our only guest. Bessie Hall took tea + spent the evening with us.

Friday, November 28, 1890

Clear and cold. Margaret and Lizzie went to the photographer's early and M had her picture taken. I went to Alice terry's funeral at All Saints church at 10 o'clock AM. It was a peculiar service in one respect, there was no sermon and no mentions made of the deceased. No one could have told from the exercises who had died. After the funeral Lizzie Peebles and I went up street together to do a few errands. Elizabeth P. remained in town for company for mother but came to spend the night with our little girls.

Saturday, November 29, 1890

Still dry and pleasant. Hurried through with the usual weekly sweeping and then spent the rest of the day on Margaret's skirt to the school dress we are trying to make. Finished it late in the day. She went to make a little visit after doing all she could to the skirt.

Sunday, November 30, 1890

Pleasant but colder than it has been. We attended the Sabbath School as usual, after which I remained to Teachers' prayer meeting and then to church. Spent the afternoon as usual except that I went to spend a little while with Mother, before and after the children's lessons. Elizabeth Peebles was here all day and stays every night.

Monday, December 1, 1890

Bright and pleasant though quite dusty. Spent the forenoon with Mother and the afternoon at the Relief Corps meeting. Election of officers resulted in a few changes, Mrs. B. F. Richardson as President being the principal one. She asked me to keep the Sec'y's place which will make the third office I have filled twice successionaly. Went to Teachers meeting in the evening.

Tuesday, December 2, 1890

Bright and quite cold. Was over home most of the day trying to make the button holes in my velvet basque. Mother is better but likes to have company. At 2 PM I attended the Praise meeting of the Home Mission Society then returned to my work. Mrs. Tappan called to see Mother while I was there. Took more cold at the church this afternoon and went early to bed not feeling well.

Wednesday, December 3, 1890

Rained and sleeted in the night and is still rainy + gloomy. Prepared Elizabeth Peebles' sewing for her then went over home to sit with Mother while I finished the button holes in my velvet basque. Rained so hard at noon that I remained and ate dinner with Father and Mary. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Kaps gave a reception at the home of the former this afternoon but I was afraid to go out when it was so wet. did not go to prayer meeting.

Thursday, December 4, 1890

Bright overhead but damp under foot. I had Margaret's dress waist to cut out today and decided I could not go to the Temperance Meeting. Maggie Silcox came by and got my report to take for me. Janie Stewart was with her. I did not get the goods cut but have the lining all ready to baste together. Have an invitation to Mr. Gharky's for tomorrow evening but Bessie Hall + Arthur Titus are coming to take tea and spend the evening with us.

Friday, December 5, 1890

Pleasant but rather cold. Enos came last night and Lizzie P. surprised me this afternoon by walking in to have a little talk. Bessie Hall + Arthur Titus took tea + spent the evening with us. He brought his violin and we had some music. Lizzie P. came over after tea and made a call. Dr. Dennis came this morning and invited us to take tea with them this evening but having arranged for company at home, we could not go. Elizabeth P. went with her mother this evening.

Saturday, December 6, 1890

Weather rainy, all day. Margaret was asked to go home with Lizzie but she could not go + the weather is so unpleasant it is just as well she did not. Mattie Peebles is out there visiting. M + I sewed nearly all day on her green basque, I worked until nearly bedtime and still did not finish it but she went to see Miss Edwards before tea.

Sunday, December 7, 1890

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Did not come home between services but attended Teachers' prayer meeting + then warmed my feet at the register before service. Was over home a few minutes in the afternoon and saw Enos. Father is taking the medicine I got for his cough and is better.

Monday, December 8, 1890

Freezing cold. The usual occupations took up my time today only I tried to finish M's basque before school and not succeeding in that, I laid it aside for her to wear in the afternoon. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual this morning. Late in the afternoon I had to go and order some things for Lizzie Peebles. Mrs. Chas Kendall died this morning of diphtheria (sp) + the house is quarantined against outsiders. Her death is peculiarly sad/ Mrs. Martin Welston died today.

Tuesday, December 9, 1890

Weather fair overhead but not underfoot. Was busy at home and spent some time with mother in the forenoon and then got ready for the Missionary meeting in the afternoon. There were about ten ladies present. We had a very good meeting. After it was over Maggie + Mary Peebles remained a few minutes and gave me two of the extra lecture tickets so J. W. + I enjoyed hearing G. W. Wendling talk on Popular Delusions in the evening. Henry came from E. Cavandalet.

Wednesday, December 10, 1890

Fair but so wet and sloppy that I did not go out as I planned in the afternoon. Wrote a little and sewed a little but did not accomplish anything worth remembering. Was over home awhile. It had dried up some before night so I ventured to go to Teachers' meeting and prayer-meeting but think it was not best after all. Will did not get home to supper until after we went to church.

Thursday, December 11, 1890

Bright but still damp and cold underfoot. Was over home awhile in the morning still trying to put the last stitches in my velvet basque which was finally finished in time to wear to the reception at Mr. McColn's in the evening. His son Albert + his bride were the occasion of the reception. In the afternoon I called to see Mrs. Lowes, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. McCulloch, Jennie Greene and Mrs. Spry + Thyrza, also Mrs. Tewksbury. Had letter from Clara R.

Friday, December 12, 1890

Bright and cold. Went down street in morning and got flannel to make a shirt for Carl, came home + cut it out. Sewed on it until 3 PM when Mary came and we went to make calls upon Mrs. Murphy + Mrs. Sam Johnson Mrs. Tewksbury + Margaret J. + Clara Miller Haas

Mother was so much better she came over after dinner and stayed until I was ready to go out.

Jennie's baby is better.

Saturday, December 13, 1890

Weather fair. After the usual Saturday work I finished Carl's blue flannel shirt and, after supper I made over some underwear for it. Was busy at home all day.

Sunday, December 14, 1890

Beautiful weather, clear and cold. Went to Sabbath School as usual, remained to Teachers' prayer meeting and morning service.

Bessie Hall came home to dinner with us. Had the usual lessons in the afternoon and then went to church in the evening. The little girls did not go.

Monday, December 15, 1890

Bright and clear and cold in the morning, moderated later on. Spent most of the forenoon writing up my works and straightening papers. Went over home + cut out some muslin work then came back to dinner. Went to a called Corps meeting in the afternoon + helped elect Mrs. Johnson in place of Mrs. Richardson who would not serve. Then went up to see Jennie + her sick baby. Wrote to Mother R. in the evening. Heard of the death of Jennie Damarin in Los Angeles, also that Mollie + Isabel Murray expect to move to Grand Rapids Mich. this week.

Tuesday, December 16, 1890

Rainy. Cut out work in the AM spent a little while with Mother + expect to spend the afternoon with Jennie. Went to Jennie's in the rain, stopping at Mrs. Lloyd's for the golden wedding album and leaving it at Mollie Murray's, on my way. Baby seemed better + Jennie at her house but will give up dinner. We spent a pleasant afternoon together.

Wednesday, December 17, 1890

Rain + snow combine to make this one of the most disagreeable days of the season. Lizzie came last night after I had gone to bed + was here again early this morning busy with preparations for Christmas.

Was not feeling well and went to bed early, not having gone to prayer meeting.

Thursday, December 18, 1890

Bright and mild but damp underfoot. Was busy all forenoon sewing on some very necessary work then mother wanted me to go with her to see Mrs. Newton so I went. Mrs. N is not improving much. Afterwards Mary + I went to call upon Gussie Halderman but she was not in. We then went up to Mr. Hernes store + from there I came home but Mary went up to Jennie's.

Friday, December 19, 1890

Pleasant weather. School closes today for the term. The children only went to be recorded as present and were dismissed. Margaret got some presents from her children and decided to give them a little treat so Carl went and bought the candy, nuts + bags which May + I filled then he took them to the school-house. The children were delighted. Little Marguerite Schirman gave her a photo of herself which is very pretty.

Saturday, December 20, 1890

The morning work was hurried through in order to get at something else.

Margaret worked hard at her school reports to get them all finished up and out of the way. Got her pay and proceeded at once to pay some bills and buy a few necessities before beginning her Christmas work.

Sunday, December 21, 1890

Cold and damp.

Went to Sabbath School as usual, remained to the ten minutes prayer meeting + 11 o'clock service.

Spent the afternoon in the usual way and went to church in the evening, coughed distressingly and wished I had remained at home.

Monday, December 22, 1890

Did not rain. Was busy in the usual way all forenoon then went up to the store after dinner to get material for Christmas work brother Titus brought a box from Bessie Hall to be saved until Xmas. I made a second trip and went to Mr. Reilly's, Filler's and then up to Jennie's to settle the location of the Xmas tree. Decided to have it there. Margaret is busy with a few presents, shopping bags for Maggie Peebles + Miss Edwards + fancy garters for eight other friends.

Tuesday, December 23, 1890

Clear and rather cold.

Have been busy with Xmas work and errands most of the day. In the evening J. W. + I, Mother + Margaret attended the reception of Dr. Kline's. It was given a large and fine affair and Lena, who is home from Princeton for the holidays, looked quite charming in red silk. We came home early as the house was so crowded. The new house is very handsome. Sent box to Kirkwood with several pretty things for the friends there.

Wednesday, December 24, 1890

Mild with every indication of green Christmas until toward evening when it turned colder. M. went up to Jennie's late in the afternoon to see what was to be done about the tree. We have been busy trying to finish off the things begun and wanted to begin a few others but could not. Went to Teachers' meeting + prayer meeting but coughed so much that I almost decided not to go again until either I or the weather improved.

Thursday, December 25, 1890

A white Christmas, snowed from morning until after bedtime. Elizabeth + Margaret P. stayed with us last night and then went to their Grandpa Peebles' after breakfast. After hastily finishing off a few presents and partly doing up the work we went up to Barton's to rally around the Tree. All were there some part of the day except Father who did not feel well enough to go. Had boxes from Kirkwood, + Bessie Hall + pkg from Grand Rivers. I also had a nice present from Maggie Bell. Did not go to S. S. Celebration.

Friday, December 26, 1890

Snowy and icy. The little girls left after breakfast then Helen and Elizabeth Greene came to dinner and our girls went home with them afterwards. Our Christmas was pronounced a success. Have written two or three letters of thanks today. Margaret decided not to go to Zanesville now, she has a bad cold + must get over it in time for school. Dwight Greene will be accompanied by Charlie + Helen, Bartie, Elizabeth Edward + Virginia when he goes home tomorrow.

Saturday, December 27, 1890

Snow still on the ground and everything looks wintry. Did the usual Saturday work in the morning and worked a little on a belated Christmas present for Ma in the afternoon. In the evening J. W. and I went to a small dinner part at Uncle Enos.' It was his birthday but the party was planned before the thought of the anniversary. Drs Tappan + Colton, Mrssers Evans, C. P. Lloyd J. W. + I were the guests. A new set of china graced the table.

Sunday, December 28, 1890

Clear and cold with snow still on the ground. We were all at S. S. and church as usual and mother was not which was unusual. Dr. Tappan preached the fourth of his series on the Jew in History + Prophecy. Topic this evening being "A desolate land."

Will went with Charlie Murphy to Bigelow.

Charlie is home for the holidays from O. S. U. at Columbus.

Monday, December 29, 1890

There was some skating this morning but it is thawing fast and so Will took a few hours off + skated this AM. The walking is very bad. I took some work and went up to see Jennie awhile this afternoon thinking she would be lonely. Barton was at home, not being well. Have been busy all day and was all tired out in the evening.

Tuesday, December 30, 1890

Still thawing and disagreeable underfoot but bright overhead. It being Missionary day I prepared for the meeting and did not begin any new work. Mrs. Tewksbury came early and made a little call before the meeting. Nine ladies came. Dell Ramsey had the topic for the day, "Syria." In the evening Margaret + Will went to hear Miss Olof Krarrer the Equinox lecturer.

Wednesday, December 31, 1890

Raining when we awoke. The snow will now probably disappear.