

Louisiana Moore Ricker Diary 1866

Monday, January 1, 1866

I am today beginning a new page in my diary, and I hope in my life also. I want to be more faithful to do my duty than ever before. This has been rather a gloomy day. After I had finished my work this morning I wrote to Hattie Prewett in answer to a letter I received from her yesterday, also one to Lizzie Young. After dinner I went down to see Maggie Jones and then finished the day with Hattie Hempstead. In the evening I practised. We are all about well Ma, and Pa have been sick but are better. We are all at home in Portsmouth.

Tuesday, January 2, 1866

Clear and not very cold. Commenced school again this morning. I suppose as in the last term I shall attend the High. I Sent letters to Hattie Prewett and Lizzie Young. Our singing school, the "Harmonic Club" under the direction of Mr. Rhodes, met at the Episcopal church. Had a fine time as usual. We, Mary and I, Have just returned. I am sitting with my cloak on writing Mary as going to bed. It is quite late and everything is still. I was at Lizzie Burl's a few moments tonight.

Wednesday, January 3, 1866

Growing colder. There was a wedding this morning. Alice Coriell one of our neighbors. This evening Debbie Chandler, Sallie, Mary, Jennie and I went to Bigelow Chapel to see another wedding. We got there quite a while before the doors were opened but there was a crowd at both the front and back doors. After waiting in the cold nearly half an hour, the doors were opened. We were fortunate enough to get into Mr. Chandler's seat which was the front one in the corner. So we could see it all very plainly. We had to wait nearly half an hour after we got in. Here they came. The bride was Mary W. McDowell, the groom was Edward E. Kreider. First brides maid Miss Shurtz of Baltimore with a strange gentleman, second brides maid, Clara McDowell and a stranger. Mary had on a white silk poplin it looked very rich. Veil and wreath, boquet and handkerchief. Miss Shurtz had on a rose colored silk high neck, long sleeves. Clara had on a lavender colored silk and looked very pretty. They all looked very well.

There was a house full. After the ceremony, those who were invited went to the house and spent the evening, so good bye Mary McDowell.

Thursday, January 4, 1866

It is freezing cold today. I have been at school all day. This evening Belle and Gussie Connolly came over and spent the evening. It is now quite late and Mary is waiting for my pen.

Friday, January 5, 1866

It is very cold. This afternoon school was dismissed at recess. I went directly up to Mr. Gaylord's to stay all night with Hattie Hempstead. Miss Mary Folk of Chillicothe, their cousin, was there to stay all night also. We all went down to the pond. There were a great many skaters on the ice. I suppose we were there two hours. Hattie skated a while but I had no skates of my own and could not get any others that would fit me. I was very cold when I went to the house. Dr. Hempstead, Hattie's father was there too. We spent the evening very pleasantly and then went up stairs to bed. Miss Folk slept with Mary Gaylord in Hattie's room and Hattie and I slept in the room with Mattie G. and Clara Johnson. Hattie dresses up in her gymnastic suit and she did look so funny, her hair hanging down and the sides had been crumpled. We had a good sleep and it was so late that we went to sleep as soon as we got into bed.

Saturday, January 6, 1866

The weather is moderating a little. It seems as if I had wasted this day entirely. I came home about ten o'clock this forenoon and Ma was up at Grandma's so I went up there to see her. We stayed there a long time and as I was coming home I met Emma Spry going skating and so I went with her. The ice was not very good and I was very awkward so I did not make much progress in the accomplishment of skating. When I got home they were all at dinner. In the afternoon I went down to the Sunday-school meeting, Hattie came up for me and so I ran about all day and did not do much good for any body.

Sunday, January 7, 1866

I went to Sabbath School, church twice and prayer meeting in the evening. It is bitter cold. Cousin Duvall is here. My Sabbath school class and I have commenced reading the Bible through. Some of them are doing well. There are six of them. Mary L. Murray , Belle Whitney , Ella Thompson, Nettie Row, Florence Vincent and Kate Brockman. Tonight begins a series of meeting to be held every night for one week devoted to prayer the conversion of the world and observed by every christian church in the world.

Monday, January 8, 1866

The weather is stinging cold. Lee is running in the river and some of the boats are laid up on account of it. Our school is crowded now and more are coming yet. Clara King came back this morning. Emma Spry, has a very bad cold so she was absent today. Frank Cunningham was here this evening.

Tuesday, January 9, 1866

Very cold, ice running so heavily in the river that the St. Nicholas and Gray Eagle are laid up. Today when we came home to dinner, Ma told me to look under the table in the sitting room. I did and found four pairs of skates. I told Pa Saturday that I wanted a pair but he said I ate too much beef, he could not afford to buy skates for me. And he has been teasing me ever since and would'nt say whether he intended to get them or not. So they came on the St. Nicholas this morning. Mine are rose-wood and steel. Cost about \$8.00. I am very anxious to try them. The ice is good enough but I have so much to do and such a little time to do it in that I don't know when I will have a chance to try them. Cousin Duval will spend the evening and took tea with us. We should have gone to church had they not been here. Will just came up on the Nicholas last night.

Wednesday, January 10, 1866

The weather is moderating a little, the skating will not last long. This forenoon Perkins Pratt called to see if I would go skating but I was at school so he promised to come at 4 o'clock. I took my final music lesson on a new term this morning. The piece is the variations of "Oft in the Stilly Night". I think it is very pretty. I got a "Musical Chatechism" I got excused from school at recess this afternoon and came home. About the time I was ready Pa came and so I got to try my new skates. I could get along very well. I was down on Scioto. I suppose I was unfortunate enough to break the leather off one my skates so that I had to stop in less than half an hour after I went, but I enjoyed seeing the others. In the evening Ma and Pa and I went to church. Uncle Enos was here a little while he has a very bad cold. Tonight it is sleeting a little and the walking is very disagreeable.

Thursday, January 11, 1866

The weather has moderated a great deal. The streets are very muddy and wet. I am afraid the skating is all over for a while, at least. Today Mr. Bolton met the first class scholars in the library and we each have a single desk and chair. I like it much better than in the school room. Cousin Duval took dinner with us today. Mary and I went to church this evening. Will went down on the St. Nicholas with Uncle Enos.

Friday, January 12, 1866

This is a rainy disagreeable day. I took my dinner to school. This afternoon Mr. Bolton was unusually strict about compositions. A few who had them, were dismissed early. I was among the number. The rest were kept until they wrote them. We have commenced a subscription to get up a present for Mr. B. and one for Miss Washburn. Cousin Duval came up to spent the evening and Ma sent for Frank Cunningham.

Saturday, January 13, 1866

The weather has moderated some and this has been a very pleasant day. I wrote a letter to Lizzie Young. In the afternoon we went down to the church to practise for the annual celebration which comes off next Thursday evening. After the sing was over Mary J. Murray and I went up to Maggie Jones' but the house was full of company so we did not stay long. I went home with Mary. We met Pa and Cousin Duval. I visited with Mollie until nearly dark. In the evening Jennie and I went to church. Pa is talking of going to Yazoo City next week.

Sunday, January 14, 1866

This morning the walking was pretty good but at noon it was very muddy. We had our tickets given us, to let us into the Sunday school celebration. I went to Sunday school with my hair combed down plain and Mary Murray told me never to appear in public looking that way again. Went to church twice. Excited Cousin Duval and Will to dinner but they did not come. They came up and spent the evening with us.

Monday, January 15, 1866

This has been the most disagreeable day I ever saw. The pavements and streets as slick as ice could make them. The streets very rough and frozen as hard as rock and the rain pouring down all day. I did not take any dinner but Emma Spry persuaded me to stay with her. Laura Laughry came here to dinner. I came home with Emma in a very hard rain and as I had no umbrella I went to her gate and there met her brother who gave me his. We did not have any singing school this evening.

Tuesday, January 16, 1866

I received an invitation out to Mr. Damarin's to a large party. This evening Laura and Perkins came up to spend the evening. Almost as soon as I came from school, Lizzie Jack came over stayed to supper and I had to leave her down stairs and dress in order to be ready for the company when they came. Just as I was about ready to go down the door bell rang and she went home. We spent a very pleasant evening.

Wednesday, January 17, 1866

This is church night but Pa is going away tomorrow and we don't like to leave him. We sent for Frank and made some sugar candy. I do think we have had the greatest time laughing and cutting up tonight. We nearly blistered our hands pulling taffy and it was real nice after it was done. About nine o'clock we took Miss Frances Emma home. Pa got Mr. Reilly the book store keeper to send to Cincinnati for a Dictionary for Mr. Bolton.

Thursday, January 18, 1866

Today Pa started for Yazoo City. I never saw him hate to leave home so badly.

This is the night of the great party. Frank and I are in a predicament. Perkins sent a note today to see if I would go with him but I couldn't as I wanted to go with D. if the boat got down in time. Frank and I got all ready but our dresses and she went with us down to the Sunday school celebration. There we sat in hot water, waiting for the boat to come with our company. The church was crowded and the celebration went off nicely so we did not miss everything if we didn't go to the party. After it was over we gathered up our four little ones and Uncle Enos two and the little nurse and came home, each with a little bag of candy. We sat up until eleven o'clock waiting for the Eagle, but finally we had to give up. Jennie and I went home with Frank and there we found that the boat had been in an hour but Cousin D. had not received my note and therefore he did not know that he had been invited as the tickets came after the boat left Wednesday. So we were out entirely. Frank came back and stayed all night with us.

Friday, January 19, 1866

Today the scholars of the High School presented Mr. Bolton with a \$16 Dictionary, Webster's Unabridged Pictorial. He was very much pleased to get it. Miss Washburn was also remembered, a very good book by H. W. Buchin. I will try to present the subscription list with the names and amounts contributed. We had our paper. The first

edition since I was elected editor. In the evening Ma and I went to church. Laura sat with us. Well if I didn't go to the party last night I am just as well off now. This morning Ma sent Mary and Jennie down to the Gray Eagle in hurry to tell Cousin Duval to come up so she could give him their invitation to Mr. Damarin's party and explain it all to him. He expressed great regret to think that we had been kept at home on their account. Well we have had three days hard laughing over it any how.

Saturday, January 20, 1866

Uncle Enos came this morning and gave ma a letter from pa. He is well and leaves Cincinnati today. We have had a great deal of company today. After dinner Ida Lodwick came in with her work and stayed an hour or two. I dressed for the evening while she was here. About three o'clock Frank came up with her work, a balmoral for the intended bride, Belle Williams. Soon after Ida went home, Frank had not been her long when Cousin Duval came very unexpected to us. he has been down to Maysville and will stay here until tomorrow when the boat comes down. We all adjourned to the back parlor, when, Clara King and Ella Holman came they went away and Mrs. Jack came in. We left her with Frank and went out to tea. Soon after she went home and between seven and eight Cousin D. and I escorted Frank home. I forgot that Mary, Mattie, Clara and Bennie Gaylord were here also. Laura and Perkins were to have come up and we were going to make candy but Laura is sick.

Sunday, January 21, 1866

Cousin Duvall went down to the boat this morning and we have not seen him since. I went to Sabbath school, and church twice. We expected D. W. and W. to come up and go with us but they did not come. I read a Sunday school book. Ma is not at all well. In the afternoon Mrs. Jack came in to see her and took tea and stayed about two hours. She is very pleasant. I like to hear her talk. After she was gone ma and I got to talking about by gone days. I can remember back as far as when I was just two years and six months old. When we first went to Yazoo, and a great many things.

Our darling Annie would have been three years old today if she had lived. Oh! its almost as hard to think of it now as it was months ago.

Monday, January 22, 1866

This has been a very pleasant day. After school I went down to see Maggie Jones a few minutes. I had not been there long when Hattie Hempstead came in. I intended to go see Laura Laughry and as Maggie wanted to go too she said she would come up to our house early and we would go together. I went down to the book store with Hattie and then walked up as far as Mr. Ribl's with her. When I got home, late as it was, Ma thought I had better go out and skate a while so after eating my supper I went. About dark I came home and got ready to go to singing school which was to meet in our lecture room. Maggie came and I took Jennie to come home with me, and we started. Although it was late the church was shut up and no fires or lights. We walked up and down the street awhile until Mr. Robt Spry went to the sexton and got the keys and opened the church. While he and Dell Ramsey were lighting the gas and making a fire Maggie and I enjoyed a walk and a talk. About half past eight we were ready to sing. The organ was drawn up before the store and we were all seated around it. Seven was the time to commence singing. Perkins P. came home with us. It was just beginning to snow.

Tuesday, January 23, 1866

I have been to school today. The walking is bad on account of the snow. After school this evening I came home and Mary and I dressed and went down to Frank Cunningham's to take tea and spend the evening. Frank's brother Dolf is at home. Mrs. Lodwick and Ida, Mr. James Ramsey and wife, Mrs. Gaffy Mary and I were there besides the family Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, Frank and Adolphus. We had such a nice supper. Oyster soup and raw oysters, light bread butter, crackers, pickles, tomatoes, cold beef, jelly, cup cake, pound cake and every thing was so nice. I had to do all the playing. We spent a very pleasant evening and came home at ten o'clock. Jennie has been sick all day, but is better this evening.

Wednesday, January 24, 1866

This has been a very disagreeable day. The ground was covered with snow and it has been raining hard all day. I took a music lesson. Jennie is getting along with her music very well. The walking is so bad that none of us could go to church. Uncle Saul is up today. Laura is quite sick and I have not been able to get down to see her. It is so lonesome without Pa. Jennie is editing one of the papers in Miss Barman's room. There now another interruption. I have nine days to write in my journal and can't get time to do it. I commence with the last day and write backwards.

Thursday, January 25, 1866

After school this afternoon I went down to see Laura. She has been quite sick but is much better now. Emma Miller, Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Reilly were there. Frank and her brother spent the evening here. They went home about half past ten and it took me until after twelve to do Mary's hair up in papers. Ma got a letter from Pa today from Mr. Dever, Mrs. Kelley's son-in-law. It contained good news for us. The walking is very bad. If Pa has had no trouble he is in Yazoo tonight. Oh! how I should like to be there a few days, it would seem very strange though. I suppose pa is at Mr. Harrison's and I would miss Lilla. Then Emily Barksdale is in Danville Kentucky. Lizzie McFarland is grown and there are so many changes. Mr. Dever says that Mrs. Kelley wishes to put Eddie to school up here some place where he will be under the care of Pa.

Friday, January 26, 1866

The weather has cleared off a little and the streets are not quite so muddy. I got a letter from Nannie Hyatt. I suppose she has seen Pa by this time. We were dismissed at a little after recess this afternoon, those of us who had been present all month, but I waited for Emma Spry. We went down to the drug store to see a toy called Pharaoh's serpent but the man had left it at the house so we had to wait until another time. Emma came home with me and we looked through Gleason's Pictorial selecting things for the chip basket in the paper next week. Mrs. Jack was here and took supper with us. Emma played some and about dark I walked part of the way home with her. It is church night but I could not go, I wanted to real badly too. Enos is nearly sick with a cold. Lizzie Jack came over after her mother went home, and has just left, her mother sent for her.

Saturday, January 27, 1866

Ma got a letter from Pa today. I answered Nannie Hayatt's. Frank Cunningham and I were running around town all day. Felicia Charlesworth and Julia Waller called on me. I got a new pair of kid gloves and the material to crochet a hood.

Sunday, January 28, 1866

I went to Sunday school, and church twice. Cousin Duval did not make his appearance at all today.

Monday, January 29, 1866

School all day. I am getting very tired of going to school. This is my last ter. I don't know whether to be glad or sorry. Perkins Pratt came up and spent the evening with us. He leaves tomorrow morning for Marietta this is his last term at school also. After school this afternoon, Debbie Chandler and I went down to the drug store with Emma Spry to see a chemical toy called Pharoah's serpent. It is a very strange thing and I think dangerous. I am afraid of it. It looks very much like a snake and coils itself up like a rattle snake.

Tuesday, January 30, 1866

We have been very busy all day at school. Emma and I commenced the paper and copied four pieces in it. Old Mr. Gilbert was buried today. Ma went to the funeral and afterwards made nine calls with Mrs. Nichols.

In the evening I was down to Frank's she said she was coming up and bring a gentle man friend of hers with her. I came home and flew about to get the parlor ready, built a fire. At length they came, Frank and Capt. Kepler, he is very pleasant and we passed an hour or two very agreeably.

Wednesday, January 31, 1866

This is the last day of the month. This has been a splendid day as was yesterday, also the nights are glorious, moonlight and clear. I was at Frank's a minute this evening. Went down and made Laura Laughry a visit, she is better but very weak and nervous. Lizzie Burr came in while I was there.

Went to church in the evening. There is news of a terrible steamboat disaster on the Mississippi. The Missouri Capt. Hurd was blown up and, at present accounts, 120 lives lost among them several Portsmouth people, the wife and three sons of Capt. Hurd.

Thursday, February 1, 1866

This has been a bright beautiful day and it is turning colder. Emma Spry and I stayed at school until it was so dark that we could'nt see to write any more. The paper is done all but the chip basket.

We have cut up pretty badly today, we did nothing wrong but had a gay time before school and at recess. They all tease me a great deal and today I was presented with a couple of pieces of poetry. Richard Lewis gave me one and Clara King gave me the other, they were both original and Clara's was pretty good. We got the paper tonight and news of the great steam boat disaster. Capt. Hurd is saved and his three sons but Mrs. Hurd was killed.

Friday, February 2, 1866

This is a beautiful day. I received a letter from Lizzie Young. Cousin Dural was up this morning. Capt. Hurd and his sons Arthur Henry and Len around here this morning on the Bostona. They were taken to His sister's Mrs. Smith on Fourth Street. The body of Mrs. Hurd will be up on the St. Nicholas tomorrow morning. The paper was read this afternoon. We did not go to church tonight. I was not feeling quite well. How I wish Pa was home. I dread his trip up the river since so many accidents, there were no less than seven disasters in last night's paper. Frank was here this afternoon when I came home from school, she stayed until after supper. She's a gay girl, lively as a cricket.

Saturday, February 3, 1866

This is a beautiful day but very cold. I want to have my photograph taken today if I can. It is a splendid day for it. Took my music lessons this forenoon. Ma and I got ready and ate our dinner and started between twelve or one o'clock. I sat five times or rather had five negatives taken all pretty good. We were there two or three hours. While there, Maggie Jones' brother D. came in. Ma had her photograph taken. It is very windy and cold today. After leaving the gallery I went to see how Laura Laughry was, but the house was shut up and she was gone, so I went to Frank's. She commenced the border for my hood and I commenced the cepter. I stayed there until dark. I got the border nearly done but it took me until nearly twelve o'clock at night.

Sunday, February 4, 1866

Went to Sunday School and church in the forenoon. Heard of another terrible steamboat disaster. The Carter, Capt. Hurd brother of the one here now, who had his boat blown up about a week ago. We were somewhat alarmed about Pa until we heard that she was on her way down, as we thought it was time Pa was coming back. What and affliction to befall one family. Capt. Jessy Hurd, wife and three sons and Capt. Jacob Hurd. Mrs. Hurd was killed instantly, Henry, oldest son died yesterday morning. This afternoon Ma, Mary and I attended the funeral of Mrs. Hurd and Henry at the Episcopal Church. What a sad, sad sight, two out of one family, lying there in their coffins at the same time. The little boy was carried in wrapped up in a comfort. The other son, Arthur walked, he only had his arm broken, and the Capt. was carried in to the visiting room on a litter. The church was crowded. Cousin Duval came up this evening and stayed a while. We sung Sunday school songs and hymns.

Monday, February 5, 1866

This ice is running heavily in the river. This evening Laura Laughry brought her new dress which she is making, to stay a while with us. This is singing night. I have been

working hard all day at my hood to get it done is near this evening. While we were at supper we heard a knock at the door. Ma reached back and opened it and who should come in but Cousin Duval. The ice was so heavy that the boat could not go up and he concluded to come up and go to singing school. I finished my hood after the bell rang and we went. Laura, Duval and I. We met Maggie and Davy and ever so many more. When we came home Frank was here. Ma had been down during the day and as she was not certain that Laura was coming, so she persuaded Frank to come and stay all night she we had plenty of company. Laura, Frank and I slept in the children's bed. Mary in the crib, and Ma, Jennie, Lizzie, Milton, and Enos in her bed.

Tuesday, February 6, 1866

There is to be a party at Ellie Ward's. I am not invited. Ma and Laura have been working hard all day in order to finish Laura's dress so she could wear it. After a good many interruptions they got it done between eight and nine o'clock.

Cousin Duval, Will and George Irwin were to go down to Frank's with us to spend the evening. Will and George did not come. While Ma was helping Laura, I played for Cousin Duval when it got late enough we went and Ma and Mary were to come when they got ready. Mrs. Burwell came by for Laura an hour before she was ready, so she came up stairs to wait. Mr. Murray came in to tell Ma about Pa and so Ma had to quit her work again, at last they were ready and they went to the party and Ma and Mary went down to Mr. Cunningham's. We spent a very pleasant evening, came home at eleven o'clock and were just ready for bed when we heard Laura coming. We sat down and got to talking and it must have been after twelve when we went to bed.

Wednesday, February 7, 1866

Laura Stayed until in the afternoon. She was going to stay until Pa came, but this afternoon Ma received a dispatch saying that Pa would be home tonight, so Laura thought her time was up and she went home. This has been a beautiful day, not very cold and very bright. Tonight we waited supper for Pa. We got ready and when the church bells rang we went down to Frank's to wait for the cars. When we heard the

whistle we rushed down stairs and ran over to the cars and there he was. Oh! how glad we were to see him once more. None of us went to church tonight.

Thursday, February 8, 1866

The weather is splendid this week. Pa got Mary a new book "Little Foxes". It seems so good to have him home again.

Tonight I had to write a composition and just as I had got all my things together and got a line or two, Ma came to tell me that Cousin Duval, Will and George Irvin were here, so good bye to the composition for the present. About nine or ten, they went away and I commenced the composition again, finished and copied it before I went to bed, which made it very late.

Friday, February 9, 1866

We were examined this afternoon until half past three, when we were dismissed. I went down to Maggie's and as it was such a beautiful afternoon we went out to take a walk. Up 2nd down 2nd out Washington up Court and every where, even out on the river bank. We walked and talked and enjoyed it very much. We walked from about four o'clock to six. At length I came home and before we had our suppers Will and George came up to go to Spencer Chapel. We were waiting supper for Pa who had gone up the rail road. Ma and Will, George and I went to church and stayed until after eight then came home. Mary entertained Will while G. and I played a game of chess which took us until ten o'clock. I am so sleepy. Maggie is such a darling girl. I really love her. Hattie had company last night for Camille Robinson. I was not invited and didn't expect to be.

Saturday, February 10, 1866

I took my music lesson this morning as usual and did up the morning work. After dinner Mary and I went down street to do some errands. We went to Mr. Janney's and got Ma's and My photographs. After we got through Mary came home and I went up

to see Ella Tewksbury. I wrote to Clara yesterday or the day before and sent her a photograph. Ell, Mrs. Cutter, Cal and Dell Ramsey were all dressing dolls up at Mrs. Tewksbury's. This evening we spent quietly at home.

Sunday, February 11, 1866

This is a dark rainy day. I went to Sunday school and stayed to church. Cousin D. came to church sat in uncle E's pew. Uncle Enos came in church today and we thought he was in Cincinnati. There was no church at our church this afternoon on account of the Mission Sunday School Meeting which was held at the Baptist church. It was so rainy that I did not go. Uncle E and Cousin D were here to see Pa this afternoon. I did not see either of them. I was ready for bed when the church bell rang tonight but, contrary to custom, I lay down on the bed and read "Little Foxes". It is splendid.

Monday, February, 1866

I have been at school all day as usual. Wrote a letter to Lizzie Young and one to Nannie Hegatt. Sent a picture in each one. Hattie Hempstead came to stay all night with me. Pa, Hattie, Mary and I all went down to the Musical Association. We all think that is a great institution. It met at our church. Maggie was there of course, and her brother and ever so many more. After we came home we sat up stairs quite a while before going to sleep. Oh! me, I am so tired and sleepy.

Tuesday, February 13, 1866

After school I went to see Maggie as I had not seen her for 24 hours or nearly that long. Went to ask them to come up and spend the evening. She was alone and I stayed at least a half an hour. Frank came up and spent the evening for the express purpose of learning to play chess. We had a good deal of fun over it. She has received one valentine already. Tomorrow is the day. Wonder if I'll get one.

Wednesday, February 14, 1866

Well this is valentine day. I only got two and cornie as cornie could be. It is a good thing I saved the pretty one I got at home, for I'll never get any more. This has been a very disagreeable day, rainy and rather cold. None of us went to church on account of the weather.

Thursday, February 15, 1866

Clara King and I have been hard at work at the paper all day. This is the first time we have served together. Oh! but it is cold. It blew a gale last night and it is frigid today. There will be skating by tonight This is just like the cold snap we had a while ago. The river is full of ice and the boats can't run. This kind of weather reminds one of Greenland, Iceland and such places. If I had time to skate I should like it better but it is so windy that we can't do much at that.

Friday, February 16, 1866

Clara and I read the paper this after noon. Mr Bolton paid us quite a compliment that is the first class. Clara, Emma Keogh, Ella Vornier, Anna Vornier and myself. He hopes to see us writing for the Atlantic Monthly someday, instead of the "Gem". We got out rather early. I should have gone skating I suppose but Laura Laughry and Frank Cunningham were here.

Saturday, February 17, 1866

This fore noon we all worked hard sweeping and dusting the rooms. At dinner Pa told us to be ready by one o'clock to go skating. We were not ready so soon but we started and crossed the bottoms down the side of the Scioto and got very muddy and when we did reach the ice it was ruined so we had tramp to take over again. In the evening we were expecting Cousin Duvall and Will and George Irvin up to take tea. Ma invited Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and Frank and Pa invited Uncle Enos. We prepared an oyster supper but the young men did not come. Cousin Duvall had the sick headache. Those that were here stayed until eleven o'clock.

Sunday, February 18, 1866

I went to Sabbath School this fore noon but my tooth ached so that I did not stay until it was over. I came home and stayed there all the rest of the day. None of us went to church but Lizzie. It has been rainy and very disagreeable all day.

Monday, February 19, 1866

Singing school night again. I am always glad when it comes. I enjoy myself so much at the meetings. Ma and Pa are invited down to Mr. and Mrs. Greene's to tea. After they were gone Laura Loughry and I were up in my room getting ready for singing school when one of the children announced the arrival of Cousin Duvall and Will. Laura was in a predicament she did not want to stay and I was determined she should and I finally prevailed. We went and were the first ones there so we got the whole benefit. Rose Williamson gave Maggie and me some candy and so forth. Oh! we had a grand time, we always do. Maggie asked me to bring the gentlemen down to spent the evening tomorrow and at recess Laura made the same request. So we did not know what to do about it. This afternoon my tooth ached so that I had to get excused from school at recess and go to Dr. Gibbs to have something done to it. He concluded to destroy the nerve, which he did and tomorrow I expect to go and have it taken out, that is the nerve and next Saturday, nothing preventing, I will have the tooth filled.

Tuesday, February 20, 1866

It was finally decided as Maggie spoke first that we all should go there to spend the evening. At noon I went to tell Laura Loughry that we would call for her. In the evening all three came up apparently not expecting to go any where. But I told them that Maggie was looking for us and about eight o'clock we went for Laura. I walked with George, Mary with Will and Cousin Duvall went alone until we got to Dr. Pratt's. We arrived safely at last and spent a very pleasant evening. Played a game of authors, joked and enjoyed our selves generally. At half past ten Maggie's brother Davy came in. The gentlemen enjoyed themselves very much and expressed them selves favorably impressed with both Maggie and D. It was a little after eleven o'clock when

we started for home. We had a great deal of sport. I don't know when I have laughed as much as I did at Will and Mary. He was just as full of mischief as he could be. When we got to the corner of Fourth and Court we all stopped to hold a consultation when one of the party happened to notice the Aurora Boreallis. It was perfectly splendid and so large and bright. It was the first time I ever saw it and of course I was very much struck. We stood on the corner quite a while and looked at it. Altogether it was a very pleasant evening. I received a letter from Miss R. today

Wednesday, February 21, 1866

This morning Pa went away on the cars again to be gone all day. Will and George were up in the forenoon and came back to dinner. Ma sent a note up to Mr. Bolton to get me excused in the afternoon to go skating, but the ice was all gone and so I just stayed at home with Ma. It is the first time I have been excused to stay at home a half day, this term. After Will and George had gone, Uncle Enos came in. The Bostona did not get in until 1 o'clock PM on account of the ice. He was scarcely gone when Nellie Morton called. She made quite a visit, and told us all about John's death. After she left Mrs. Jones and Maggie came and then Mrs. Charley Lloyd, so we had visitors all the afternoon. I could not go to church because I had to get supper for Pa when the cars came in. I wrote a letter to Miss Richardson today in answer to the one I received the other day.

Thursday, February 22, 1866

This is the 22nd Washington's Birthday. It is a glorious because of its historical association and also on account of the weather which is beautiful. All the schools have holiday today. The girl is unable to work and ma is not well at all so we have spent half the day working, which gives us a relish for the freedom we have in the afternoon. I dressed and went straight to Maggie's of course. We went together and made a little visit to the Misses Peebles and started for a walk up second street. Met Ella Tewksbury and we walked up as far as Sinton street together. Maggie and I went on up to Hattie Hempstead's. Emma Bell was spending the day with her. After a short call we slowly mended our way back down 2nd and next found ourselves at Miss Hannah Rumsey's. I took out a card and Maggie had neither card or pencil so she tore the address off an

envelope and pressed it on to one corner of my card and we tied a piece of white fringe from Maggie's shall around it and put it under the door. I came home and found company and a note from Laura Loughry, wishing me and the gentlemen down to spend the evening. Julius Pursell and Nall were here and before I had time to write to Cousin Duvall, he came in. Will and George had gone, so Cousin Duvall, Mary and I went alone. The first of a series of serious meeting was held at our church this evening. I could not go, although I wished very much. I got a letter from Hattie Prewett.

Friday, February 23, 1866

Dear me! it is just a week today since I and my faithful friend, my journal, have had a tete-a-tete. How am I to remember and communicate to its willing pages, all that has transpired in that time. Well, for a beginning we had school again today after our yesterday's holiday. I answered Hattie Prewett's letter and wrote a short one to my old friend Nannie now Mrs. Johnson. Hattie said she had lost her baby, three months old. Uncle Enos brought me a set of bird pages to hold my dress up. This is a very warm and pleasant day though rather damp. I saw Maggie on the corner a few minutes this afternoon after school. She proposed coming up to spend the evening tomorrow. I really love her. I hope I shall never have any cause to feel any other way towards her. Emma Spry gave me a half an orange this morning on our way to school. I believe she loves me. I have never yet introduced little Emma Jones to you friend journal, she is Maggie's sister and a little pet of mine and Ella Beyerly is Emma's little friend, a pretty little pair they are.

Saturday, February 24, 1866

This forenoon we all worked a little but did not accomplish half as much as we usually do. Ma was not feeling very well so she lay down to take a nap before dinner. Just before dinner was ready, the door bell rung and a boy came so say that two ladies at the Taylor House wanted to see Pa. We could not imagine who it was. Pa went down and pretty soon he came back with Mrs. McKallor and Miss Fannie McCellan. Oh! we were so delighted to see them, and it was such a surprise. They came on partly to see us but mostly to see Cousin Duvall. In the afternoon we went down to the foundry. In the evening Frank came up to call on Miss Fannie. Maggie Jones was to have spent the

evening with me but she came up and found them here so she concluded that she would wait until sometime when I was alone. Miss Fannie is just as much like Miss Mary was, as she can be. It seems like by gone days to have her with us.

Sunday, February 26, 1866

This morning I went to Sunday school as usual but did not stay to church. Ma, Pa, Uncle Enos and Mrs. McKallor went to church in the forenoon and I stayed at home with Miss Fannie. How I do love her. In the afternoon we went to church and Mrs. McKallor and Ma stayed at home with Jennie who is sick. In the evening Uncle Enos came down. He showed us a picture of Aunt Maria when she was a girl. He also had a photograph of Capt. R. Young, Lizzie's father, the only one I have ever seen. He had a splendid picture of John. We all went to Prayer meeting in the evening.

Monday, February 26, 1866

This morning our friends left for Moscow. He wanted very much to have Ma go with them, but some how Pa did not seem quite willing. I thought she would not go. So I bade them Good Bye and went to school. At recess Emma and I got excused to go down to the bookstore for some paper and while I was waiting on the corner of 3rd and Court for Em to go home and get the money I saw the folks coming down street and Ma was with them. So they all three went. At noon when I came home Aunt Maria McCall was here. I was very much surprised but very much more so when I found out that she had been at Uncle Enos' all day yesterday, and none of us knew it. So here was an explanation of Pa's seeming unwillingness for Ma to go down the river. I fully intended going to church tonight but Pa thought I had better not. Mr. Gunn came and played chess with him. Debbie Chandler came for me to go to the "Musical" with her and he said I might so I went but there was no meeting so I came home.

Tuesday, February 27, 1866

Ma and our friends are at aunt Sallie's today enjoying themselves, I know. This is a beautiful day. This evening we waited supper for Pa until the last church bell rang. It was just ringing when we sat down to supper. I was in such a hurry that I did not wait to eat mine but just jumped and run. I was a little late after all. Ella Ward and Judith Smith that was, came forward. I believe some interest is being awakened. I was down to Maggie's a little while. A friend of hers came in and I took French leave. This is a lovely afternoon. I called to see Grandma and Aunt Marie McCall on my way from school. It is the first time I have been there for a long time.

Wednesday, February 28, 1866

We were not up this morning when Ma rung the door bell. One of the girls let her in and pretty soon she came into our rooms kissed us and informed us that John was down stairs. We hurried and dressed and went down. He only came up with Ma and is going back today. After breakfast we all visited together a little while. Pa went down to the shop and told John to come down on his way to the boat when the school bell rang. Ma and John walked up to school with me and as it was not quite school time we walked on up. Emma Spry had overtaken us at the Presbyterian corner and she engrossed Ma's attention we went up second street as far as Dr. McDowell's and then retracted our steps. At the corner of 2nd and Chillicothe we parted. I wonder when we will meet again. We were a little late to school but dear Lucy C. Washburn our teacher excused us. In the evening we went to church, Mary and I. Ma was very tired and did not go. Frank was here as usual.

Thursday, March 1, 1866

If there is a shadow of truth in the old saying that if March comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion. I am afraid we will have some pretty stormy weather towards the last of March, for this has been a lovely day. Ma, Mary and I went to church tonight there were ten came forward among them. Carrie Donham, Libbie and Justin Pratt, Kate Riley, Dwight Greene and Emma M. The meeting was very interesting. This afternoon after school Emma and I went down to the Foundry to see a large casting made. We went at half past four and stayed until about seven o'clock. The first church bell had done ringing when we came home.

Friday, March 2, 1866

Clara and I have been working very hard all day at the paper. We did not get the paper to write it on until yesterday noon and it is quite an undertaking to try to copy seven or eight long compositions besides getting our lessons and being examined. We got it all done but one composition and did not get to read it after all as Mr. B. was in a hurry to dismiss school earlier than usual. I wrote a letter to Mattie Murray, have not sent it yet. I wrote a letter to Dollie Donham today in school. I should have talked with her but had no opportunity. I think she is interested in the meetings and I want to try and do all I can for my Saviour, it is but little but I will do all I can. Would that I could do more. I hope what I said to her will not be misconstrued and will do her some good. Dollie came forward tonight. I was so glad to see her do so.

Saturday, March 3, 1866

Tomorrow is communion and we have our preparatory lecture this afternoon, after which there will be a meeting of the session to examine any who want to join the church. We all went to lecture. After that Mary and Jennie took a short walk and came home. Ma stayed to the meeting of the session with Lizzie who intends joining the church tomorrow if the session thinks best. Hattie Hempstead and I took a long walk, stopped twice to see Maggie but she was not at home. On my way home I met her, she had just left our house. This has been a lovely afternoon. After I left Hattie I came home and Em Spry came in and so we went to take a walk. We went up second as far as Mr. Gaylord's and I was pretty tired when I got home. Tonight I wrote a letter to give to Kate Brockman, one of my scholars in whom I am very much interested.

Sunday, March 4, 1866

This is communion Sabbath. Twelve persons united with the church this afternoon. Among them were Lizzie, Mr. Donham, Dollie or Belle and Carrie. Ella Ward, Mrs. Lampton, Libbie Pratt, Mrs. George Bell, Mrs Powers and Judith White. This is quite encouraging for a beginning of a revival. It has only been little over a week since it commenced. I gave Kate her letter after Sunday school.

Monday, March 5, 1866

The weather has turned cold again. Our meetings are so interesting. Ella Thompson one of my scholars came forward tonight. I could not rest tonight until I had written a letter to Ella and one to Sarah Bell. Ella told me this morning that she wanted me to do it, Kate had told her about the one she got and Ella wanted one to. I have a most interesting class, two of them are members of the church already. Nettie Row and Mary Murray and I think Ella will be soon. Kate is so full of fun and Sarah is so shy and bashful that I fear I will have some trouble with them. Belle Whitney seems to be indifferent about the matter and Florence Vincent is almost too young.

Tuesday, March 6, 1866

This forenoon I spent at Dr. Gibb's the dentist he filled a tooth for me and the operation lasted about two hours and a half. I went to school in the afternoon and to church in the evening. Oh! how anxiously I have been watching for Clark Shackelford to come forward. He is interested I know but as it is not his own church I suppose he hasn't courage enough. His parents are Episcopalians but during this last revival at chapel, his brother, who has been such a drunkard that his friends had lost all hope of him joined that church and now Clark is interested in ours. I have heard that his parents are opposed to his joining our church. I suppose that is another reason why he has not been forward.

Wednesday, March 7, 1866

I expected to have gone to Dr. Gibb's again this morning but he is sick. It was nearly recess when I reached the school house. I took a music lesson. When I got to school I set right to work and wrote a letter to Nannie Hyatt in answer to one I got from her about a week ago. A day or two ago I wrote a letter to Lizzie Young but did not get it off until yesterday morning. I went to church this evening, there were about twenty forward and Ella among the number. How I do enjoy these meetings, more than anything else I know of.

Thursday, March 8, 1866

I have been at school all day today. Mary and Jennie have been unwell for a day or two. I have to go to church by myself or take one of the girls with me. Both of them went tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Gunn the Misses Gunn and their brother Lirerett spent the evening here. I went to church never the less. Dr. Pratt did not invite the interested to come forward as usual tonight but appointed an inquiry meeting for tomorrow afternoon instead. Ella and Eddie her sister, were not at church this evening doubtless they had a good reason.

Friday, March 9, 1866

This morning a few minutes before school was dismissed, I happened to notice Em Spry's skating cap lying on the floor under the recitation seat in our room, where she had thrown it. So I picked it up and pinned it inside of Mr. Bolton's great blanket shawl which was hanging up, and then I was mean enough to go off and leave her to hunt for it, having made the girls promise not to tell her where it was. I went to church tonight. I was the only one of the family well enough to go so I took Hun with me. Oh! I was apply paid. While singing the usual hymn, "Come humble sinner", Clark came forward. I have heard that he has got his father's consent to join our church if he prefers it, and I think he does. I was so rejoiced that I could not sing any more my voice trembled so much and I almost cried during prayer, my heart was so full. I got a letter from Clara Swain.

Saturday, March 10, 1866

I shall remember this day a long time. As soon as breakfast was over I dressed for the day and went to Mrs. Murray's and took my music lesson. Then, I came home and waited for Clara King. Our class were going down to have our photographs taken with Miss Washburn's. Clara came and we went for Emma Spry and us three stopped for Anna Neill we went to Evan's gallery and waited a while and as the others did not come we went to book for them. At last at eleven o'clock we were all there. Miss W. our teacher, Em Spry, Clara King, Anna Neill, Anna Warner, Ella Warner and Ella Holman

and myself. All of our first class but Emma Kirgh who would come and Sarah Kittle who could'nt as her mother is expected that to die every day. Oh we had a gay time, eight of us in our group. The artist insisted that he could not take so many on a common sized card but he did at last. I have only run the negative but I think the pictures will be splendid. Oh! how I will prize mine. The class will pay for mine, one for each scholar, one for Miss W. and one for Mr. Bolton. After dinner Em, Anna Warner and A. Neill, E. Holman met at our house to make a hair boquet for Clara King. She is going away in a few weeks. Miss W. and Miss Parish called. Lizzie is sick.

Sunday, March 11, 1866

This has been a warm and windy day. Lizzie was quite sick last night and this forenoon but after dinner she got much better. Ma did not go to church today but went with Mary and me in the evening. This afternoon Dr. Pratt preached to the children. I did not go as I thought probably I would have to sit up with Lizzie and I had better take a sleep. There were eleven children baptized this afternoon. Mrs. Arthur's twins a girl, Jennie Nelson, and a boy. Aunt Mary Smith's baby, Annie Lettie, Grace Forrest, Reed and others that I don't know. At the evening prayer meeting, a good many came forward. Estelle Robinson was the only grown female and, one man whom I don't know.

Monday, March 12, 1866

It was raining this morning when I got up and it has rained all day. It stopped about school time after dinner long enough for me to get off without umbrella or shawl. I was so anxious to go to church but it was best that I should stay at home because I had a good many things to do and Lizzie was so sick that we had to sit up with her. While I stayed up I wrote my composition and made four tetting roses. We are beginning to get ready for public examination. How I wish it was over. It has just been a year to day since dear little Annie Lora died. It seem like a much longer time since we saw her and yet the year has rolled around so rapidly that I don't seem like a year. One of our neighbors buried a son today. Lilla son Wheeler. He has been sick for year, only sometimes he was out for many days at a time.

Tuesday, March 13, 1866

Lizzie is a great deal better. There has been a good deal of company in today to see her. Miss Mary Peebles, her Sunday school teacher was here and made a sociable visit. We all went down to the gallery to see our pictures, they are not good at all and we want to go again next Saturday. Mary and I went to church. We had a very good meeting. The front seats are full. Tonight after I was ready for bed I sat down and wrote a long letter to Clara Swian.

Wednesday, March 14, 1866

This morning I went and took my music lesson. My new music has come. Seven pieces which Miss Adams sent for to put with what I have for a book. Was at school all day and we are preparing for examination. Pa is not very well. Lizzie was sitting up a while this evening. The weather is very warm, in fact sultry and it will rain before long. On my way from school I stopped at Maggie's and how long we sat on the door step, I don't know. They have all been sick there and Maggie has had her hands full. All up and better now. At last I got home and after tea we all, Ma, Mary, Jennie and I got ready and went to church. Mr. John Pratt did not get to church as we had expected he would. I don't know whether he is in town or not. Our meetings are very well attended, and there seems to be a good deal of interest particularly among the Sabbath school children. Anna Warner today invited the "Rhetoric Club" to tea at their house on tomorrow evening. I think I shall go, if nothing prevents.

Thursday, March 15, 1866

The prospect for tonight is not very bright. It has rained all day. Pa has not been up today. This afternoon I was so much afraid that it would rain this evening that I took my dinner. Emma Spry and Ella Holman came to school all ready to go. I got excused a few minutes before school was dismissed and came home, it was raining then as Pa was sick I had no idea that I could go but it cleared off and the sun came out so I got ready and asked ma when I should come home she said about 8 o'clock. Then I asked Pa, and told him all about and he said I had better come at ten if I could without

breaking up the company. So it was settled. There were Emma Spry, Ella Holman, Clara King, Misses Parish and Washburn, Ella and Anna Warner, Anna Neil, Rhoda Whigham and myself, and Miss Gus Varner. Oh! but we had a good supper and a gay time generally. Working, singing, playing, blindfold, Proverbs, quotations, passkey and ever so many things. It may be the last time our Club will be all together. Sarah and Emma K. were not there I guess they never go in company at all. Clara is going in a few weeks and so is Miss Washburn. Robert and Emma, Anna Neill and I all came down together. I had an orange tonight. I don't know when I have had such a good time. I only regretted not being able to go to church.

Friday, March 16, 1866

This has been rather a gloomy day. Pa is still sick in bed. Today noon when I was coming home to dinner, whom should I meet but Cousin Duvall. In the afternoon we did not do much at school. Mr. Bolten showed experiment and we looked on. In the evening I went to church. Uncle Enos and Cousin Duvall were there. Mr. John Pratt preached.

Saturday, March 17, 1866

I took my music lesson as usual this morning and spent the rest of the forenoon running after the girls to go and have our pictures taken. The weather is so cold and so windy. I stopped for Emma and waited until she got ready, then we went up to Miss Adams a few minutes, and after all we were the first ones at the gallery. We had to sit twice, and we were all in such a merry mood that it was with great difficulty that we succeeded in keeping still a few seconds. We got a very good picture. I shall prize it very much a few years hence. After dinner the girls met at Francie Spry Helphenstein's to make Clara's hair bouquet, as pa was sick I did not go. But Ma wanted some yarn and late in the afternoon I went for a few minutes. They are getting along nicely with their work. Cousin D. brought his baggage and is going to stay here, until Monday at least.

Sunday, March 18, 1866

It is not quite so windy today as it was yesterday. Mr. Pratt preached for us today. Mr. Dan Spry, Therse, and Mr. and Mrs. Helphenstein were at our church today. Daniel and George 3 times. None of our family went out today but Mary and I. We were at church for times. The lecture room was full, at night.

Monday, March 19, 1866

The wind is warm and moist today. We are very busy at school preparing for examination. Maggie Jones was here this evening. Pa sat up today. Mary and I went to church, we had a very interesting meeting. Twenty-one were forward. Four of the Robinson family. Estelle and Van, Bertha Glidden and Nora Hutchins. Poor Van has the reputation of being the worst boy in town. If it is to be helped he will reform. We have great hopes of it now. He felt very badly it looked like, he is the first person whom I have ever seen make any demonstration in the Presbyterian church, but he cried bitterly. Every body was moved and not a few wiped tears from their eyes. It affected all very deeply.

We got our pictures this noon. Oh! if poor Van perseveres what rejoicing there will be both in heaven and on earth, he has been a terror to his family very proud and passionate. The last one in the house when I expected to see take that step. May God help him.

Tuesday, March 20, 1866

I have taken a very severe cold some how and I shall not be able to go at night for several day I am afraid. How ever it is all for the best I ought to write my composition tonight any way and now I'll have a chance to do it. My subject is,

When time which steals our cares away

Shall steal our pleasures too.

The memory of the past will stay

And half our joys renew.

I can't do it justice at this late hour. Friday is Examination Day. I believe spring has come at last for the flowers are coming up. Pa is not nearly so well as he was yesterday.

Wednesday, March 21, 1866

This is Mary's Examination day. I wish I could go, but we are so busy up at our school. I took a music lesson. Emma and I stayed at school today noon. This is our last week with Clara and Miss Washburne. They are both going away. I could not go to church. There was a terrible wind storm last night it blew a perfect gale. We were excused this afternoon at recess and I was very glad to get home.

Thursday, March 22, 1866

Tomorrow will be Examination Day. We have been working pretty hard for it this week. I received a letter from Hattie Prewett today and one from Nannie Heat says Nannie is to be married the 8th of next month. We were dismissed at 8 o'clock but as Emma, Ella Holman, Anna Varner and Clara King all had their compositions to finish we stayed. They all got through before Clara. The girls had bought all their hair flowers and we expected to stay after school and finish them up, but Clara was the last one through and she just would'nt go home, so we all had to go on home with Miss Washburne to do it. So we all had to go off and leave Clara alone. Although we were dismissed so early, it was nearly six o'clock when we got home. Ann Varner put the flowers together and it is all done and ready to present to her tomorrow after school.

Pike's Opera House was burned tonight together with several large establishments 89 pianos and 49 melodeous. Total loss nearly two millions.
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Friday, March 23, 1866

This is the dreaded Examination Day, and it is rainy too. We got a long splendidly with our recitations especially Geometry. This is the last time that we shall all meet together. Tomorrow Miss Washburne is going away and next Wednesday Clara is going to Granville. The speeches and compositions went off nicely. While Clara was reading her composition we cleared off her desk and placed the present, with a note of apology on it. The apology was for our conduct the evening before, in leaving her alone. When she came down from the platform (our class sat in the library) after a good deal of maneuvering on the part of Emma Holman to attract her attention, Clara saw it and she burst out crying and every one in the room followed suit. We just began to realize so soon we would part forever and we felt very badly. The folding doors, between our room and the audience and rest of the school were open but the people were so taken up with the exercises that I don't believe they noticed us. It would have been all the same if they had. Last of all, Mr. Boltin called us out to sing the parting song, "When shall we meet again" and it was sung on the solo order. Emma commenced it and then we all commenced crying then Clara took it up and Em cried and so it was carried, first by one, then another. Mr. Crock delivered an address. It was a sad parting after school.

Saturday, March 24, 1866

How glad I am that it is all over. I did not expect to see Clara again but she came and stayed an hour or two this afternoon. I caught cold enough, going to school this week to make me sick. Pa is better. I am just worn out. I am so glad of a rest for even two weeks.

Sunday, March 25, 1866

This has been a long day to me. I could not go to Sunday school or church and my head hurt so that I did not feel like reading and the time passed very slowly. Pa is up and much better. Mr. Gunn stopped to see him this afternoon. How much I miss the meeting but I can't go out at night on account of my cold.

Monday, March 26, 1866

I wrote a note to Lizzie this morning letting her that we are looking for her Wednesday on the boat, with her mother. I sent the letter down to the boat by Pa who went down street, the first time for nearly two weeks. I have been practising a good deal today and have not done much else. I can't go any where. Laura Laughry was here a while last Saturday, I was thinking it was today when I commenced to write it.

Tuesday, March 27, 1866

The sun is shining beautifully but the air is cold. I have been writing all the fore noon. They are putting down the carpet in the sitting room, so I can't practice. Wrote to Hattie and also to Nannie. Ma has been writing to Miss Fannie McClellan and Mrs. Kelly. The girls put the carpet down, I the back parlor today. After dinner Ma Mary and I started down town and Mrs. Cunningham came so we all went together. We went to see Mrs. Ramsey's new house. She is going to be very nicely fixed, new carpets and furniture in a new house. We stayed there quite a while and then Ma, Mary and I went down to the book store and got two packages of envelopes. Then to the dress makers to get our flannel skirts stamped but, we saw no pretty pattern so I came home and got two, which Mrs. Vincent is going to send on and have stamps made like them. We also got a circular wrapper pattern. I saw Mary J. Murray a few minutes on the street. Ma and Mary went to church this evening but I could'nt go.

Wednesday, March 28, 1866

This morning early, Mary and I went down to see if Mrs. Young and Lizzie had come but disappointment was all we met. When we reached front street the boat was coming but had not landed yet, so we waited. We saw Mr. Riggs coming and asked him and he told us that they did not come. It rained quite hard and sleeted some this morning but I went through it all and took my music lesson. It is now noon. I suppose Clara went down on the boat today. I wonder if I will ever see her again. Pa has not come up to dinner yet, Ma is sleeping and the children are playing with their paper dolls. Mary has gone to take her lesson. Miss A. Said this morning that Mr. Bigler was forward last night at church. It is to be hoped he is in earnest, for he does not enjoy a very enviable reputation. Ma Mary and I went to church tonight. The meeting was very interesting. Mr. Bigler, Davy Stevenson and another man came forward also Alice and

Nannie Bonsall, Mary Gibbs, Ella and Nannie Lampton. Nannie has I think, long been halting between two opinions but has at last decided for the right.

Thursday, March 29, 1866

It is quite cool today, and cloudy. This morning flakes of snow fell. I received a letter from Clara Swain and answered it. Ma and I expect to go out this afternoon to make some visits. We went to Mrs. Greene's and Mrs. Churchill was there. Afterwards we went to see Mrs. Pratt and Laura but they were both out so we came home. While I was gone, Emma Spry came to see me so after resting a while, I went out to Mrs. Purcell's where Emma had gone and stayed there a half an hour or more. In the evening I went to church, Jimmy Stevenson was forward tonight.

Friday, March 30, 1866

This morning, bright and early, Mary and I went down to the boat to see if Aunt Sallie had come, but again we were disappointed. We went on the boat and up stairs. Harry Robinson was standing on the guards and he went to see if the names were on the book, but they were not. The morning was bright but it is near the end of the month, and as March came in like a lamb it must go out like a lion. Pa went to church with us tonight. I cut out and made a yoke for a night dress this morning and got it stamped. I am going to embroider it while I am out of school. I took my work and went down to Maggie's and stayed until supper time.

Saturday, March 31, 1866

Took a music lesson this forenoon as usual. After which I took some of my music and Ma and I went up to see Grandma a while. It has been a long time since I played on that dear old piano. Mary got Grace Cotton and brought her up to see us. Ma wanted some cough medicine from Dr. Crees so I volunteered to go and get it. I was just ready to start when Mrs. Rumsey, Frank Cunningham and Sallie Tewksbury came. When Sallie went away I started. First I went and got Maggie to go with me, waited until she was ready and we started. Oh! how the wind did blow! The Dr. of course, was not at

home. I left the bottle and we went up to see Hattie Hempstead a little while and got the medicine as we came back. Maggie went home and I started in that direction but meeting Laura Laughry at Mrs. Greene's gate I went in with her. From there we went back to Dr. Pratt's. I am quite tired tonight having walked so much in the wind. Good Bye March

Monday, April 1, 1866

It is quite warm today. The girls are home from school for a week's vacation. I have been to Sabbath school once and church twice today. Emma and Hesse Spry were at our Sabbath school this morning. Pa went to church with Ma and Mary this evening. I had to stay at home with the children.

Tuesday, April 2, 1866

The weather is very warm. This has been a splendid day. It is election day and consequently there is not much else going on. Ma bought six new hats, for us. All the girls are Derbys, trimmed with plain velvet band and veil at one side with a bunch of flowers. We have been trimming them all the afternoon. Emma came soon after dinner and stayed until we went down to church. John White, one of the mood desperate characters in town, came forward. I went to Dr. Gibbs twice today to get my tooth filled but did not get it done.

Tuesday, April 3, 1866

This morning at a little past eight, Ma and I went to the dentists again. I got my tooth filled and it took about 3 ½ hours without getting out of the chair once. Saw Lue Lloyd on the street. This is a lovely day. I am very tired after my morning's work of sitting still with my mouth wide open and tongue tied. Ma and I have been very busy all the afternoon sewing on dresses for Lizzie and Annie. We went to church Mr. John Pratt and Mr. Curtiss were there in the place of Dr. Pratt who was obliged to go to Presbytery. This evening Nannie Hyatt was married in Yazoo City to Mr. Holloway.

Wednesday, April 4, 1866

I went and took my music lesson this morning. This has been a very warm day. The leaves are coming out on the trees, flowers beginning to bloom, birds singing and every thing is gay. Ma and Mrs. Vincent were out hunting flowers all the forenoon. Pa went to Cincinnati and Uncle Enos went to St. Louis. In the afternoon Ma and Mary went up to Mrs. Gaylord's. I started but as I was not well at all, I thought I had better not go so far. I went to Maggie's but she was up at Kate Moore's. Mary Murray was gone also and Emma Spry was up at Belle Donham's. So I came Home. Ma and I went to church.

Thursday, April 5, 1866

This is a bright and beautiful day. Ma, Mary and the boys have just gone out to the grave yard to plant some flowers on little Annie's grave. When they got home they all had their hands full. They got a cactus in bloom, a Cape Jassamine, Lemon Verbena, and several other things. Mrs. Brockman sent me a little boquet. After dinner I dressed and started up to spent the afternoon with Hattie Hempstead but met her coming down to her uncle John's so I came back to Dr. Crees' and got some medicine and went to Maggie's but she was gone up to my house so I went to see Lue Lloyd. Just as I was leaving there I met Maggie going home so we took a little walk and finally went and sat on her door step and sewed a while. Then we went to take another walk and finding out that there was cream at Lloyd's we put our money together and treated each other, I had 15 cents and she 5 the last either of us had. I again started home but Emma Johnson was sitting on their steps and I thought I would sit with her a little while but Lloyd came along and wanted me to go to the store with her, so I went. At last I reached home but as Ma and Mary were gone I went home with Frank and from there I went to Ida Lodwick's and stayed until the church bell rang. Mary and I went. Dr. Pratt came in after the services were begun by Mr. Pratt. Mrs. Cunningham was in and spent the evening with Ma. I received a letter from Nannie Hyatt and answered it. Mary got one from Belle Connolly.

Sunday, April 8, 1866

Went to Sabbath school and church in the forenoon and in afternoon went to the Union Sunday Association at Bigelow Chapel with Debbie Chandler. Prayer meeting in the evening, Dr. Pratt said that it would probably close this series of meetings.

Monday, April 9, 1866

This is a beautiful morning. I start to school again. I finished my letter to Clara at noon and sent it. We were dismissed at recess this morning. It seems quite lonesome at school with out Clara. Ella Holman, Anna Varner, and I went over to see Miss Washburne. Mr. John Gregory was here this evening. Ma and I went to church. The Harmonic met tonight at the Baptist Church but I could not go as there was service in our church. Jennie Bell was married in Yazoo City, today to Mr. James Partee.

Tuesday, April 10, 1866

We have been in school all day. I finished embroidering my night dress and got my flannel stamped. Ma and Pa spent the evening at Mr. Cunningham's. This is the first evening I have spent at home for some time except Saturday evenings. Mary got a letter from aunt Lizzie saying that their family and Maggie Conklyn were to start northward on the 2nd of this month.

Wednesday, April 11, 1866

Pa went over to Boone Furnace this morning with Mr. Gregory. I worked at my skirt until supper time and after supper I went down to Maggie's a few minutes before church. Hattie's brother Gary has come home. The weather is very warm and pleasant.

Thursday, April 12, 1866

It has been quite warm today. Em, Ella, Anna and I had to move our seats into the school room today. I wrote a composition on "A scene in an Auction Room". This evening Mr. C and I went out to a mite-society held at Mr. Dugan's. There was such a crowd that there was no such thing as comfort to be thought of but still I enjoyed the excitement. Every body and every body's friend was there early.

Friday, April 13, 1866

Was at school all the forenoon, got dismissed at recess in the afternoon. The guage in the railroad was made here this evening and the first Marietta train came down. We all went down after supper to see it. Sat on the steps with Ida Lodwick until nearly car time and then went in and she showed us the inside of the house. We visited there until the church bell rang. We did not go to church.

Saturday, April 14, 1866

A year ago today we were in Cincinnati, Pa, Mary and I. Uncle Tom and his family arrived this morning while I was taking my music lesson. Uncle Tom brought me a letter from Clara. I answered it immediately and sent her my picture of our group the Rhetoric Club.

Sunday, April 15, 1866

Went to Sunday school and while there received a letter from Lizzie Young. Went to church twice.

Monday, April 16, 1866

Uncle Tom, Aunt Lizzie, Mary and I went to the Harmonic tonight. Dr. Donham led the singing. Mary, Mattie and Clara were here. Saw Maggie, Hattie and Dary. Gay N. came to singing school with Maggie Jones tonight. It was nearly eleven o'clock when

we came home. Em was not at school today. I went down to see what was the matter with her, after school.

Tuesday, April 17, 1866

This has been a very warm day and to me pleasant. Em was at school today. The flowers are doing nicely.

Wednesday, April 18, 1866

We went to church tonight. I have not been going out this week and have not much to write.

Thursday, April 19, 1866

I received a letter from Nannie Hyatt that was now Mrs. Churchill H. Holloway. It seems strange. She had three brides' maids, Pauline Wilson, Anna and Eliza Quackenboss. I got a little box containing a string of beads, by Hannden's Express this evening.

Friday, April 20, 1866

We were dismissed at recess this afternoon as is usual on Fridays. Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Tom went down to the stone house this afternoon to stay until tomorrow. Maggie was left in my care. I took the children walking and bought them some candy with the money their mother gave them. Saw Laura and Lizzie. After I put Daisy to bed Ma, Mary, and I went to prayer meeting.

Saturday, April 21, 1866

We have been to nearly every millery shop in town to get a hat for me as a Derby is not becoming to me but I only changed the one I had for a smaller one of the same kind. After dinner Ma, Aunt and I went down to Mrs. Murray's to see the man work on the

machine. We were caught there in a shower and stayed an hour or two. The rain cleared off and we came home. I trimmed my hat and just at supper time, I went round to see Lizzie Burr a little while, she is sick. Saw a very good photograph of Will B. On my way home I met Maggie Jones coming from our house. She never catches me at home though I have stayed at home all week to give her a chance.

Sunday, April 22, 1866

This has been a beautiful day, contrary to our expectations. I went to Sunday school and church in the forenoon, and church again at 3 o'clock after which Pa, Uncle Tom, Aunt Lizzie, Mary and I went out to the graveyard. Ma, Aunt Lizzie, Mary and I went to evening prayer meeting and got caught in a shower.

Monday, April 23, 1866

When we woke up this morning it was raining but before I was dressed it had stopped and now the sun is shining brightly. I have just finished writing a note to Maggie Concklyn to send by Uncle Tom if he goes to Louisville today. Wrote a letter to Emilie Barksdale. Pa went to Ironton, Uncle Tom to Louisville.

Tuesday, April 24, 1866

It has rained very hard nearly all day. This morning when we went to school we found that the flowers had arrived, there are nineteen pots from the green house besides the two boxes Emma Spry took and the pot I took. There is quite a variety of verbenas and geraniums, a Cama Lily, a rose, wandering zen and I don't remember what else. I got a white cotton skirt stamped for braiding. Saw an announcement in the Yazoo Banner of the marriage of Jennie Bell to James Partee. Married on the 9th of April.

Wednesday, April 25, 1866

This is my music morning. Ma, Aunt Lizzie and I went to church tonight. I have been in school all day. This morning Kate Glidden, my old seatmate in school, came to school with Emma S. and Ella Homan when they came in from walking at recess. She sat with Emma until noon and I did not pay much attention to her as she seemed to treat me rather coldly and so did not notice any thing strange about her. At noon Em told me that Kate had lost her mind and was perfectly crazy. She is just like she always was only more so, always was peculiar or eccentric in her ways. She went to Ella's this morning bare head, with her hair all down and an old dirty dress on and expressed a determination to go to school with Ella so she dressed herself out and in Ella's clothes and instead of going to school she went to Mr. Crook's to have her name taken off the church roll. She was at our house to supper and wandered all around town, some one found her after dark on the street and took her home. What a dreadful affliction. We can never know how to be thankful enough that we have our right minds. Poor Kate, she used to be the first scholar in school and a good christian girl, as we have every reason to believe, but now she is so very different. She believes that she is possessed with an evil spirit and is doing all the mischief in her power.

Thursday, April 26, 1866

Pa has been on Scioto all day working with the stone men. I received a letter from Hattie today giving a glowing account of Jennie Bell Partee's wedding party. It was down at the place on the river "Lake Dick". I also received a letter from Lue Lloyd who is at school at Mount Auburn Institute. Went down to Maggie's a while after school. She is not very well. The mite Society for the Episcopal church is to be held at Dr. Burr's this evening. I did not go.

Friday, April 27, 1866

How quickly a week rolls by. I answered Hattie's letter today. Uncle Tom came home. Pa went to the stine works again today. I went home with Emma from school until she could tell her mother that she wanted to come home with me. Little Jansen or Baby Pursell was lost and so we had to go and find her. We went to her uncle Dan's store and there she was. He treated us to a splendid glass of soda before we left. Emma came home with me. She thought that she was a great deal taller than Mary so she

came up to measure. There is not $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch difference but Emma has it. After Emma left, I dresses and when the first church bell rang I started so that I could put my letter in the office. It was too early for church and I walked on up 2nd Street until I met Mary Gaylord and Clara. We walked back together and I sat with them. When I went to sleep Pa had not come yet.

Saturday, April 28, 1866

Pa did not get home until half past three this morning, and then he left on the cars for Jackson at six o'clock. He has been very busy all week. I braided on my skirt until one o'clock then dressed and went down to Emma Miller's to help make pop corn bags for the Tracy Park Fair. There was quite a room full of girls. Emma Miller of course, Laura Loughry, Mrs. Dr. Lair, Neal Lloyd, Alice Tracy, Julia Waller, Ella and Sallie Tewksbury, Mary J. Murray, Kate Glover, Miss H. Rumsey, Maggie Jones, Mary Burwell and my self. We made 283 I think Emma S. said. I answered Lue's letter after I came home but did not have time to put it in the office as it was after dark. I was up to see how Lizzie Burr was and stopped and made Mrs. Glover a visit.

Sunday, April 29, 1866

I was at Sunday school and church this morning. Church at 3 o'clock, sat in Uncle Enos' pew, and prayer meeting in the evening.

Monday, April 30, 1866

Last day of April. This month has passed very quickly. Robert, Daniel Therse and Francie are all going to start east today. Frank Cunningham is going to Cincinnati to make a visit. Uncle Tom goes to Louisville, Mrs. and Mr. Tewksbury are going some where to be gone a week and I don't know how many leave the city today for parts unknown. I am one who remains that is one fact. I must go down and see Frank before school as I won't have another chance. Tomorrow is the 1st of May and all the schools are to have a holiday. Our school are going over the river on the Kentucky hills. I don't care to go. It looks as if it would rain tomorrow. Mary and I went down to the Musical

at the Baptist church but there were only a few present and we did not sing at all. Mary got Belle Nichols photograph.

Tuesday, May 1, 1866

This has been more like March and April than May. In the morning it sprinkled, was cloudy and sunshiny by turns. The Methodist boys and girls went out to their picnic on the pike notwithstanding. Several parties went on the river, our school went. The wind has been very high ever since noon. The ferry boat has stopped on the other side. I was intending to go after dinner but the river was too rough. I braided on my skirt until after 4 o'clock when Mary Murray sent for me to come down and help make pop corn bags, and I went. Mary and Maggie Peebles, Ella and Sallie Tewksbury, Miss Adams, Alice Tracy, Neal Lloyd, Maggie and Davy Jones, Mary L. Murray and Gaylord Norton were there. The circus came to town today so we saw that. Philip Phillips gives a concert at Bigelow tonight. It is turning cold. Pa, Aunt Lizzie, Mary and I went to hear Philip Phillips sing. Mrs. William Nichols and family went away on the cars this morning.

Wednesday, May 2, 1866

I went up to school this forenoon but hearing of another case of small pox in the vicinity of the school house I told Ma and she thought it best not to go any more until the danger of taking it was past. Em was not at school this forenoon. After dinner we went down to get a pattern for it and the trimming. In strolling around we came across Mrs. Grotts opening and went in. Her bonnets are beautiful. There is one there that just exactly suits me. I should like very much to have it.

Thursday, May 3, 1866

I received a letter from Emilie Barksdale. Ma received one from Mrs. Prewett. Mrs. Murray was here quite a while this afternoon. This is the first night of the Tracy Park Fair. I am not going. I completed my sack all but a few buttons.

Friday, May 4, 1866

This morning Aunt Lizzie and I went down to the dye house to take a table cover to be cleaned and then to the office and got some money to buy some more buttons to finish our sacks with. I put a letter with the office for Emilie Barksdale. Em Spry came up this afternoon after school. She says that there were seventeen scholars about today. Ma, Pa, Aunt Lizzie and I were invited down Mr. Murray's to tea, they all went but me. Mary J. would not be home on account of the fair and I did not care to go. I did not get to go to church either. My sack is finished. Miss Young got it. I think Pa would have bought it for me from the way he talked.

Saturday, May 5, 1866

I have been busy sewing all the forenoon. I made my green silk skin over. Turned it inside out and upside down. It is finished and to my fancy looks better than it did before. Aunt Lizzie and Ma got their new black lace bonnets and Mary her hat trimmed. Uncle Tom came back. Mary and I took our music lessons. Miss A. expects to go to Cincinnati Monday and we will miss one or two lessons. She doesn't know just how long she will be gone. I arranged my music to be bound. Mrs. Burr called.

Sunday, May 6, 1866

Went to Sabbath school and church in the forenoon, church at 3 o'clock and prayer meeting at night. Mr. Emanuel Miller led the exercises, Dr. Pratt taking a side seat. Mr. Miller called on Davy Stevenson to pray. He complied promptly and made a very good prayer, it was the first time he was ever called on. He has not joined the church yet but expects to the first of June.

Monday, May 7, 1866

Uncle Tom, Aunt Lizzie and Pa, all expected to go to Louisville today but waited until Wednesday so that we could have a little company tomorrow evening. Kate Glover got off today, at last. She has been expecting to go for the last two or three months I believe. I am not going to school this week. I took my music to Mr. Patterson to be bound. Miss Adams went to Cincinnati. I was down on second street five times today besides going to Ida Lodwick's before supper and Mrs. Jones after supper. I was down to Maggie's this morning.

Maggie

Tuesday, May 8, 1866

We have been very busy all day preparing for company. They came just about dark. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Rumsey and wife, Col. Graham and wife, Mr. Murray and wife, Mr. Gunn and wife, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Jones besides Uncle Tom and Aunt Lizzie and our family. We are just tired out and still we have to have a party tomorrow night for the children. For a wonder, I have not been outside of the gate today, Oh, no, I made a mistake, I went down to Mr. Pursell's this morning.

Wednesday, May 9, 1866

Uncle Tom and his family and Pa went to Louisville today. It is so lonesome. I have just finished braiding my white skirt, and am going to write to Miss Fannie McClellan. While I was writing, Uncle Enos came in and when I had finished I went to see him. He said he was in the lumber business and Ma asked him where his lumber yard was. Oh, just lumbering around town, he answered. I went down to church early and put my letter into the office. I sat with Hattie Hempsted.

Thursday, May 10, 1866

I have been all day making over my black and white skirt. It had to be turned and I was very much perplexed over it but worked at it until I got the worst of it done, all but the pocket, braid, hooks and eyes. I did not even dress this evening but sewed until bed time.

Friday, May 11, 1866

This morning before we were up the door bell was rung violently. We knew that it was Cousin Duvall but no one was ready to let him in. I went and woke up every body and at last some one went to the door but not until the bell had been rung again. Who should be there but Mrs. Young. We were all very much and very agreeably surprised. Uncle Enos took immediate possession of Capt. Young and we have not seen him since. Ma and Mrs. Young went down street shopping in the forenoon and after dinner Ma made a black skirt for her which she bought. I plaited it. I have worked some on my white flannel skirt today, have a width done all but one scollop. Mary and I went to prayer meeting. Mr. Riggs sr. led. Sat with Hattie.

Saturday, May 12, 1866

All the forenoon I worked on my skirt. After dinner I dressed and went down to get my music at Stevenson's, it is very nicely bound. I was at Maggie's but she is out prancing with a bout a dozen others. While I was gone Mary Jane Murray came. Ma and Aunt Sallie went out riding and were gone about two hours and a half. I was down to Em Spry's. Hattie, Clare and Mattie came in and after sitting there a few minutes we went to walk. Hattie expects to come and stay all night with me Monday night. I got a letter from Clara Swain.

Sunday, May 13, 1866

I was at church and Sunday school this forenoon, church in the afternoon and prayer meeting at night. A stranger, Mr. Hickock preached.

Monday, May 14, 1866

I stayed out of school this forenoon but expect to go this afternoon. Grandma Moore came down to see Aunt Sallie. Mrs. Lodwick called on her also and she and Ma and I returned Mrs. Rumsey's call. Pa, Uncle Enos and I went to the boat with them.

Tuesday, May 15, 1866

This day has been well put in for me most certainly. I rose at five or a little sooner, dressed myself and went down to our church to see Emma Ramsey and Mr. Nichols married. There was a wedding at Bigelow Chapel at the same time but I preferred going to our church, at fifteen minutes past six o'clock the ceremony was performed and we went home to get our breakfasts. I wrote a letter to Clara Swain and then went to school where I stayed until noon. Lizzie Burr is teaching the latin class. As soon as dinner was over I dressed again and went to Lizzie Burr's. A party of ten were going over on the Ky. Hills and I was of the number. We met at Maggie Jones' and a little after two o'clock we started for the ferry boat. On our way we stopped for Davy Jones. When we were finally embarked on the ferry boat there was just ten, six girls and four boys. Laura Loughry, Emma Miller, Alice Hurd, Maggie Jones, Lizzie Burr and my self, James Martin, Murt Salsbury, Davy Jones and Edgar F. Draper. We rambled and rested by turns, sung the cantata, talked and had a very pleasant time generally. It was just seven o'clock when we reached Martins' corner on Court. There we separated. I have a whistle which Mr. Draper made, a piece of candy Mr. Salsbury gave me also a piece of flowering moss or liveforever, and a fern to remember the trip by. They had all eaten supper when I got home and I was practising when Pa came and told me to get ready to go and hear Mr. Edwards read. We went and it was after ten o'clock when I got to bed. Charlie Pursell and Lizzie Jones were married.

Wednesday, May 16, 1866

I was in school all day today. This morning I walked up to school with Lizzie Burr and after the recitation in Latin Mr. Bolton excused me and Lizzie and I went up to see Mrs. Regnier (Annie Ozerdier) who was going away on the boat. When we got there the room was nearly full and here I was with my old calico dress and winter turban. Jimmie and Henry were both going also. When we started down James came to the door and said he would take us in a few minutes and he did and we walked down as far as Chillicothe when I went in and they went on. Kate Glidden my old seatmate and friend, was taken to Dayton to the insane asylum today. Hattie came to go to church with me tonight but I had such a severe cold that I did not dare go out. There was a small party at Mr. Peebles last evening. I was not invited. I guess no one was except those who were engaged in the Fair. Maggie Jones did not go. Poor Maggie, she is in trouble about her eldest brother. I am so sorry for her. I got a new pink calico dress.

Thursday, May 17, 1866

At school all day, wrote a composition this forenoon in school. Our class recite history during recess in the afternoon and are excused half an hour earlier than the rest on that account. Emma Spry and I walked down 3rd by our lone selves today. I can't imagine what is the matter with the girl.

Friday, May 18, 1866

I copied my composition this morning and learned part of my Latin. In the afternoon I read my composition "What can I do" or what can't I do. Those who had been present all week and had their Friday's exercises were excused at three o'clock but as I was over the hills and far away on Tuesday last I was required to stay until half past three. I came home and dressed and Ma and I went down to the shop to visit with Pa a while. Mr. Murray is sick has fever and headache. Ma told him that perhaps he had the small pox and he laughed and said perhaps he had, as he had not been vaccinated for about 40 years. We stopped at Dr. Pratt's on our way home and made quite a visit. Ma and I went to church, when we came home Emma Wood, Mary's friend, was here. I received a letter from Luella Lloyd. Ma received one from Miss Fannie McClellan containing photographs of Mr. and Mrs. McKaller.

Saturday, May 19, 1866

Ma and I have worked hard all day on my dress and finished it in time for me to dress and go down street. I was up to Maggie's. She was putting down the new parlor carpet, so I went to Mary Murray's, as she would not work while I was there. I was at Mr. Murray's quite a while waiting for the school picnic to come on as I was anxious to see Mary and Jennie. Took music lesson, first since Miss A.'s return.

Sunday, May 20, 1866

The same programme was carried out today, Sabbath school and church. I received two letters this morning in Sabbath school. The first from Lizzie Young, the other from Frank Cunningham.

Monday, May 21, 1866

Up bright and early wrote to Lizzie before school and trimmed my new sundown hat. While in school this forenoon I answered Frank's letter. One of our neighbors has the varioloid, we all got the small pox panic and were vaccinated all the family but Ma. The doctor said today that he thought Mr. Murray had the small pox. I could not go to the Musical tonight because we were waiting for Dr. McDowell. Mrs. Chandler, Debbie and Sallie left this morning to be gone all summer.

Tuesday, May 22, 1866

Tonight I received a letter from Emilie Barksdale and one from Clara L. King. I went to bed about dark tonight feeling very badly. Have been in school all day.

Wednesday, May 23, 1866

I did not get my Music lesson this morning when I went to Mrs. Murray's I found that Mifs A. had gone up to Jasper on a fishing excursion. I answered Clara's letter. Em, Ella Anna and I got out at four o'clock as usual and we went to Connollyey's store and the girls just cut up so badly that I left. Em knocked my hat off and I returned the compliment. Ma and I went out to hunt a hat for me to wear Sundays. We found a "Hamilton" at Mrs. Gunn's it suits me exactly.

Thursday, May 24, 1866

Annie Suter was married at the church this morning but I was not up in time to go. When I came home to dinner whom should I find here but Mrs. Richeson Hepsie Buttes. She will only stay until tomorrow and go to Maysville on the Bostona. Ma got my hat trimmed. There was quite a fire down on second street today.

Friday, May 25, 1866

I answered Emilie Barksdale's letter this morning. Did not go to school for several reasons. Worked on my skirt all day and accomplished a great deal. Was down to see Maggie Jones this afternoon. Ma went out riding with Mrs. Cunningham. Mrs. Richeson went away. We went to church. Saw Hattie Hempstead.

Saturday, May 26, 1866

Worked nearly all day on my skirt it is nearly done did not go any place this evening for a wander. Mrs. C. was her.

Sunday, May 27, 1866

Went to Sabbath school and church in forenoon church at three o'clock and prayer meeting in the evening. It has been very strange weather today rained before breakfast, after dinner, after church in the afternoon and after church at night and the

wind was blowing so that almost as soon as the drops ceased to fall, the pavements were dry.

Monday, May 28, 1866

I was up bright and early as soon as it was late enough I took Lizzie Young's skirt down to Mrs. Vincent to stamp, expect to send it to her on the Bostona today. Saw Mary Jane Murray this morning as I was passing their house she just put her head out of the window. Poor Mary, she must be lonesome, can't go out and no one can go there. When I got home at noon I found an invitation awaiting me from Mrs. and Mr. Tewksbury to their tenth anniversary or "Tin Wedding" tomorrow evening. I sent the package, took it to the boat myself. I went to the Musical tonight. Pa, Ma, Uncle Enos, and Mary were there Joe Murray came home with me. I expect he is going to be married soon, from what I hear. Ella Tewksbury will be married if he is.

Tuesday, May 29, 1866

I was out shopping about six o'clock this morning bought some rose colored flannel to make a little sack to wear to night with a white waist and green skirt. I got out of school at four and came home to get ready. I sent a little red tin buckle and tin cup and gratis. At nine o'clock Davy Jones came and we left for the scene of festivity. Maggie and Henry, Mary, Maggie and John Peebles, Miss Adams and Davy and dozens of others were there. We had such a nice time. Came home at one o'clock. A great many thought that the wedding was to be for Joe and Ella but were disappointed.

Wednesday, May 30, 1866

I went to take my music lesson this morning but Miss Adams was not up and did not get up while I was there. After school I went down to see Maggie Jones. Mary Peebles was there and I did not feel much like talking. I did not like to stay after she was gone as it was getting late so I went down street with her and then out to hunt up

one of her Sunday school scholars. Uncle Tom is here. Ma, Mary, Jennie and I went to church. I forgot to stay to teachers' meeting.

Thursday, May 31, 1866

I took my music lesson this morning in place of yesterday. Mr. Bolton had a very sore throat and he dismissed us at noon for the whole day. I was glad to get the afternoon. Ma went out to fulfill an engagement and I was left alone. Maggie spent a large part of the afternoon and took tea with us. Oh that dear, precious, girl how I do love her. After tea she stayed a while and then I walked up to the corner of 2nd and Washington with her. I gave her my photograph, the last one I had to dispose of.

Friday, June 1, 1866

We had school this forenoon but did not recite History to Mr. Bolton. If he consulted his own good he would not teach at all until his throat is well. 1st of June! Only four more weeks then I shall be done going to school. We were dismissed at 3 o'clock this afternoon. I came home, dressed, and finished working my skirt. I only had one scollop to do as I worked five in the morning. After that I went down to see Emma Nichols (Ramsey) made her a long visit. She is so nicely fixed, house keeping not a half dozen steps from her mother's in the same yard. The same gate answers for both families. Her little house is new and all newly furnished, so sweet and clean. We went to church. There were a good many out.

Saturday, June 2, 1866

It was very bright this morning but it is raining now and has been all day. There was church this afternoon as a preparation for the services tomorrow. We went and came home in the rain. There was a large number out notwithstanding the rain.

Sunday, June 3, 1866

Communion Sabbath. There thirty-eight united with the church this afternoon. Among them were Alice and Nannie Bonsall, Nannie and Ella Lampton, Ella and Edith Thompson, Mary Gibbs, Nora Hutchins, Bertha Glidden, Jennie Hartsuff, Luella Musser, Mrs. Francy Helphenstine, Gilbert Stewart, Henry Padon, William Musser, Neven and Emma Murray. Willie Holmes and his father, Davy Stevenson, Eugene Bigler, Mr. McDougal, Mr. Guise, Frank Wheeler, Dwight Greene, Frank Kair. Our congregation is quite large and growing all the time.

Monday, June 4, 1866

I woke to Lizzie this morning. Grandma Smith is here she has been here ever since Thursday. It is so pleasant since the rain. Mary and I went to the Musical this evening and did not get home until 10 ½ o'clock. It was decided by vote to have a concert the 20th of this month and then postpone the meetings of the Association indefinitely after that.

Tuesday, June 5, 1866

Pa went up the railroad this morning and returned this evening. He went down street after tea and about half past eight he returned and asked Mary and me if we wanted to go to the Strawberry Festival. That was a useless question, of course we wanted to go, so we went. When we first entered the Hall, I did not see any person with whom I was acquainted except Laura Loughry and Dr. Stout. After a while Maggie and Henry Jones came in and just as we were leaving the room Davy came in but he did not see us. I did not enjoy at all.

Wednesday, June 6, 1866

Pa went up to Monroe Furnace today but came back on the cars. We had ice cream for supper. Jennie and I went to prayer meeting, Dr. Pratt is away and consequently we will have the usual lecture Friday instead of tonight. Mr. Bolton assigned us our subjects for examination compositions today because we were so long deciding for ourselves. I am to write the valedictory for our class. I never saw one and I don't know how I will succeed.

Thursday, June 7, 1866

This has been a very warm day. I commenced my last school composition. Ella Holman is sitting with me and she wrote a letter to Clara today and I put in a slip of paper written full. I am so tired and warm.

Friday, June 8, 1866

This has been a very warm day. In school all the forenoon and in the after dinner we had a spelling match between the High and Grammer schools. Of course, our side was victorious. I went down to "the gate" a few minutes after school to see Maggie. Came home and dressed and down to Mrs. Pratt's to see Laura, she is going up to the Right Young Rev. Wyllys Hall's infair. From there I started home but met Cal Ramsey and Mary J. Murray and went with them to Mr. Ramsey's steps to wait until church time. I went to church with Emma Nichols and expected to find Ma and Mary there but they were not. John Peebles came home with me. I was down to Mr. Cunningham's on my way to Dr. Pratt's. Frank has come home, she came up on the boat this morning, roomed with Carrie Holbrook who is to assist in the concerts to be given this evening and tomorrow. I stopped at Mrs. Glover's on my way to school today noon. Willie has relieved me of a very unpleasant price of work which I had in prospect, namely making kites for the boys.

Saturday, June 9, 1866

Went to market this morning. Took my music lesson but I had been down street before time to take it. I spent the rest of the forenoon and greater part of the afternoon in fixing my lawn dresses. They were very much too short. After finishing them I dressed but did not go any where. Pa was intending to take us to the concert given by Krinkle

but it was so stormy or I looked as though it would be that we did not go. Received a letter from Lizzie Young containing her photograph.

Sunday, June 10, 1866

Went to Sunday school and church in fore noon, and church in the afternoon. There were quite a number of children baptized Carrie Bell Row among them. Mary and I went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Monday, June 11, 1866

School again all day. It will soon be over and then I suppose I will regret it. It is hot enough to make one sick, going through the sun so much. Ella Bentley is to be married tomorrow evening at ten o'clock. I was not invited and did not expect to be. I wrote to Lizzie this morning. This after noon after school I came home dressed and after tea went down to see Maggie until time for teacher's meeting which is to be held at Dr. Pratt's. I went there from Maggie's. A large number of teachers were present and after the business was transacted, during which we enjoyed a good many laughs, Dr. Pratt informed us that there were some refreshments in the other room. We went to the dining room and were served to some excellent ice cream and cake, after that we went back to the parlor and sang several pieces in the "Oriola" closing the exercises of the evening with the Dexology. Mr Voohees saw Murray, Moore and co. home. Altogether it was a very pleasant evening. Teacher's meeting is a good arrangement, we hope it will be kept up. It meets at Mr. Peeble's next time, 2nd of July. The company dispersed about half past ten o'clock.

Tuesday, June 12, 1866

The wedding comes of this evening. Miss Ella Bentley and Richard Lloyd. I was in school all day and did not even go out in the evening.

Wednesday, June 13, 1866

Was in school all day. Received an invitation together with Pa and Ma to the grand reception of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd at his father's tomorrow night. Got a letter from Clara Swain this evening. Mary and I went to prayer meeting. Dr. Pratt is away from home.

Thursday, June 14, 1866

This morning, Ma and I went down and got a white swiss dress for tonight. We came home and went to work to make it. It was no trifling piece of work either, the waist is tucked, all over and each sleeve has nine tucks in it, besides the skirt which is plain. We got it all done and pressed before dark. Ma wore a black silk and looked very well. I was dressed all in white. We went at half past nine and were among the first, then. It was quite a large and very pleasant party. Ella was dressed in a white watered silk, high neck, short sleeves, long points and trail, white flowers on her hair. Lizzie Lloyd one of the maids wore a canary colored silk made like Ella's and Miss Ridenor the other bridesmaid had on a lavender silk made like the others. Lizzie looked prettier than either of them, though they all looked well. We had an elegant entertainment. I don't think I ever enjoyed my supper at a party so much before. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves as well as they possibly could. I never saw the girls all look so well as they did with one or two exceptions. Theresa Spry is home again, she has made quite a long visit. We came home at one o'clock. Mrs. Elden, Miss Rumsey, and Miss Montgomery came with us as they had no company. The corner stone of the 6th St. Methodist C. was laid today by the masons. Lide Calvert, who died of small pox was buried today.

Friday, June 15, 1866

I did not go to school yesterday. Was there all day today. Had a spelling match in the after noon, after we were done Mr. Bolton showed some philosophical experiments for the benefit of those who had never seen them. He excused Emma Spry and me to write on our compositions but we did not accomplish any thing. We had no service at our church this evening.

Saturday, June 16, 1866

This afternoon I dressed and went down to see if Maggie would go calling with me as Ma did not feel well enough. Maggie was just ready to go out and was waiting for Hattie Hempstead but Mattie Gaylord came to say that Hattie would not be down until late if she came at all, so we went together and made our party call at Libbie Lloyd's after which we called on Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. C. Pursel, Miss Bickham and Mrs. Emma Nichols, also Ella Greene who was not in.

Sunday, June 17, 1866

This has been a cold, rainy, and disagreeable day which was rendered more wearisome by not having any service in our church.

Monday, June 18, 1866

I did not go to school today but have worked oh, so hard on the machine. Mrs. Rumsey was here to invite four of us down tomorrow evening. Frank was here all the forenoon, I was making the tucks in her white swiss dress waist. Lizzie is ten years old today. Emma Spry was here. Mr. Bolton sent her to see what had become of me.

Tuesday, June 19, 1866

I am about half sick over my yesterday's work. I have been sleeping and lounging around all the forenoon but taking a nothing to wear my brown silk skirt this evening. I had to make it all over. Turned it upside down, made it short before and long behind, put the lace and gimp on again. I am so glad it's done. Pa, Ma, Mary and I went we had a very pleasant time.

Wednesday, June 20, 1866

Ma is really sick today. The doctor was here twice in the evening and afternoon. I was in school this forenoon. We are to have no school in the afternoon. I did not go to church.

Thursday, June 21, 1866

I sat up with ma until 4 o'clock this morning then I lay down and slept until nearly recess time. This is the longest day of the year. I have sewed some.

Friday, June 22, 1866

Ma is still too sick for me to leave her. I have sat with her and sewed nearly all day she got very much better during the day and this afternoon was up and dressed. Late in the evening, just before tea time Miss Bickman called and after she left I went down and stayed the rest of the evening until nearly dark with Maggie.

Saturday, June 23, 1866

I have sewed nearly all day. I went down and took my first lesson on the Cabinet Organ this morning. I got a letter from Nannie Holloway this evening.

Sunday, June 24, 1866

This has been another long day. Dr. Pratt is at Marietta. The whole family have gone to see Perkins graduate. Went to Sunday school and then to All Saint's Church with Clara Johnson. How I shall miss her when she goes away. In the evening Mary and I went to prayer meeting at our church.

Monday, June 25, 1866

Oh dear! How hot it is. I was at work on my composition today and did not do much else. Went down to Emma's and we looked it over and made some corrections after which we went to the church together and I practised some. After tea Frank came and sat on the front steps awhile. Mrs. Grahame was here. Chattie Lewis stopped a while. I believe her mother intends leaving Portsmouth as they don't get along very well since Mr. Lewis' death. There is no school today and will not be any more except Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning, our examination morning. Dear me! only two and a half days of my school life left, and they will soon be gone. What then? Time will show. Alfred Bell brought Mary and me our tickets, being members of the Association we have free tickets.

Tuesday, June 26, 1866

The weather has become very warm, enough so for me even. I went down to the church this morning and practised about two and a half hours. This is the evening of the Harmonic Concert.

Well Pa, Ma, Mary and I went. The house was full. They, the singers, succeeded admirably, far beyond my expectations. Emma Miller was queen Esther. Mr. Rhodes-Haman. Dr. Dunham-Mordcai. Lucy Yokely-1st Maid of Honor. They were the principal singers. Emma Spry was the prophetess and Mr. Sam Nichols the king.

Wednesday, June 27, 1866

I went up to school this morning as we were to be there today and tomorrow, Friday being the last day. Mr. Bolton insisted upon Emma Ella Holman, Anna Varner and I, going out to hunt something to sing. We started but without the least hope of accomplishing any good, only having two days to learn the pieces in and teach them to the school. We first went up to Anna's but she had nothing suitable. Then to Emma's and after a good deal of talking picked out several songs and went back to school. At 11 o'clock I went up to school but Mr. B. said we might come home to practise a piece I had, "Say a kind word when you can." All of the girls came and we very nearly learned that piece and "Swinging in the Lane." Then we went back to school and wrote them on the black boards for the scholars to copy. We finally decided on the

four pieces, "All together Once again" "Say a kind word" Swinging in the lane" and "When shall we meet again." Jennie and I went to church. Miss Adams was here. The Musical Association are going up to Ironton next Monday to give the Cantata.

Thursday, June 28, 1866

We practised singing our songs all the forenoon. Emma and I spent the afternoon here at home copying and correcting our compositions. Mine is to be the valedictory. I have just been as busy as a bee all day. Ma made a new body to my purple organche. I tucked it.

Friday, June 29, 1866

This is our "commencement" day I suppose I might call it. It seems strange to me that this is the last day. There are four of us in the graduating class. Emma J. Spry, Ella H. Holman, Anna M. Varner and myself. We received diplomas, the first that have been given for several years at this school. After it was all over I invited Miss Parish, Mr. Bolton and the three girls to go to Sweitzer's with me, Pa gave me two dollars and we had, I suppose our last meeting all together. Miss P. leaves next week. This afternoon Mary and Maggie Peebles called.

Saturday, June 30, 1866

Mary and I went to market this morning. In the afternoon I dressed and went to make a few calls. Went to see Maggie of course. On my way home I happened to remember that I had promised to go and see Laura Loughry as she was going to Oxford Monday, so I went.

Mrs. Pratt and Laura both commenced trying to persuade me to go and before I left I was very anxious to go. Mrs. Lodwick was here spending the afternoon and staying to tea so I hadn't a very good opportunity to say any thing about it but Ma mentioned it to Pa.

Sunday, July 1, 1866

This has been a very, very long day to me. I went to Sabbath school and church as usual.

Monday, July 2, 1866

This morning I was up by daylight and making preparations for the trip to Oxford. Ma and I went down street to get some things. We got some green and white gingham, large plaid, to make a skirt and sack to travel in. Mrs. Glover came and helped make it and at the eleventh hour I put it on and started. We had time to go ashore and see the town. We purchased some brown ribbon at Vance to keep our hats on, Laura and I had a good deal of sport over it. Uncle Enos went down to Cincinnati.

Tuesday, July 3, 1866

This morning we awoke and found ourselves in the "Queen City of the West". Mrs. Bell and Mary Glidden joined our party and seven o'clock found us whirling onward towards Oxford. After a very pleasant ride of about forty miles we arrived at the station and exchanged the cars for an omnibus which soon brought us to the "Western Female Seminary" our destination. It presented a scene which I shall never forget. So many faces, only one of which is familiar to me. Lucy Bell met me in the hall and gave me a warm welcome. I never was half as glad to see her, before and don't know as I ever shall be again. That day we spent to looking around and attending one examination. The room which was assigned to us was occupied by Miss India Thomas, one of the graduates, it was one of the rooms which Laura used to occupy when she was there at school. The windows fronted westward and the view from them was lovely. All that was wanting to make the picture perfect, was a river. I went with Laura to see one of her old friends, Fanny Howell.

Wednesday, July 4, 1866

Today is the ninetieth anniversary of our country's birthday. It has never been observed at the "Western" but will be after this time. Examination followed examination all day and we were fairly tired out. After the exercises of the day were over Laura and I went home with Jennie and Mary Howell to tea. It was late when we got there consequently we did not have long to stay. In the evening the girls congregated about the front door, on the porch and steps and fired off some rockets. I went up to our room and watched them from the window. Just as we had all retired the band came to serenade the girls. Laura and I not being bound by rules, got up to the window to enjoy it.

Thursday, July 5, 1866

This is commencement day. Here we are at Oxford to see the graduating exercised. There are ten in the class. Lucy Bell, Mary Macey, Olivia Meilly, Rebecca Conklyn, Lizzie Peabody, India Thomas, Maria Sheely, Allie Bartholomew, Ada Klum and Miss Holmes. They were all dressed in white swiss. The recitations, compositions, and music were all good, the exercises were over, between one and two o'clock and then we all went down to dinner. We had a very good cold dinner prepared by the girls and after our wants were satisfied several gentlemen were called on for some remarks. Each responded by a short witty address and then we returned to the hall where Mrs. Reed favored us with some music. This afternoon the company and more than half the girls left. Oh! what a time they had. It was real lonesome after they were gone. Dr. P., Laura and I took a walk around the grounds, returned ate our supper and retired early. Oh! how I did wish I was going when the rest did.

Friday, July 6, 1866

This morning nearly all of those of us who were left went down to the depot about eight o'clock. There was some trouble about the trunks but at the last minute they came and we started. The bridal party which left Portsmouth some three weeks ago, Lloyds, were on the cars. On our arrival at the city we took an omnibus for Mrs. McNeal's Laura's sister. She entertained us very kindly and gave us an excellent dinner. Laura stayed with her. At three o'clock Dr. Pratt and I started for the boat. I stopped on the way and bought two fans, one for Mary and one for myself. We went to the telegraph as the Bostina had gone up the day before. There were quite a number of

Portsmouth people on board. The bridal party and Mrs. Bell's family. Dr. Pratt bought me some ripe peaches.

Saturday, July 7, 1866

The boat had to lay up at Maysville last night on account of the fog and consequently did not reach home until noon today. Oh! but I was glad to get home. After dinner I dressed and went to call on Miss Peeble's company. Went to see dear Maggie, then to see Emma Miller and get a dress pattern for Laura which I brought home and wrote a letter on then enclosed it in an envelope and sent to her.

Sunday, July 8, 1866

Went to Sunday School and church. It has rained nearly all day. Clara Johnson is going tomorrow.

Monday, July 9, 1866

This morning we all went at the shirts bright and early. Have accomplished a good deal so far. It has rained or rather showered nearly all day. I have not been away from the house all day. I commenced a regular course of reading today, am finishing a work I commenced some time ago, "French Pioneers in the New World." Read 64 pages. Mary received a letter from Eudora Bell an old school mate and friend of ours.

Tuesday, July 10, 1866

Mary and I went to market this morning. I gave Jennie her music lesson and have been sewing until now (noon). Mr. Gregory is here, I suppose he will stay to dinner. I have read 65 Pages. I was sewing until tea time and did not have an opportunity to dress until that repast was disposed of. Ma went horse back riding, Pa went down street and I went to dress and before I was half through my darling Maggie came. I was so glad to see her, had not seen her before since Saturday evening. After I was ready, we went

to take a walk, and as we were going up 2nd Street, met Mary, Mattie and Bennie Gaylord, Miss Mary Ross and Allie Terry. Mattie invited us to go into the saloon with them which we did. The girls all came as far as 4th Street with me and when I got home Pa and Ma were both there. Mr. Gregory came in to spend the evening with Pa.

Wednesday, July 11, 1866

It has been just a year to day since our memorable S. S. Picnic up at Scioto Furnace. We are not to have our picnic until it gets cooler this year. Still at work on the shirts, sewed until tea time. I did not get to practise this evening. Read 56 Pages. Emma Spry was here. I have been down street several times this evening. Jennie, Lizzie, and Ida Vincent went to church with me. I took a music lesson this morning.

Thursday, July 12, 1866

We only sewed on the shirts a half a day, The afternoon was occupied in making a "May Queen". Ma and I imagined that I ought to have one to wear tonight to the concert so I got a frame and we had all the other materials. It did not cost over \$1.00 I got the band for the face of Mrs. Gunn. This evening Pa, Ma, Mary, Jennie and I went to the grand "Kunkal" concert. It was just passable and that was all. The duetts by Kunkel and Anne Glidden were good. The heat was almost unendurable. The house was pretty well filled. Read 48 Pages

Friday, July 13, 1866

It has just been three years today since the Federal Gunboats came up to Yazoo City, the expedition which brought us away from the old home stead, with its grand old oaks, beautiful myrtles, cedars, arbor vitae, fig trees and such things. I suppose the dear old swing is rusty now, with no troupe of merry children to keep it going. The old house had few attractions besides being the place we called home. Oh how many many changes we have undergone since leaving there. Well, to return to things present, Dr. Burr was in this evening to see our books. Dr. Pratt and lady also called and made quite a visit and before they had gone Sir Perkins made his appearance.

The library was truly on exhibition this evening. Perkins, Mary and I took a walk round to Switzer's. Miss Adams and "Davy" were there. Read 110 Pages, finished the book.

Saturday, July 14, 1866

This morning Ma and I commenced the day by going to Elden's and buying between \$50 and \$60 worth of goods. Miss Adams gave me a lesson on the piano this morning. We are going to make a "May Queen" for Mary today. The "May Queen" was made and I made over my white barege cape. After tea Mary and I went out to make a few calles. We called on Miss Jennie Darlington at Mrs. Elden's, Ella McF, and Emma Johnson, Mrs. Mary Kreider and Miss Barry at Dr. Burr's.

Sunday, July 15, 1866

This is the last day we will have service in our church for six weeks. Tomorrow Dr. Pratt leaves for a trip out West. Mr. Cheever preached morning and afternoon. We had prayer meeting this evening because it is the last time for such a while. After the services I went to speak to Mr. C. he is such a nice man. I like him so much.

Monday, July 16, 1866

This morning Dr. Pratt, Perkins, Mrs. and Mr. Lampton, Nannie, Will and Ella, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Lu and Addie all started for a trip to the lakes. Ma and I have been sewing very hard all day.

I commenced reading Rollins Ancient History. Received a letter from Clara King. Mrs. Buell was here. Mr. Ramsey came to see Pa but he was not at home. Wrote quite a long letter to Dora Bell and sent it with Mary's.

Tuesday, July 17, 1866

Gave Jennie a music lesson. Sewed until tea time then dressed and went to see Maggie. Haven't much to write going through the same routine makes it very monotonous. Answered Clara's letter. Mrs. Glidden was here this morning.

Wednesday, July 18, 1866

We finished the shirts today and commenced Mary's blue dress. There is service at our church this evening but it rainy and I can't go. I did not go out any where, did not even dress this evening.

Thursday, July 19, 1866

Finished the blue dress, commenced one a piece for Jennie and Lizzie and another for Mary. The two first are nearly done and Mary's soon will be done. Mrs. Lewis, and Chattie and Mrs. Vincent were here. It is raining slowly, has been nearly all day. There is to be a nite society at Mr. Towell's to night Pa did intend to go I don't know whether he will now or not. I should probably have gone if it had not rained. It is a good thing it did because I don't feel like going any where. My head has been aching a little nearly all day. The weather is almost intolerably warm. I read today as usual.

Friday, July 20, 1866

Sewed all day, finished the dresses. I went down and made Mrs. Pratt a visit. She received a letter from the Dr. while I was there. Dell and Call Ramsey were there when I left. When I got home Gussie Connolley and Frank Cunningham were here.

Saturday, July 21, 1866

Took a lesson on the piano this morning. We have finished all the large pieces of sewing that we had commenced and so we haven't much to do today. After dinner Ma and I went down street. We went to call on Mrs. Jones and Maggie and made quite a

visit. In the evening Mollie Frish called and soon after, Mrs. Elden and Miss Jennie Darlington.

Sunday, July 22, 1866

Rev. Mr. John Pratt preached for us, morning and evening. On account of repairs being made in his church he cannot have service there so he came to fill Dr. Pratt's place. I like him very much but not nearly so well as our own minister. It has been stormy looking all the afternoon and has turned quite cool.

Monday, July 23, 1866

We made a bad beginning today for a good week's work. Ma was not well at all and I had a good deal of running around to do. I got Pa to send to Cincinnati for the trimming for our dresses. The weather is very warm.

Tuesday, July 24, 1866

This afternoon Frank, Mary and I went out to call on the strangers. We suddenly took a notion today to have an entertainment for the strangers visiting in town and I sat down and wrote to Lizzie Young inviting her, her brother, and George Irwin to come up a week from tomorrow. While we were out calling a rain came up and we were obliged to go into Mr. Peebles the second time and after waiting, at least, a half an hour, they supplied us with umbrellas and we made two more calls with those ornamental and useful articles. After getting a cup of tea, we were too late for supper, Mary and I went and made Miss Emma Bickham a visit.

Wednesday, July 25, 1866

I have run around so much today, down to the office, stores and all around. I did not go to church Miss Em Bickham and Can Ramsey made us a visit this evening. Mary made another fruit cake. I got a letter from Nannie Holloway.

Thursday, July 26, 1866

We have sewed and done various things today. Late in the afternoon I went to see if Maggie wanted to go to see two large casting made at the foundry but she couldn't go. Ma and I went and saw the sights. The smaller of the two was failure. In the evening Miss Peebles, Misses Rogers and Miss Folk called. Callie Ramsey was here. Mary Peebles was here a long time this forenoon.

Friday, July 27, 1866

Aunt Mary and Raffy came this morning but they went back down to her father's this evening. We cleaned up the parlors. Miss Han Ramsey and Emma Miller were here this evening. Laura Loughry was here a while this forenoon writing invitations for us but she did not get through so she took them home. Ma and I were down street this morning. We got a hanging basket but have no moss with which to line it.

Saturday, July 28, 1866

We have not been doing much today because there was not very much that we could do. Laura was here to tea this evening. Dr. Pratt's brother came this evening and we will have service tomorrow. I have a very bad cold. Had to take medicine tonight.

Sunday, July 29, 1866

Jennie is 13 years old today. I went to Sunday School but not to church. Slept all the forenoon and afternoon until about five o'clock, which nearly cured my cold. Went to church in the evening. Service up stairs.

Monday, July 30, 1866

This morning Willie Glover came and got the invitations which he kindly distributed for us. Uncle Enos went to Cincinnati this morning and Pa sent by him for some things for

the company. Got a letter from Lizzie she has just got home from Brown Co. and Cousin Duvall is sick so that none of them will be up.

Tuesday, July 31, 1866

Early this morning Ma and I got Mr. Cunningham's buggy and went out to Mr. Stewart's for some cream but they had none so we had to go out to Mr. Lawsen's where we engaged butter and cream for Wednesday. I was down to Maggie's to take Henry his invitation, it was left in the desk and he did not get it.

Wednesday, August 1, 1866

Oh dear how busy we have been all day and we are completely tired out. We invited about 90 persons and not more than fifty were present. Still it was very pleasant, the table looked very nice. We had four cakes left.

Thursday, August 2, 1866

We have been trying to get rested today but I have not succeeded. I have been working on Mary's skirt. Mary slept nearly all the afternoon. Mary Murray, Lillie Ball, Maggie Coles and Hattie Burkhalter called this forenoon. I sent Hattie a basket of cake because she couldn't come to the party. In the evening I went up to play a game of croquet. I enjoyed myself so much. There were seven of us. Mary and Joe, Hattie Burkhalter, Maggie Coles, Alice Hurd, Ella and Sallie Tewksbury. Mr. Vorhees, Capt. Hope, Davy Stephenson, Lieut. Overturf and myself. We came home at 9 o'clock. I never laughed so much in so short a time before.

Friday, August 3, 1866

Ma went to the country today with Mrs. C. and took the boys. Mrs. Frank Gilbert and Miss Lucy Benedict called today, in the evening Miss Woodson and Ada White called. Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Mr. Ramsey came home today. Ma and Pa went down to see Mr. R. in the evening.

Saturday, August 4, 1866

We have had a great deal to do today. Ma and I were down street this afternoon. Miss Adams was here this morning. Mary put up a boiler of tomatoes. I took my dress to get it cut. The lavender traveling suit. It is quite windy today.

Sunday, August 5, 1866

On account of repairing the church we were compelled to have Sabbath school and church in the Lecture room, that is those classes which usually go up stairs were obliged to remain down. I dislike the arrangement very much. Being unused to the noise and confusion I can't attend to the class as I do up stairs. We went to church in the evening also. Mr. Williams of Lane Sunnary preached.

Monday, August 6, 1866

Ma was taken sick in the night last night and has been in bed all day. Mary and I have been doing what sewing we could but couldn't accomplish very much.

Tuesday, August 7, 1866

Ma has been sitting up all day but did not sew any. I have been sewing and running down street all day. I did want to go to teacher's meeting tonight at Mr. Gaylord's but it was cloudy and sprinkled and Ma was lonesome so I stayed.

Wednesday, August 8, 1866

To day Pa told me that he was going on a summer trip and I could go too. He has been intending all summer to go but couldn't get off. He was sick this morning. I got two letters, One from Clara Swain and the other from Clara Johnson. We did not go to church. The Bostina was burned tonight just above Maysville.

Thursday, August 9, 1866

We have been sewing busily all day long. I think we will get through nicely in time to rest and visit Saturday. Pa and I went up to Col. Moore's to the nite society. There was a great crowd. We did not stay until supper but left soon after paying and came by Switzer's to get some ice cream. I was so tired I couldn't enjoy it very much.

Friday, August 10, 1866

We are nearly through sewing. Mrs. Vincent sent my luster dress home. Aunt Mary came. We are going down street to do our shopping this evening.

Saturday, August 11, 1866

We have been very busy all day and did not commence packing until after dark. In the after noon we went out to do some shopping. In the evening I went down street to see Maggie a minute and stopped to see Rillie Martin a minute to say how do you do and good bye. On my way home I stopped to see Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Benedict and tell the latter good bye, she is going home a week from today. While we were there Jennie and Lizzie came to say that I was wanted at home. I went and found Mr. Eugene Bigler and the Misses Robinson, Kate and Camille, there. They made a long call and then I went up to my packing. This is Pa's and Ma's 19th Anniversary.

Sunday, August 12, 1866

Went to Sunday school, we had service in the Lecture room. Rev. Mr. Birce of Ripley preached. Morning and evening.

Monday, August 13, 1866

This is little Mary Moore's fourth birthday she is to have a little party this evening in honor of the occasion. We were busy up to the last moment. But finally the trunk was packed and we were all ready. Maggie and Jennie came to see us, Mrs. Rumsey and Frank were there and when the time came we kissed them all good bye and started.

Maggie and Jennie going to the boat with us. We went on board the Emma Floyd (in place of the Bostona) and were sitting our forward when suddenly we saw a large group coming down and whom should they be but our folks, Mr. and Mrs. R. Frank and co. Then Davy and Miss Adams came. She went to Cin. Then Davy Jones and after while after a very affectionate leave taking we parted. They went home and we pushed off but didn't start down stream. The wind was very high and I believe we turned back and forth no less than six times before we got started. The trip down was very pleasant but slow. We got a ground a few miles above the city and were there several hours. But I am too fast. We went to bed and tried to sleep but it was too warm to sleep very soundly.

Tuesday, August 14, 1866

When we awoke this morning we had the exquisite pleasure of finding ourselves a ground on the four mile bar instead of being landed at Cincinnati. It was after 8 o'clock when we reached the city and all of the morning trains had left but one and it was too late to get to the depot in time for that however we made the attempt and got there in time to hear that it had been gone three minutes. We went back to the Burnett House and after dinner we went out to the Water Works and to Longworth's garden. A visit to that garden is a treat, almost as good as the botanical department of the Crystal Palace I should judge. After tea we again started for the depot and had about 2 hours to wait. As soon as sleeping cars were open we took our births and I left my self asleep.

Wednesday, August 15, 1866

We awoke this morning after a splendid sleep and found that we had gone 160 miles, and wasn't at all tired either. We passed through a great many places. Got our breakfasts at Mansfield and got off to change cars at Ravenna where we would have gotten our dinners but couldn't. Waited there about two hours and at 12:06 the train came and we were soon whirling away for Cleveland. Reached the depot at 2 o'clock. Got a sight of the lake with one steamer and several smaller craft upon it. The water was quite rough. The swirling boats were tossing about and the steamer was ploughing majestically towards the shore. We took an omnibus for the Weddell House

and after getting some dinner and resting awhile Pa went to get our trunk but couldn't. It had been put off at Akron to come up that way and had not arrived yet. We took a short walk up Euclid, Superior and Eerie streets. Cleveland is a very pretty place but I shouldn't like so much wind. We have very pleasant rooms on the first floor.

Thursday, August 16, 1866

This morning our trunk was brought and we lost no time in getting on some clean clothes. We have had breakfast and Pa has gone to engage rooms on the boat for Buffalo. I have written to Ma and am going to write to Clara Johnson. We went out to see the city, walked awhile and then rode in the street cars. The steamer on which we left Cleveland was the Arctic. There was quite a crowd of passengers on board the boat. The trip was delightful. We got acquainted with a party of four who were going on the same trip that we intended. Mr. and Mrs. Singleton, Miss Betty Brant and her little brother Bosworth. Miss Brant is a natural musician, it is all she cares about and all she studies or knows. She is only sixteen still she has composed a great deal.

Friday, August 17, 1866

We arrived in Buffalo this morning. We went to the Tiff House where we got our breakfasts after which I wrote a note to Mifs Fannie McClellan but found that she was not in the city, had gone to her mother's. We left on the morning train for Niagara which we reached in time to take a walk before dinner. We went out on Goat Island and Luna another, though very small, island. We were up in the tower and saw all that was to be seen from the American side before dinner. After dinner we took carriages and crossed the Suspension Bridge, into Canada. The drive was quite a long one but very delightful. After seeing the Falls from every point on the Canada side we went down to the Whirlpool, this finished our sightseeing for that day. There was a Hop at our Hotel in the evening. We met some of our old Mississippi friends here. Mr. Woolfork, Ada Meade and some of her friends whom I don't know. Rich and Ella Lloyd were here but left today.

Saturday, August 18, 1866

I was very tired this morning so slept later than the rest. Pa and Mary went down to see the Falls again this morning before breakfast. As soon as I was dressed I took my little note book and sat down at one of the windows of the "Old International which over looks the American Falls. The sight is perfectly enchanting, holds a person's powers spell bound, as it were and renders description impossible. We left the Hotel at 9 1/2 o'clock for the depot and soon were on our way to Lewiston. The railroad runs along the Niagara River for quite a distance then it is cut in the side of a rocky precipice and forms a long inclined plane. The scene is awfully grand, high rocky steps on either side of the turbulent Niagara. At Lewiston we got on board the Ontario for Ogdensburg at which place we changed for a smaller boat.

Sunday, August 19, 1866

I am very sorry that we have to travel today. This has been one of the gloomiest most disagreeable day I ever spent. When we awoke were in the St. Lawrence. We spent the night on the steamer Ontario but changed in the morning at Ogdensburg to the Empress, an old leaky craft which was very unfortunate as it rained all day. We passed through the "Thousand Isles" during the forenoon. The scenery is beautiful but we saw it to a great disadvantage, through the rain. During the afternoon we passed the different rapids in the St. Lawrence. That was exciting. I enjoyed that more than the scenery. The last most dangerous and the grandest was the Lachine. The boat stopped opposite the little village of Lachine and waited for the old Indian, who came off in a little boat. It was nearly dark, the rain falling, and the wind blowing very strong and it was so cold that we could scarcely get shawls enough around us, but still we stood out on the deck. The boat shot over the rapids like an arrow, she must have made a mile a minute at least. It was perfectly frightful. We reached Montreal about 8 o'clock and went to the St. Lawrence Hall but the house was full. We then went to the Montreal House where we succeeded in getting three rooms after a long time.

Monday, August 20, 1866

Our first impressions of Montreal were not very favorable ones but this morning when I opened the shutters and looked out on the little public square which was in front of the hotel and was adorned with flowers and a fountain I was very agreeably surprised and concluded after this I would not judge so hastily but wait until I had seen a city before giving my opinion of it. About nine o'clock we got started to see the city. We got into the carriages and rode around Mount Royal. The drive is perfectly delightful. We had a fine view of the city, river and island and the surrounding country from the hill. The road its self is beautiful. There are many handsome residences on it and parts of it are perfectly wild and natural. On our return we stopped to see the cathedral, it is a fine building and has a good organ. But the greatest curiosity we saw was the little guide, not more than five or six years old but quite a man in his own opinion. After dinner we went up into the tower of another very large church to take a look at the city. There were 300 steps to the top and we had a splendid view. Half way up, hangs the large bell which weighs 11 tons and takes 16 men to ring it. We left this evening for Quebec on the elegant steamer Quebec. Enos is 6 years old today.

Tuesday, August 21, 1866

This morning we awoke at the wharf of Quebec. We went up to the St. Louis Hotel where, as usual, we had great difficulty in obtaining rooms and had to take three on the 4th floor. As soon as we had finished our breakfast we took carriages for the Falls of Montmorency. We passed through a French village which was a great curiosity to us. It was almost equal to seeing a village in old France. The women wore hats as large as a good sized wash tub and worked in the garden. The houses are very rude structures with double windows and all front the East regardless of the streets. The falls are beyond any description I can give. They hold no comparison to Niagara in size but are higher and more accessible, there being a small stair way almost in front of them from which we had a good view. During the afternoon Pa, Mary, Mrs. Singleton, Bettie and I took a ride in the street cars through one of the principal streets. In the evening we went on board the steamer Quebec on which we were going to Quebec. The boat is a very large three cabin one, the first I ever saw. The first or lower cabin was on the lower deck the second was above that and elegantly furnished the third was like a gallery to the second, the floor of it being all cut out excepting just room enough

before the doors to walk around in, like the gallery to a church. The roof of the boat could be seen from the 2nd cabin. It was like a floating palace.

Wednesday, August 22, 1866

We were aroused from our slumber this morning with the welcome news that we had to change cars again, welcome because the cars were so disagreeable. We stopped at Island Pond, a beautiful little country resort. Here we got breakfast and had our trunks searched by the custom house officer. After the ceremony was performed we went on our way rejoicing to Girham in the White Mountains. It has been raining all day and Pa and Mr. Singleton decided not to stop but go right through to Portland. The rain had quite dampened our anticipated pleasure at the White Mountains. We should have enjoyed the ride very much more had it not rained. The scenery was beautiful. The mountains, valleys and rivers and all contributed to make the scene perfectly enchanting. We did not get any dinner as the cars were behind times. We reached Portland about 3 o'clock after riding 19 hours. We went immediately to the steamer Montreal on which, with great difficulty we obtained rooms for Boston. After that was accomplished we went out and spent the rest of the day in seeing the city, what was left of it by the great fire on the 4th of July. At seven o'clock we started. I never enjoyed anything of the kind half so much as I did that trip on the Atlantic Ocean. It was a beautiful moonlight night.

Thursday, August 23, 1866

This morning found us at the wharf of Boston. The usual performance with the hack-drivers had to be gone through with but we survived and soon reached the Revere House. We got our breakfasts and rooms and then went to Bunker Hill Monument. We went to the top of that, there are over 200 steps. From our elevated position we had a good view of the city and its surroundings. From there we went to the Charleston Navy Yard. I think we examined that place pretty thoroughly. The rope walk belonging to it, is a quarter of a mile long. It began to rain before we reached the hotel and continued to rain until after I was asleep. I was glad that it did rain as it gave me an opportunity to do up my writing which I had not done for some time. I wrote 24 pages in my note book, 8 pages to Ma and 12 pages in a letter to Maggie. The rooms

we took this morning were in the 6th story but this evening about dark they were changed for others on the 2nd floor. A change which was very agreeable to us as Pa's was next to ours and before it was so far off that I never saw it but once and that was when he took me there.

Friday, August 24, 1866

Pa woke us up early this morning and Mr. Singleton and our half of the party went to take a walk before breakfast. We first went to the Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall. I never imagined such a quantity of marketing collected in one place before. It is the greatest fish market in the States. Mr. Singleton bought two pounds of grapes for which he paid \$1.50 a pound. They were the finest I ever saw. We next went to the State house, while we were there Mrs. Singleton and Bettie Brant came in. We saw Boston Commons and a great many fine houses. After breakfast we went out to Mount Auburn where we stayed until 2 o'clock. It is the most lovely spot I ever saw. Artificial ponds beautiful walks, fountains, handsome monuments, noble old trees, exquisite flower-beds, and great attention to the grounds all contribute it make it what I think must be the most beautiful spot on earth. I could spend day after day there, admiring the natural and artificial beauties. After dinner we went to the Museum, I was disappointed in my expectations of that institution. We then took the Washington street car and made a trip on it to see the streets. We left it at the common and took a stroll through that park. I packed the trunk and then wrote to Emma Spry.

Saturday, August 25, 1866

This morning Pa, Mary and I took breakfast before the rest of the party were up, and went to Lowell on the cars. We went to see one of the cotton manufactories and the clerk very kindly showed us the whole house. There were 720 looms at work. It was a great curiosity to see so many looms, shuttles and spindles. We next went to a carpet factory but the proprietor did not wish to let us see how ever he finally sent a little boy to show us around. We only went into the finishing and weaving rooms. I was very tired so we went back to the depot and waited while Pa and Mary took another walk. At 12:15 min, we left Lowell and got our dinners at the Revere and all seven of us started together once more for Newport. At Newport we went on board the fine

steamer Newport for New York. We got our suppers and retired early as we were all very tired.

Sunday, August 26, 1866

This morning we were up in time to see the steamer entering the harbor. Saw Blackwell's Island and the different Institutions situated upon it. The Insane Asylum, Penitentiary and so forth. After again going through an encounter with hack drivers we procured a carriage and went to the St. Nicholas. As soon as we had eaten breakfast Pa and I went out in search of the Mission School but by the time we found the building the school was closed. We saw a great deal of the poverty of the city, garrets and cellars swarming with human beings as far cultivation is concerned, little better than their cats and dogs. We went back to the hotel and started off to a church up on Broadway, but it was closed. We turned and went down Broadway to Trinity but it was so crowded that we couldn't get in. We walked around in the old church yard and looked at the tombstones some of which were very curious. After dinner I was so tired from my morning walks that I slept until time to get ready for church and tea. Pa, Mary and I went over to Dr. Beecher's church but he had not returned from his summer vacation. We saw the big organ with its fourteen trumpets, and heard a good sermon from Dr. Burton of Hartford Con. It was quite late when we reached the St. Nicholas and I was very tired.

Monday, August 27, 1866

We all went out to Green wood cemetery this morning. Reached there 10 a.m. Mr. Singleton hired a carriage in which his party and Mary rode as long as they wished and then went back. They left the grounds about 12 o'clock. Mr. Singleton wanted me to ride but I preferred walking with Pa. We were in the grounds four hours. Walked almost constantly. Green wood may be larger than Mount Auburn but to my mind it is not so beautiful a place. The monuments are handsome and the grounds well arranged and kept but the flowers are not there. It makes a very great difference. The Pilot monument, De Whitt Clinton's, Charlotte Canda's, and several firemen's monuments are very fine besides many others that of Captain is very handsome. Then there is no chapel, tower, or summer house as in Auburn. The sun was intensely hot. We went into several marble yards, of which there are ten or a dozen, to look for a

monument for Uncle Enos' lot. The one Pa liked best was red granite polished until it was as smooth as glass. On our way back to the city we stopped at the Fulton Market and got our pockets full of Bartlett pears all of which we had eaten before reaching the hotel. I was so tired I went right to bed and slept until 5 o'clock at which time Mary, Bettie and I took dinner, Pa having eaten before but Mr. and Mrs. S. had not. We went out again in the evening. It has been a hard day's work.

Tuesday, August 28, 1866

Pa did not get up this morning. His walk yesterday had made him sick. Mary and I went down to breakfast with Mr. Singleton. I stayed a while with Pa this morning but he said he would prefer me to go out when ever I had an opportunity so I went down on Canal street with Mrs. S. to buy some presents for her children and get some patterns cut for herself. Came back to stay with Pa until dinner, Mary and Bettie went to sleep and did not wake when Mr. S. knocked for dinner consequently we had to eat alone when we did get ready. As soon as we had finished Mr. Singleton took us out to Central Park. Bettie wouldn't go. We did not get back until dark. It is a beautiful place. The grounds are well laid out in walks and drives. The principal places of interest are the Mall, lake and ramble then the city reservoirs are within the enclosure. There are refreshments saloons, boats on the lake for sailing, carriages at the gate for driving, a music stand where the band plays every Saturday and every thing to contribute to the pleasure of the visitor. There are some fine bridges over the lake and a beautiful fountain in the Mall. The principal bridge is a stone structure the six posts of which are surmounted with urns filled with flowers. We rambled about there until nearly dark.

Wednesday, August 29, 1866

Pa got up quite early this morning and we went down to see the Battery but it is not what it formerly was. It is entirely deserted. We came back to Trinity church with the intention of going up in the tower but the gates were closed. After breakfast, Pa, Mary,

Mrs. Singleton and I went out to Central Park. Bettie and Mr. S. started to Barry town. We got into a carriage and rode all over the grounds. It was noon when we got back. Pa went straight over to Brooklyn on some business very much against my desires, and the rest of us went to the hotel where we found Bettie and Mr. S., they did not get off. The president was in town today and we spent some time looking out the windows to see soldiers. We couldn't get our dinners until five o'clock in the evening. Pa was worn out and had a chill. He left the table and went to bed. I did not get to bed before eleven. I have such a wretched cold that I couldn't put my hands in the water to cool his head so I got the night watchman to wait on him and call me if Pa got worse.

Thursday, August 30, 1866

Pa was up before I was this morning and came to tell me to get ready to go up to West Point. We packed up every thing to leave the city on our return from W. P. Got our breakfast and started not in a great hurry thinking we had half an hour but we got in sights of the boat just as the last bell was ringing. We went up on the "C. Pibbard" arrived at West Point a few minutes before the president and his party. The soldiers were at the landing to receive him. It was a great day at the "Point" soldiers and officers were in uniforms for the occasion and the ladies and children of which there was a great number, dressed like butterflies. There was a great parade made by citizen and soldier. I felt too badly from the effects of my cold to enjoy any thing but the scenery on the beautiful, romantic, Hudson. We left West Point between 1 and 2 o'clock on the Daniel Drew. The boat was crowded with passengers. We reached New York about four o'clock but concluded not to leave until the next day. We got other rooms this time. Mary and I were fortunate enough to get a room on Broadway. It is a great sight just to look out on Broadway.

Friday, August 31, 1866

Up bright and early this morning. We went to see the great Morgan and Novelty Iron works. Returned by way of the East river cars. Went to the Custom House where we saw Mr. Gaffy Mrs. Rumsey's father. He wanted us to make them a visit at their home in Newark N. J. but we couldn't. It is quite a curiosity to go along Wall street and see the cellars full of gold, silver and green backs. We next went to Trinity church and this time gained access to the steeple. Mary and I did not go more than half way up where we

stopped to take a look at the city and rivers and eat some splendid peaches which Pa gave us. I threw my stone down on top of Trinity church where I suppose it will remain for some time. After leaving there we did our shopping. Bought a hand some dress, hood, sleeve buttons, and comb for Ma. A plaid for each of the girls. Hats for the boys. Pa got me a gold and coral comb. A beautiful handkerchief for Mary. We left New York on the 4 o'clock train for Philadelphia. Before we were half way there a hard rain storm came up but by the time we reached Princeton it was all over. It was dark when we reached the depot and the clouds had gathered and lightning lit up the sky almost continually still there was the Delaware river to cross yet. After that we got into a hack and were soon at the Continental Hotel. I got a room in the fifth story but there is an elevator in the house and it would do very well if the rooms were only larger.

Saturday, September 1, 1866

We went to the Fairmount Water Works the first place this morning. And after seeing all the sights there, took the cars for Laurel Hill. I was very much disappointed in this place. After seeing Mount Auburn and Greenwood it is a desolate looking place indeed, forlorn as Mrs. Rumsey would say. There seems to be no regular plan about the place at all. The first thing is the best and that is old immortality if I remember right. It is old enough for that any way. We did not remain long. Returned to the Hotel, dressed had our dinners and went out for a walk. Stopped in old Independence Hall. It is better than Barnum's or any other curiosity shop I ever was in. There are hundreds of old relics of the revolution and revolutionary characters. I could have spent two or three days there and not seen every thing then. We spent the whole afternoon in walking about streets and looking into the stores. I believe Philadelphia is noted for its fine stores. We did not see such fine show windows ever in New York. Three gentlemen from Portsmouth are in the city though I have not seen any of them. Mr. Elden, Mr. Walker and Mr. Hibbs.

Sunday, September 2, 1866

We slept quite late this morning. The bells were ringing seven o'clock. It was late when we had our breakfasts and later when we were ready for church the second bells were ringing. In fact we were not fit to go to church any where. We started out to find

a Presbyterian church and after a long time and a great many inquiries we came across a building but alas! It was a Unitarian. The Unitarian I should say for it was the only one in the city. There are 51 Presbyterian churches but the 1 Unitarian was all we could find. We went back to the hotel, got a newspaper and looked at the column devoted to religious notices and decided to go the 2nd Presbyterian in the evening. We went and had a very good sermon. I got almost home sick today just thinking, I had nothing else to do and consequently did a great deal of that.

Monday, September 3, 1866

This morning we were up and ready to leave on the eight o'clock train but found that we couldn't leave until 11 o'clock so we had a few more hours in the Quaker City. Walked around the streets without any particular object in view. Went into Peterson's to look at some pictures. Stopped to look at Cornelius Baker's show windows. He has the finest bronze work of any store in the city. Went to visit the Iron works of Morris, Fasker and Co. If I remember rightly they are the ones called the Pascal works which some one had changed by putting a little more to the "P" and rendered Rascal Works. On our way back Pa got two books Robinson Crusoe and Days and Nights on the Battle-field. I will read "Crusoe" on the cars. We went to the Academy of Fine Arts. Hadn't much time to spend there. We left the city about noon and went whirling on to Washington. There was quite a storm during the afternoon. It was the queerest ride on the cars I ever had. We crossed several wide bodies of water on bridges and the Susquehanna river, on top of a steam boat. The train was detached and run on the upper deck.

Tuesday, September 4, 1866

We awoke this morning the Capitol of the United States. We first went to the Capitol but the doors not being open we turned aside into the public garden. Here we saw some rare and very fine plants. We then went to the Capitol. The building is a very imposing one and very extensive. The rotunda is the greatest sight. There are 8 very fine paintings on the walls, the dome is adorned with one painted just on the ceiling. We saw the famous bronze doors and the senate chamber and every thing that was to be seen. We then visited the Patent office and spent several, (it seemed to me) hours

there looking around. The Smithsonian Institute was the next place of interest. There was nothing there but the museum which was very fine. After dinner we went to the Navy Yard. I was very tired and did not want to go but as Pa went I thought I had better go too. I don't like Washington at all. This is the dull season, perhaps that has something to do with it. We went to see Ford's Theatre where the martyred Lincoln was killed. The building has been purchased by the government and is being changed into government offices. We left this evening for home. Have our tickets for Portsmouth Ohio.

Wednesday, September 5, 1866

We rode all night last night and will ride all day today. We crossed the mountains this fore noon and during the afternoon passed through twenty-five (25) tunnels. We reached Parkersburg in the evening and got our suppers on board the boat on which we crossed the river to get on the Marrietta train for Hamden. We are tired, tired and worn out. Got into sleeping cars and I expected to sleep all night but was waked up about twelve with the unwelcome news that we had reached Hamden and must get out and spend the rest of the night there.

Thursday, September 6, 1866

This morning we left our humble hotel at 7 o'clock for home. It seemed as if we never would get there, but at last the cars stopped at the platform and we walked up past Frank's and she did not see us at all. We got into the house before any of the family saw us Oh dear but I was glad to get home. It would have been four weeks Monday since we left. Mrs. Cutler was here when we came in. After dinner Frank came up and stayed until after tea. Belle Connelley came over, and Gussie came in the evening. Debbie Chandler came before school and stayed until the bell rang. I found a letter from Clara King. This is Clara Swain's eighteenth birthday. I expected to see Emma Spry this evening most certainly. I waited and watched until bed time. I was all alone. Pa, Ma, Mary and Jennie had gone up to Mary Gunn's birthday party. I was so glad to get back to my dear old piano. I sat and played, pieces, scales and a little of every thing. Almost learned one of the little songs Bettie gave me, "Castles in the Air". Kate Glover was here. There have been several changes since I left. I was quite surprised to

hear that Lizzie Glover's brother was married to Mifs Fanny Howell of Oxford. I became slightly acquainted with her when I was out there.

Friday, September 7, 1866

This forenoon I looked over the trunk a little. Have not done much and don't expect to do much until next week. Commenced a letter to Clara King but had not patience enough to finish it. Mrs. Rumsey, Mrs. Cunningham and Frank were here this afternoon. Emma Spry was here this evening on her way up to Tanisons and I went with her. Mrs. Glover was here a little while. After tea Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and Frank were here. We had quite a lively while.

Saturday, September 8, 1866

This is my eighteenth birthday. I finished my letter to Clara. Went down street to get a hat to wear until mine is bleached. The door bell rung this morning and I went to the door. I don't know when I have been so much surprised as when I saw Jennie Howell of Oxford standing before me. I was so glad to see her. I knew she was in town but had no right to expect that she would come to see me first but she laid all formality aside and came like a good girl. I intend if possible to go to see her and Fannie next week.

While I sat here writing Emma Spry came she promised to come and take dinner with me. She brought me a plain gold ring and is going to have her name put in it. After dinner I went to dress for church as tomorrow is Communion, before I was half dressed Ida Lodwick came up she made quite a visit. The church bell rang and Lizzie and I went. I met Nannie Lampton and she told me that Will was going away to school Monday and also that they were coming up to spend the evening with me. After tea Frank came to see Ma a few minutes. I got a letter from Clara Johnson. Nannie and Will came a little after seven o'clock and stayed until ten o'clock. We all enjoyed ourselves very much.

Sunday, September 9, 1866

I went to Sunday school this morning glad enough to get back to my class. I was glad to see some of the teachers also. I heard Dr. Pratt preach this morning the first time for eight or nine weeks. There was communion service in the Lecture room in the afternoon. I was quite surprised to see Emma there as she had refused to go with me yesterday. Dear Em, how much trouble she has had for the last three or four months in that subject. She wants to join our church and her parents insist upon her joining the Episcopal against her positive will. She doesn't like the church at all and I believe she is a good Presbyterian at heart. She said a day or two ago that she had decided to join the Episcopal though she did not like to say so, but yesterday afternoon after church she said she would be with me next time. I shall be glad when the great question is finally settled with her.

Monday, September 10, 1866

This morning Mary went to school. It seems strange to me not to go too. I fully intended to go up to see Jennie Howell and Fannie Glover but it rained and we did not get off. Emma Miller and Maggie Jones called to see us this evening. Frank was here after tea. Aunt Mary came up from the country to go down to Aunt Maria's with Ma but Ma was not ready so she went alone.

Tuesday, September 11, 1866

I gave Jennie a music lesson this morning. Did my reading and sewed the rest of the forenoon. Frank was here all the morning. After dinner I plaited Ma's dress and then got ready to go and call on Fannie and Jennie but Emma Miller sent me word that she and Laura couldn't go, so I started alone. I went to see if Maggie would go but she had promised to go with Hattie Hempstead and just then Hattie came down and told me that Jennie was not at home so I went to Mrs. Glass on 4th street and made her a visit. Penitia Ramsey was here this evening. Emma brought my ring back, she has had her name put in it. It rained all the forenoon.

Wednesday, September 12, 1866

Pa went to Cincinnati this evening on the Monsoon. This has been a very gloomy day and neither Ma and I felt at all like sewing but we nearly finished her dress in spite of our indisposition to do so. I was disappointed again today in not seeing Jennie Howell. Frank was here all the afternoon. She and Ma went riding and when they came back, Frank took tea with us. Ma, Mary and I went to church this evening. The first time I have been for a long time.

Thursday, September 13, 1866

Every thing has gone wrong today I guess it must have been because I was away so much. Emma Miller, Laura Loughry and I called on Mrs. Fannie Glover, Miss Mary Glover and Jennie Howell but did not see Jennie. We afterwards called on Miss Emma Regmir at Mrs. Briskers. Carrie Stearnes, Alice Young, and Julia Waller. And on our way home we called to see Ada White.

As soon as we had finished our dinners Ma and I went down to Mrs. R.'s. Mrs. Rumsey had company to dinner, Mr. Lampton from Frankfort and, of course Frank C. We, Ma and I were going to the store and were in a hurry but we waited and waited until they were just ready to go then Maggie and Mary Peebles came in. We did not get off to the store until late and then we had to go back to Mrs. R.'s and stay to tea. I just felt dissatisfied with myself and every body else tonight for having wasted the day so shamefully.

Friday, September 14, 1866

I slept late this morning but fortunately, the Monsoon is a slow boat and I was all dressed before Pa got to the house. Indeed, we had finished breakfast and I was reading. I heard them telling Pa good morning so I went down and was both surprised and pleased to see Will Young with Pa. After Pa was gone he told Ma and me about the weddings that are expected to take place there soon. He and Anna Hopple are going to join hands and fortunes in a few weeks and about a week previous, they

expect to have a double wedding Cousin Duvall and Mifs Julia Riddle and Lizzie and Arthur Riddle. We were very much surprised to hear of Lizzie's than either of the others as we had hears nothing of it before. At dinner Pa surprised us more than ever by saying that he had heard something about John getting married too. It is too bad for Aunt Sallie to be left so, all four of her children at once. I can't believe it and I won't until I can't help my self. Ma expects to go down there Monday.

Saturday, September 15, 1866

This is Ma's fortieth birthday and Mary's 16th. This forenoon I took Fannie and Mary Moore down to get their photographs taken. Ma, Mary, Jennie, Lizzie, Milton, Enos and Frank Cunningham went down to the farm in an express. They did not come home until nearly dark. I was alone nearly all day. Maggie Peebles came and made a little visit. I served all the afternoon. Belle Connolly sat on the steps with me a long time this evening. I went down to get Em to come and eat dinner with me but she wouldn't. Pa went up to Ironton this morning.

Sunday, September 16, 1866

Went to Sunday school and church in the forenoon. There were six children baptized this afternoon. Pa did not get home today.

Monday, September 17, 1866

Ma intended going down to Moscow this morning but Uncle Enos told her that Uncle Sam would be up today and she had better not go down. We were very much disappointed. Uncle Sam did not come after all. Ma and I went to work on my dress and sewed nearly all day. In the evening Mrs. Rumsey came and while she was here I went down to get my basque fitted. When I came back Ma was down to Mrs. Cunningham's and I went too. We did not stay long. I dressed as soon as I got back and at the tea table Pa proposed going calling but I had another engagement. Pa, Ma and I practised until D. P. Pratt came for me to go to Lizzie Burr's to spend the evening.

We spent a very pleasant evening. There were eight of us. Laura Loughry and Mr. Draper, Emma Miller and Mr. Voorhees, Lizzie and her brother Charles Burr, D. P. P. and my self. We played parlor croquet until after eleven o'clock, stopping long enough to eat some very fine grapes during the time. Maggie Jones and her mother called while Mrs. Rumsey was here.

Tuesday, September 18, 1866

I worked hard on my dress all day and was very tired when I put up my work. I did not take time to dress at all. Laura was here a while after dinner. I went to bed soon after tea not even waiting to practise. I gave Jennie a music lesson this morning. It rained this afternoon. No person came in this evening and none of us went out. I have done nothing but sew all day long.

Wednesday, September 19, 1866

Ma had fully made up her mind to go today and Frank intended to have gone down to Cincinnati but it seems that she is not to get off at all. It was raining very hard when we got up and has continued raining steadily up to the present time, noon, and now it is clearing up beautifully. Later. How deceitful appearances are some times! The sky brightened up for a few minutes then clouded over again and it has been raining steadily all day. I wanted very much to go down to see Emma Spry about studying Geometry and reading French with me this winter but could not go. I sewed all the forenoon and practised and read from three until six o'clock. It is my present intention only to sew half the day and devote the rest to study, reading and practising.

Thursday, September 20, 1866

It continued to rain all night. I am afraid the fall rains have set in and we well have no more real pleasant weather. It cleared off a few minutes this afternoon and I went down and make Maggie a little visit after which I went and stayed with Emma Spry until nearly tea time. The paper tonight is full of accounts from different places telling of great damage done by the rain.

Friday, September 21, 1866

The equinoctial storms are upon us. The weather has hitherto been quite warm but we have had four fires in the house today. The rain has ceased since it turned cold. The papers still have long letters giving accounts of damage done by the unprecedented floods. The Scioto, Miami, Whitewater and other rivers are higher than ever before known. Several towns have been submerged and one place opposite Columbus was ten feet under water. Pa came up to say that Mr. Gunn of New York would be up to dinner, before they came, Uncle Sam and his family and grandma arrived from the country. The folks stayed nearly all the after noon. Ma invited all of Mr. G.'s relatives to come and spend the evening with him, and they came. I was down to see Laura this evening.

Saturday, September 22, 1866

Ma and I have been sewing steadily all day making clothes for the boys. Uncle Sam and Roby were here this evening. Pa called me down to play some but I had not been there very long until Ma called me back to sew. We have had no visitors today and have made no visits.

Sunday, September 23, 1866

I went to Sabbath school this morning. Nettie Row, Florance Vincent, Ella Thompson, Mary Murray, Sarah Ball, and Mamie Beatty were present. Kate Brockman and Belle Whitney were absent. Mifs Adams is back again. It is quite cool this morning. I stayed to church. In the afternoon Ma, Mary, Lizzie, John Enos and I went. Uncle Enos came and brought Uncle Sam and Mr. Gunn. After church Pa, Uncle Sam, Uncle Enos, Mr. Gunn, Ma, John, Enos and I went out to the grave-yard it is the first time I have been out since in the spring.

Monday, September 24, 1866

Ma and Mary really got off to Moscow this morning on the St. Charles. We did not do much this forenoon of course. I went down to see them off but had to come back to look for Pa and so I did not get to see the boat after all. I stopped to see Maggie at the gate a minute. After dinner I sewed the fastenings on my dress skirt to keep it up out of the mud. Mr. Gregory was here to dinner. While I was sewing on my dress Eliza Chatfield, that was formerly, came in. She is now married and had her little boy with her. Emma Spry came up and we spent the rest of the after noon studying French. After school I went down to put a letter in the office which Mary had left for Bettie Brant. On my way home I stopped to see Mifs Eliza Gaffy but she had gone riding with Mr. Rumsey and I did not see her. Uncle Sam came in to tell me that they were going down to Mr. Bradford's this evening. Saw Belle Connolley. This has been a very pleasant day. It sprinkled a little at noon but only a few minutes.

Tuesday, September 25, 1866

I helped Jennie do up the house work this morning and about nine o'clock I got to sewing. I was tucking the front of a skirt to wear with a merning wrapper. Pa came home about the middle of the forenoon. I dressed and practised after dinner, but I read before dinner I am getting things mixed up. After practising until I was tired I went to the Library to write a letter to Mrs. John Singleton at Kirkwood. While I was writing Emma Spry and Grace Helphenstein came in. We did not study today. I only looked over my Geometry. There is a speech in town by some celebrated speakers and some of the schools were dismissed so I dismissed mine. Frank came up and sat on the steps a long time talking to Pa and me. Ida Lodwick and Capt. Thompson spent the evening with me. It was raining a little when they came in and it increased until they had to go home through a real rain shower.

Wednesday, September 26, 1866

It rained all night again the morning is cold and grey and dark. While I was sitting at the Court street windows reading a chapter, I saw Ma and Mary coming. They were alone though. I was in hoped some of the folks would come with her. I was glad enough to see her although she had only been gone two days. After the children had gone to school we sat down to our sewing and enjoyed a long talk. Ma told me all she knew about the weddings which are to come off. Duvall and Lizzie, they think, will be married about the 2nd of October. Will about a week after. This after noon I dressed and put my hat on intending to practise until Ma was ready and then go with her to see Mifs Eliza Gaffy after which I was going up to see Maggie and Mary Peebles, but Miss Adams came in and stayed nearly all the after noon. We enjoyed her visit very much. Before she was gone Emma came but we did not recite any. About half past four Em went home and I went with her. When I left there I went to make Lizzie Burr a farewell visit. Mr. and Mrs. Judd were there. I played two games of croquet with him. I then heard that Ma was at Mrs. R.'s so I went and saw Mifs Gaffy. I went to church in the evening and sat by Hattie Hempstead. I expect she will come down for me tomorrow after noon to go and stay all night.

Thursday, September 27, 1866

The weather is quite cool now, we have fire all day. I expected Hattie Hempstead to come for me to go and stay all night with her tonight she said she would come if I would go with her. I don't like to be treated so by any one. It don't make any difference if it is Hattie Hempstead. I haven't done any thing to merit such treatment from her and I will be more careful in future how I run after her. I always did like her and would still if she treated me right. I waited here just ready the whole after noon. I haven't an enemy in the world that I know of. I will always do my part toward my friends and when ever she is ready to make up for this slight, it will be all right again. Ma and Pa called on Dr. Pratt and his wife this evening. Mary stayed all night with Emma Spry and I was left alone.

Friday, September 28, 1866

I took my first music lesson for this term today at ten o'clock from Mifs Mary E. Adams. We all received our invitations to Will Young and Anna Hopple's wedding, this morning. The wedding is to take place on the 10th of October 1866. We, that is Ma and I have

decided not to go. They have no room for us at Mrs. Y's and we don't want to stay anywhere else, besides, Capt. Young and Lizzie will both be married before that time and the other one is gone. I believe the double wedding is to take place on the morning of the 2nd. Mary spent the time between school and supper with Mifs Adams today. Em was up here a long time.

Saturday, September 29, 1866

I only practised an hour and a quarter. Mary took her lesson and then Mifs Adams came up here. She has been promising herself and us that she would make a Revere House Pudding and she came to make it today. I received a note from Maggie this morning wanting me to go over the river this afternoon but I didn't see how I was to do it on account going down to Emma's this afternoon. I had promised to go. Ma told me to go this forenoon and I did. We played one game of croquet and then the whistle blew and I came home and dressed in a hurry as Maggie told me to go there at one o'clock. I didn't get there however until half-past. Mary and Maggie Peebles, Gaylord Norton, Maggie and Davy Jones, Capt. Hope and Hattie Hempstead were the party but Hattie couldn't go. We enjoyed ourselves very much. I took Ma's hanging basket along and Davy filled it with moss. We took a very long walk and were very tired when we reached home.

Sunday, September 30, 1866

The last day of September has been a delightful one. I went to Sabbath school and after that was over, Maggie and Mary Peebles and I went up stairs to see how the repairs in the church were progressing. The room is full of scaffolding put up to do the plastering. It is the first time I have been up stairs for nine weeks. The subject of the sermon this forenoon was the life of the patriarch Jacob. Went to church in the afternoon. It was quite warm.

Monday, October 1, 1866

This is the beginning of a new music time as well as month. I practised five hours today. I don't expect to do much but practise this winter. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary were here to dinner but went down in the country this evening. I did not read any today. After I had finished my practising in the after noon I went down to the office to make Pa a little visit. On my way back I called to see Emma Miller. Frank was here a long time this after noon. We went down street together and I left her with Ma when I went to the office. The Harmonic meets tonight but I do not expect to attend this winter. Lizzie Jack was here this evening. This has been a splendid day but I am very tired.

Tuesday, October 2, 1866

I went to take my music lesson this forenoon but Mifs Adams had the head-ache. I only practised two and a half this forenoon consequently had two and a half to practise in the after noon, was interrupted by callers and did not get through until four o'clock. Mrs. Frank Gilbert and Mrs. Dr. Lair called and then Mrs. H. Kinney and Mrs. Kehoe. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary came back. There was a grand "petroleum" wedding at Bigelow this evening, a concert at Dr. Jones by a polish woman, and S. S. Teachers' Meeting at Mr. Pond's. Ma and pa went to the wedding and concert and I went to teachers meeting with Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Appler. Em Miller, Mary Murray, Ella Kendall, Lucy Bill, Mrs. Maggie Bill and her husband, Emma Bell, Carrie and Dell Ramsey, Ella Ward, and all the teachers when present make a very good company to spend an evening with. Camille Robinson and her "Gene" were there. Laura Loughry could not go. Mifs Adams came late in the evening. She has one of her head aches and did not stay late. Mr. D. W. Young and Mifs Julia Riddle, Mr. Albert Riddle and Miss Lizzie Young were married this morning.

Wednesday, October 3, 1866

I practised my five hours today and at half past three went down to Mrs. Helphenstein's to play croquet. Thersa, Emma, Francie, and David were there. We played two games and commenced a third but six o'clock came before we were through. Ma, Mary and I went to church in the evening. Frank stayed all night with us. We did not get to sleep until late.

Thursday, October 4, 1866

This is a regular full day. I finished my practising by 2 ½ today. I went and dressed myself to go out with Ma but Grandma came in and I went alone. I went up and made Mary and Maggie a long visit and came home to find Ma and go down to Mrs. Robinson's but she was gone. Ma got me a pink tartiton dress in case we should go to the wedding.

Friday, October 5, 1866

This morning early I went down to get Mrs. Glover to come and help us make my dress. I then sat down and practised until time to take my music lesson. After my lesson I came home and practised a little more but Ma thought I had better sew as we are in such a hurry. After dinner Mifs Eliza Gaffy came, Frank and Mrs. G. were here to dinner and we all were at work the whole afternoon. The ladies stayed to tea which we did not have until after dark. Mr. Rumsey came and Mary brought him up into our room where we were all at work. Willie came for his mother and after I had played a few pieces they all went home. I had the head ache a while this evening and Ma would neither let me sew or practise.

Saturday, October 6, 1866

Frank came up this forenoon and she and I ran around town all the morning doing errands. In the after noon Mr. R. took Frank, Laura Loughry and Miss Eliza p to Lucasville. Ma sewed all the forenoon. Mary went down to Emma Spry's but Em was not at home so she went to Mrs. Rumsey's and Jennie went after her and neither one of them came home until after ten o'clock at night. Belle Connolley came in to see my new dress. In the evening I went down and got a new pair of gaiters. Mrs. Jones and Maggie came up about dark and Ma and I walked back with them as far as 4th street. We came home and as Pa was not here we went up to see Aunt Mary she came back this morning and is sick.

Sunday, October 7, 1866

I went to Sabbath school this forenoon. Sarah Ball one of my scholars brought me a very pretty bouquet of roses and verbenas. I received a letter from Mrs. Singleton containing six photos all of her children that are living. Henry, Clement, Willie, John and she did not tell me the names of the two youngest. They are splendid pictures. I was very much surprised as I was not looking for them at all. She wrote me such a good long letter too. Ma did not go to church in the forenoon. Mary got a letter from Dora Bell in Yazoo City. There was no service in our church this after noon on account of the funeral services of Mr. Ledbetter at Bigelow Chapel in which Dr. Pratt assisted. Uncle Enos went to prayer meeting with us in the evening.

Monday, October 8, 1866

Today is Pa's birthday, fifty-one I believe. Ma is not well at all. I hope she is not going to be sick so we can't go. We have been making our preparations all day. Mrs. Rumsey and Mifs Eliza were up today to see how I looked with my dress on. The swiss under-skirt did not exactly suit Mrs. R. and she wanted to give me a new piece to make up for this occasion but she had already done so much that I did not like to take it. I got my hat from Mr. Julian's and as I saw Mrs. R. and Mifs Eliza passing I ran after them to show my hat to them. I walked around to their house and she again insisted on my taking it but I got off without it. Mrs. D. W. Murray was here this afternoon.

Tuesday, October 9, 1866

This is Election day and all the stores are closed so the people could vote good and I think it is a good plan for they did vote good. The Union majority is very large. I heard this morning that the election was going like a jug -handle but could not hear which party had the handle until tonight. I went to Mifs Adams and borrowed her bonnet box to take to Moscow with me. Went up to Mrs. Murray's on an errand. Dressed and ran to the hotel to wait for the boat and there heard that the Ohio had broken her rudder and didn't know when she would be down. Came back very much disappointed and after waiting awhile lay down to take a nap. Frank is here to keep house for us. The door bell rang and the porter told us to be ready by one o'clock. At that time we went

again to the hotel in the rain. There was a very hard rain storm before we started but it was almost over. Mid night found us there at the Taylor house waiting.

Wednesday, October 10, 1866

A great many times between mid night and morning we heard whistles but they were all in the wrong direction. About breakfast time we came up home to get break fast but were scarcely seated when we heard a whistle and ran. Reached the river and found it was the "Curtis" going up, as usual. Joe Murray thought it was a splendid joke and told it on us as such. We went on to the hotel and waited until Ma concluded she would come back and get her coffee. Before Lizzie could get it ready we had to run again and got there just to be disappointed again. We waited until ten o'clock and then gave up and came home. This after noon I went to Mrs. Rumsey's and from there to see Thersa and her friend Miss Irene Doty, the latter was not there. Went to Mifs Han-Rumsey's and made a long visit. Went down to Mr. Murray's store with her and then called on Mrs. Anderson. Tore my new dress on that stair case at her room. Came home and found Enos sick. Did not go to church. I suppose Will and Anna were married this evening at 8 ½.

Thursday, October 11, 1866

The sun has come out and I hope we will have some pleasant weather now. Wrote to D. Hopple and Lady, and sent it together with a letter to Mrs. Albert Riddle. Practised 4 hours. It has rained nearly all day in spite of the sun this morning. After all my work was done I ran u to Mrs. Nichols' a few minutes before tea. Mrs. Merrill gave me a beautiful little boquet, geranium leaves, verbena, and two flowers a pink rose and while rosebud. It is the first time I have ever been in their house since we lived here to make a call. The trees are changing color very rapidly this cold, wet weather.

Friday, October 12, 1866

Uncle Enos came in this morning to tell us about the wedding and sympathize with us. Ma is gone down street. I must go and take my music lesson. Took my lesson.

Practised 4 hours today. Ma, Pa, and I spent the evening at Mr. Elden's. There was a very pleasant company present. Saw the bride Mrs. Donham. Got acquainted with Mifs Nettie Cotton.

Saturday, October 13, 1866

Ma and I spent this day making calls. Went first to see Mrs. Cottin and Nettie but they were out. Called on Mifs Han Rumsey, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. T. Lloyd, Mrs. Peebles, Mary and Maggie, Mrs. Moore, Kate, and Clay Newman the bride, Mrs. Albert McFarland, Mrs. James, Mrs. Gharkey, Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Lacy, Mrs. R. Lloyd, Mrs. C. Lloyd, Mrs. Donham and Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. F. Gilbert, Mrs. Kehoe, Mrs. Elden, and Mrs. Graham twenty-three in all. Pa brought two gentlemen home to dinner with him, Misters Massy and Mitford.

Sunday, October 14, 1866

Went to Sabbath school. Mr. Bell talks of dividing my class. I hope he will not do it. The girls are very much opposed to the measure. There was no service in our church. Maggie Peebles, Mary and I went to All Saints. The Bi-monthly S. S. U. M. met at the upper Episcopal church but I did not go. Went up to see how Uncle Enos' family were this evening.

Monday, October 15, 1866

I have not been satisfied with my work at all today. Ma and I together made over my black dress and it is as good as new but I have not practised more than an hour I don't believe. Belle Connelley was in this morning and made us a visit. Frank was up and got some sewing done on the machine. We did not get a very good start today and I fear we will not accomplish much this week. Emma Spry came up this fore noon to invite me down to play croquet. They are going to have a croquet party and Libbie Lloyd, Ella Lloyd and I are invited to tea. Miss Irene Doty is there. I can't go and am very sorry. Emma Jones came to tell me that some of my friends would be around to spend the evening. I got every thing ready and they came. It was just the party that

went over on the hills a few weeks ago. Mary and Maggie Peebles, Maggie Jones, Hattie Hempstead, David L., Capt. Gay Norton and Mr. Ed Hope. I believe they all enjoyed themselves very much, they stayed until 12 o'clock which is a pretty good sign that they did. I enjoyed it very much.

Tuesday, October 16, 1866

Took my music lesson this forenoon. Ma has been hard at work on Mary's black dress all day. I plaited the skirt when it was so dark I could scarcely see. Aunt Mary was here yesterday. We did not go anywhere today and no one was in this evening.

Wednesday, October 17, 1866

Pa went to Cincinnati this morning. I had a half a mind to go but did not. This afternoon I went up to play croquet with Mary J. Murray. Miss Adams, Mary and Maggie Peebles, and Mary Glover were there. Mary G. was on her way home from the city where she had been to take her music lesson. Late in the evening Ma and Mrs. Glover came and Mary was there she had been up to see if the girls had come home yet. We all walked down together. Ma, Mary, and I went to church. Dr. Pratt read the report. Our church during the last year contributed over \$16,000 to different causes.

There is a reception ball given to the Chillicothe Club this evening at the Hall. Two of our church members were on the committee but they did not go.

Thursday, October 18, 1866

This has been a strangely spent day for us. Mrs. Glover came around about nine o'clock for us to go out and see the match base ball game between the Scioto and Chillicothe clubs. Just as we reached the grounds Mr. Spry came up with a large carriage and Francie, Thersa, Emma, Grace, beside the three men Robt., Dan'l, and George. George had a buggy for Francie. Dan'l insisted on our getting in to their carriage which we finally consented to do. Ma and Mrs. Glover did not stay to see the

game out but Em wanted me to wait and come home with them and I did. The game lasted until nearly two o'clock. The Scioto were beaten 45 to 120 scores. There was some splendid playing on the Chillicothe side. When I got home the children were all at school. Ma and I finished the afternoon at Mrs. Helphenstein's playing croquet. After tea Ma and I had a game of chess and then went to bed.

Friday, October 19, 1866

Took a music lesson this morning. Wrote to Mrs. Singleton and sent her Pa's and Ma's photographs. Practised the rest of the forenoon. This afternoon Ma went with Mrs. Vincent to call on the Kinney's in the country she was gone until dark. She left Enos in my care and told me to go down to play croquet with Em and Thersa. We went as far as Francie Helphenstein's and found that the girls were busy so I took Enos and went up to see Maggie a while. Mary Peebles was there and she and Maggie were going down street so we did not stay very long. Went back to Francie's and saw Thersa. Enos played awhile with the balls and we came home. He bought a rubber ball and then nothing would do but we must go down and have a play with Mr. Cunningham. Came home again and found that Ma had not returned so we walked up as far as Mrs. Nichol's and sat on their steps a while. Mary was up to see Mary and Mattie Gaylord. They got home yesterday on the Fleetwood. Pa came home this morning.

Saturday, October 20, 1866

Practised this morning. Sewed a little but not much. Mary was looking for Mary and Mattie Gaylord this after noon but they did not come down. Emma came up in the afternoon to ask us down to play croquet. Mary and I went and stayed to tea. We did not get back until after dark but the moon was shining. Mifs Eliza Gaffy was here when we got home.

Sunday, October 21, 1866

Went to Sabbath school and stayed to church. The room was full. Charles Riggs has come down from Pittsburg to be married. Dr. Pratt is home again. We had the history of Joseph this forenoon and a beautiful sermon in the afternoon but I have forgotten what the text was. This has been a lovely day. The autumn leaves are so beautiful but it is late and the trees are getting bare.

Monday, October 22, 1866

This is another exquisite day, only a little cooler than yesterday. I practised 2 hours. Frank C. is here. Mollie Friste has been here. Sewed a little this fore noon. Ma is making some gabrielles for Jennie and Lizzie. I was down to see Maggie this afternoon. She says that the wedding is not going to be a large one. There are so many relatives on both sides that they can't invite any outside of the family. Miss Alice N. Hurd and Mr. Charles Riggs are the parties. The party at Dr. Jones' is to be a large one but not many of "our set" are invited. Maggie gave me a photograph not of herself.

Tuesday, October 23, 1866

I took my music lesson as usual this forenoon. Practised 3 hours. After dinner I dressed and went down to see Maggie. Ma went down in the country with Mrs. Cunningham. This is a very gloomy, cold day. I waited for Maggie to get ready and we went up to call on the bride Mrs. Alice Riggs. There were quite a number in. The presents were very handsome and they had quite a number of them. Met Mrs. Clough Hurd a bride of a week or two. A real pretty but girlish looking lady. Maggie and I came down and called on Mrs. Jones to apologize for not being present the evening before. We started to Mr. Janney's to get some of M.'s pictures and met Myrtie Salisbury and had a little talk with him. I have been mistaken in the day. This is the evening of both the party at Dr. Jones' and the wedding.

Wednesday, October 24, 1866

Went to the picture gallery and got the photographs. I took one of them, they are so good. We saw Hattie in the carriage once but when we went to look for her we couldn't find her. When I came home Emma Spry was here and had been for a long time. She was capering around with the children. Ma had not got home yet. Em and I gave the children a concert, played duettes out of the House Circle. Finally after tea was over Ma came and we all went to church. I went home with Em to get her gloves and book. Dr. Pratt was not present. I saw Hattie after church and she gave me one of her photographs. It is very good.

Wednesday, October 25, 1866

Well there is a party tonight. Pa, Ma and I expect to go. Ma and I have been on the street all day and consequently are pretty tired. I came home and had just settled down for a nap when my friend Maggie came, so I got up and dressed again. Went up to the store with her to get some white kids. It is real cold out of doors tonight. I wore my pink tarlatan. There was a very pleasant company at Mr. Rigg's and I enjoyed myself about as much as usual. Ella Tewksbury and Murty Salsbury, Emma Young and Mr. Torrence were the attendants. Emma Young had to go back to her school immediately after the wedding so she will not be present at all the festivities occasioned by the wedding.

Friday, October 26, 1866

Another party this evening and one which I should like very much to attend but Pa and Ma are not invited and Portsmouth can't turn out gentlemen enough to wait on all the girls so I suppose I will not be there this evening. The party is to be at Mr. Tewksbury's. I took a music lesson this morning. All the forenoon it has been drizzling and was very dreary but this afternoon the clouds are breaking a little. I was afraid we were going to have a bad evening for the party and although I am not going myself I want it to be pleasant for the rest. Hattie and Gay Norton were here while I was gone to my music. Mary J. Murray was in too. Ma is down to Mrs. Rumsey's. After Ma came home I went down to put the letter I had written to Mrs. Nannie Dever into the office. Went round to see Maggie of course. She is going this evening, has been fortunate enough to get Mr. Ed Torrence of Pittsburgh for company. Had Murty last night, she is a dear good

girl and deserves to have company always. On my way home I met Laura Loughry who very kindly insisted on my going with her and D. P. P. the clouds came up again and it rained very hard. I should have gone any how if I had had company of my own but under the circumstances I thought it best not to go.

Saturday, October 27, 1866

This is another glorious morning but appearances are so deceitful that we can't tell what kind of a day it will prove to be. A sight of the sun does one good, this kind of weather. Mary Peebles came to invite me to spend the evening at their house on Monday evening. They are going to have company. When Mary went to take her lesson she brought me word to go up to Mary Murray's to play croquet. Ma went over the river this morning with Frank and I had Jennie's dress to finish. At two o'clock I went, or rather half past. Mifs Adams, Mary Glover, Mary Murray and I were the ladies and Mr. S. B. Riggs, Col. Hurd, W. Stevenson and Capt. Lusk were the gentlemen. We played until nearly dark and when I got home Ma and Pa were both here. I am so fond of croquet that when I get to playing I never know when to stop. It is quite cool this evening. While up on the croquet ground I saw James Martin. He just got home last night.

Sunday, October 28, 1866

This has just been a glorious day, as my friend Belle would say "gorgeous". There was a new exercise introduced into Sabbath school this morning. There were no regular lessons but a general examination. The teachers were to tell Dr. Pratt what their classes were prepared to be examined on and then he would call on a class to rise and he would question them on their topic. Mifs Adams' was the first one called up. They answered on the "Temple".

It being the first time the place was ever tried half the teachers did not know what to do. Mifs Adams, Misses Maggie and Mary Peebles', Mrs. Applers', Mrs. Tewksbury's, Mr. Tewksbury's, Mr. Peebles', Mary Crees', Emma Gaff's, Mr. Burwell's and Mr. Miller's and mine were the only ones examined I believe. The exercise was a very interesting one to all I think and it would be profitable if it was kept up.

Monday, October 29, 1866

This morning we awoke to find it raining and steadily it continued to do so all day until nearly dark. A more dismal gloomy day I never want to see. While I was practising this forenoon Mr. Charles Riggs the bridegroom came to engage my company for one of his groomsmen Murt Salsbury. Misses Salsbury and Torrence being out of town would not have time to attend to that business for themselves. While at dinner Mr. S. came to the door to see me himself. They came home on the noon train but had an engagement in the country for dinner. During the afternoon Hattie Hempstead came to invite me up to their house tomorrow evening. I dressed and went down stairs to wait for Mr. S. The prospect for a pleasant evening was not very bright and I thought we would have to go under an umbrella. Murt did not come until half past eight and it was nearly nine when we reached Mr. P.'s. I started up stairs to put on my cloak but he told me there was no hurry as the carriage had not come. Imagine my surprise! The and I got in to the carriage and went up to Mr. Brisker's for Jimmie Martin and Emma Regmir. We just had a splendid time. We four were the last one there every body else had gone and we had to wait until the carriage took Charlie and Alice home. It was after midnight when we got home.

Tuesday, October 30, 1866

It did not rain today but was very dark and cold. It is very cold. Emma Spry came for me to go down and take tea with her. It is her 16th birthday and she is going to have some of her friends spend the evening. I gave her a silver napkin ring and Mary a beautiful little gold tooth pick. I came home about dark and dressed in a hurry as I was expecting my escort at 8:00. It was so cold and Lizzie being sick Ma did not wish me to go but I had promised and of course had to go. I would have appreciated a carriage tonight most assuredly. D. P. P. and I walked up to Mr. Gaylord's and it was not nearly so bad as I expected it would be. It was quite a large party. Mr. Pratt, Dr. P.'s brother was there and I enjoyed a long talk with him. It was feared by some that it would be rather a sad occasion as it was the eve of the departure of the bridal party but it was very pleasant not with- standing. We have been having a gay time since they came.

They have had the wedding and four parties and then there was a party besides to which they were not invited. It was ten minutes of one o'clock when I got home this time. I expect it will be the last for some time to come.

Wednesday, October 31, 1866

The last day of October. I received a letter from Mrs. Singleton today or yesterday I forget which. This fore noon about ten o'clock Murt and Mr. Torrence called to say good bye. They were on their way to the boat and it was eleven before they went away. I did not know but that they would be left. I have not seen much of Mr. Torrence but should think that he is a very lively, pleasant gentleman. Aunt Maria McCall was here this afternoon and she and Mr. and Mrs. Gunn were here to supper. I had been up so late the last two evenings and not slept any in the mornings to make up for it, that I was sleepy and went to bed. Left them laughing as hard as they could, the three Ma, Auntie and Mrs. G. have been at it ever since three o'clock this afternoon. Mary and I went down to Mrs. Pratt's after school to deliver a card which Murt left with me for Laura. After leaving there we went down street with Emma Miller. None of us went to church this evening.

Thursday, November 1, 1866

I haven't done much of any thing this whole day, not even practising. Aunt Maria was here to dinner and Mr. Gregory also. It seems as though we have had company all day. Mifs McClure was here and Emma Spry was here a long time this afternoon. She, Ma and I cutting up and talking nonsense. Frank and Mifs Gaffy were here. In the evening Pa, Ma, Mary and I went up to Mrs. Gunn's and spent the evening. I will make no remarks on the visit. Lizzie is about over the mumps at last and as far as my knowledge extends I don't know of any other disease children are subject to that ours can have. This has been another lovely day. I wanted very much to go up to see Maggie but couldn't.

Friday, November 2, 1866

This families commenced painting the house today. I took a music lesson. This has been a splendid day. Aunt Maria was here to dinner. About one o'clock Mary Murray

came down for me to go and play croquet. I went with her to ask Belle Connelley but she has not yet returned from Cincinnati. Emma Miller was busy and could not go before three o'clock if she could then. We went to Mr. Brummers for Aunt Maria and then up to Mary's. Ella Tewksbury was there and later in the evening Emma Regmir came out but Emma Miller did not get there in time.

Saturday, November 3, 1866

Another gloomy, lonesome day. There is no such thing as visiting or receiving visits such weather. Ma was up to Grandma's all the forenoon nearly. A rainy day can sometimes be very pleasantly spent but Saturday is not one of the pleasant ones.

Sunday, November 4, 1866

A rainy Sunday is a rarity, we scarcely ever have one but for variety it rained all day. I went to Sabbath school, and stayed to church. Went to church in the after noon. This is the evening for the monthly concert for prayer but it is very stormy out side and Ma does not want Mary and me to go out alone. Aunt Maria stayed all night with us. Mary received a letter from Bettie Brant containing the photographs of herself, her brother Bosworth and her father. Bosworth's was for me.

Monday, November 5, 1866

Another lovely day but the streets are still muddy. Milton has been sick all day. I practised two hours and a half. Mrs. Glover was here. Ma sent me down street and told me that I might go up and stay with Maggie until tea time. I was very glad of the opportunity to do so. Ella Holman came in while I was there but did not stay long. The Musical Association meets this evening at Lloyd's saloon. Maggie wanted me to stay to tea and go with them to the Harmonic but I couldn't. When I came home Frank was here and had been ever since I left. Before she went home Mifs Eliza Gaffy came. It was dark and they soon went away together.

Tuesday, November 6, 1866

Milton was quite sick all night. I took a music lesson this morning and paid Mifs Adams for the music we got this term, 4.95. On my way home stopped to see Mrs. Burr and ask after Lizzie. Willie Glover was here while I was gone, I don't know yet what he wanted of me. After dinner Will Stevenson called to tell me go up to Mary's to play this after noon. Mary went to the door and did not tell me who it was until after he was gone. I can't go on Milton's account and she told him, with out consulting me, that I would go, so I am afraid they will be disappointed. This is just a splendid day for croquet. This is the night for teacher's meeting. I can't tell yet whether I can go or not. It will depend on Milton.

Later-Dressed and Ma went with me as far as Mrs. Glover's and we found that Mrs. Appler couldn't go and Ma was afraid to have me go so I came home.

Wednesday, November 7, 1866

Mrs. Glover came up today to let Ma know that nothing had carried her off. We went to church this evening.

Tuesday, November 13, 1866

Here I am, sitting by the fire looking out at the bright sunshine and longing to be out enjoying it for the time will soon be here when we won't have it to enjoy. I am glad I am not a little school boy to be called in by that bell. It seems to me it is always ringing. There on the Oleander box lies the boquet which Frank gave Enos on last Friday (9th). It's beauty (it never had much) is faded and gone. It is composed entirely of that rare and beautiful as well as fragrant flower called crysanthum, some white, some yellow. I wish I felt like doing something better than sniffing. I suppose I ought to be in bed covered up head and ears but it is contrary to my principals, if I have any.

Wednesday, November 8, 1866

This is Milton's 8th birthday. Frank came up this morning after school as Enos had invited her to. He made some candy for her and tried in every way imaginable to amuse her. She stayed until after tea, then Ma, Mary, Jennie and I went home with her to wait for Pa who went down to the shop and then came to take us all to hear Tosso the great violinist. Such a combination I never saw before. Music, singing, ventriloquism, magic, comic delineation and so on. We were there nearly three hours. Frank came back and stayed all night with us.

Went down to Mr. Janney's and had my picture taken. In the after noon Ma and I went to see Mrs. Miller and Emma but could not get in. Ma went to Mrs. Rumsey's and I went up to Maggie and Mary Peebles. Mary was going down street with Maggie Jones and Maggie and I went up to Mary Murrays' to play croquet. Stopped to see if Ella Tewksbury wanted to go but she couldn't.

Friday, November 9, 1866

Took my music lesson this morning as usual. Sewed more than I practised today, worked on Mary's dress. Did not do my reading ever. Met Frank who went as far as the drug store with us. On our way home we stopped to see Mrs. Pratt. Laura had not come home from school. She is sick too. I wanted to see Lizzie Burr's picture which she sent Laura a few days ago but Mrs. Pratt couldn't find it. As we passed Em Miller's heard her singing "Castle in the Air" so we went in a few moments. The Friday night prayer meetings commence for the winter this evening but I can't go. Ma and Pa were invited to Mr. E. Lodwick's to tea and they went.

Saturday, November 10, 1866

After Frank went home I practised awhile. Went with Mary when she took her lesson, to sing with her. Laura Loughry was here. Emma Spry come up with her paper dolls to have a play with the children. Stayed until after tea. Mary appeared in her first long dress today, a blue merino.

Sunday, November 11, 1866

I am nearly sick with a cold. Went to Sabbath school and stayed to church in the forenoon. Did not go out in the afternoon at all.

Monday, November 12, 1866

This is a poor commencement for a week. Very bad cold. Head ache and unwell generally. Can't read, write sew or practise. Attempted to with my book up but couldn't think what had happened. Grandma came down this morning and stayed until after dinner. Frank was here. After dinner Grandma went home and Ma and I dressed to go out. Ma was not dressed until Mrs. Rumsey sent up for her. I went up to see Maggie but she was not at home. Went to see Ella Greene who has just come home from the country where she has been spending the summer with her aunt. Her little brother was sick. Maggie's brother D. was sick when I was there too. I next went up to Mr. Peebles. Mary is real sick, bad cold, head ache, fever and so on. Spent the remainder of the after noon there. Dr. Burr called while I was there. Came home about five o'clock. Ma did not come before nine o'clock. Mr.'s Will and Tom Kinney called and stayed an hour or two.

Tuesday, November 13, 1866

I have the same pleasant prospect before me that I had yesterday only that I am alone. Ma has been down to see Mrs. Burt's knitting machine and now she has gone to see Mrs. Rumsey and young Mr. Rumsey. The painters are still tramping about. I wish they were done. I have sewed a little this morning, on the leather helmet Pa got for Mack the cat.

Later. Have been alone all day. Did not take my music lesson. Wrote a letter to Mrs. Singleton this afternoon. Ma went down to Mr. Janney's and got my photograph, I sent it to Mrs. S.

Wednesday, November 14, 1866

Another day gone and nothing done, however I feel much better this evening. Did not go to church of course. Retired early to get a good night's sleep.

Thursday, November 15, 1866

This morning I awoke feeling much better at the breakfast table found that Lizzie was not well and she had to be put to bed. Sick all the forenoon. At noon Jennie came home sick and we had both of them to take care of. At night Enos went to bed with a high fever. It was all Ma, Mary and I could do to wait on the three. I have not been down street today. Mifs Adams was here this after noon.

Mr. Kinney and family came home today noon from their trip to Europe.

Friday, November 16, 1866

The children are all sick today, three of them in one bed. I took my music lesson this morning. Pa went to Cincinnati. Mary and one of the High school girls were out with a subscription paper this morning trying to raise the money to get a cabinet organ for the High School. They got \$20.00 at the office.

Lilla Kinney came up to see Jennie. I have been at work all day yesterday and today preparing the fruit for two large fruit-cakes. Mrs. Chandler was here this after noon. Several persons were in but I don't remember who now. The girls are making apple butter. Frank came up to stay all night with us.

She and I sat up until nearly midnight.

I got a note from Emma Spry this morning wanting me to go down and spend the afternoon and evening with her. Of course I couldn't go.

Saturday, November 17, 1866

Every thing has been in an uproar all day. Sick children to wait upon, fruit-cakes to make, apple butter to make and numberless things to do. Mr. Lampton called in the forenoon to tell me that he had been out to Dayton and give me a picture Will sent to me. In the after noon while dressing to go down street, the door bell rang and Mrs. Anderson was announced. By the time I got down stairs the door bell rang and I admitted the doctor who went up stairs. In a few moments the door bell rang and Laura Loughry came. Before she and Mrs. Anderson had gone the door bell rang again and Mrs. Tewksbury and Ella called. As soon as they were gone Mary and I went down to Mr. Janney's and paid him for some pictures and got one of mine and one of Ma's. Went up to see Maggie for a few moments and stopped to see Mrs. Rumsey and the baby. Came home and found Frank making a body for Jennie's new doll head. Frank would have stayed all night but was afraid her mother would be left alone. Children better this evening.

Sunday, November 18, 1866

Pa came home this morning early, brought three pieces of music for us. Mary and I had to request the family at Sabbath school today. I stayed to church in the fore noon. Went to church in the after noon. Addie Murray gave me a letter from Clara Johnson.

Monday, November 19, 1866

The weather is cloudy and gloomy again this morning. Ma woke up with a bad head ache and is not feeling well at all.

Tuesday, November 20, 1866

Took a music lesson. Went in the rain and came home in the rain. The day has been lost to business at least.

Wednesday, November 21, 1866

Did not go to church this evening. We have had bad weather all week. Wet and cold.

Thursday, November 22, 1866

We have wasted this whole week just getting ready to work.

Ma and I went up to see Mrs. Hattie Tracy's winter cloaks to see how to cut mine. We went to see Mrs. Rumsey but couldn't get in.

Friday, November 23, 1866

Went up to Miss Adams' and took a music lesson and a long lesson it was. 7 ½ pages of L'Emme de Mer. Ma and I commenced making my winter cloak today so I did not do much practising. None of us went to prayer meeting this evening.

Saturday, November 24, 1866

I took my cloak down to Mrs. Vincent to finish and I helped Ma make the girls' sacks. We all got our winter hats and bonnets this evening. Frank was here. This has been a cold windy day and I have been down street four or five times. We have been working hard all day. It was eleven o'clock before the sewing was put away.

Sunday, November 25, 1866

Went to Sabbath school. This was Examination day for this month. My class was not called up at all, they were examined the last time and others who were not were called on today. I stayed to church. Went to church in the afternoon also.

Monday, November 26, 1866

Practised all the forenoon, read early in the morning. In the afternoon Ma and I went down to the church to see about making the new cushions. We stayed there until

nearly five o'clock after that we went up to see Mrs. Gunn, who is sick. On our way home we stopped to see grandma. This has been a real pleasant day. During the afternoon Mary Peebles remarked that she and Maggie were intending to go to Cincinnati a week from today and I said that I had a mind to go with them, not thinking that I could but Ma says I can if nothing happens to prevent.

Tuesday, November 27, 1866

Gave Jennie a music lesson this morning then went and took mine. After I had taken mine I went up to see Maggie and Mary. Maggie was sick and their cousin Mr. Stewart was in the parlor so I left Mary to entertain him and I went up stairs to stay with Maggie. When I started home it was raining and rained nearly all the afternoon. Ma went down street after dinner but left me at home alone. I began to practise but happening to think of Belle Connolley I just shut up the piano and went and make her a long visit. I was almost ashamed to go, she has been home from school so long and I have never been to see her.

Wednesday, November 28, 1866

We have all been working hard today preparing for the Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow. The same old son cakes to bake, bread to make, and all such things. I was down to Mrs. Rumsey's this fore noon, the only time I have been out today. None of us felt like going to church though I should liked to have gone.

Thursday, November 29, 1866

This is Thanksgiving Day. Up early and at work, table to set, silver to rub, sweep, dust, sit things to rights generally. No church for us. Ma and Pa went however and Mary and I stayed at home. The guests did not all arrive until nearly two o'clock. Mr. Lampton came but his wife was sick. Mr. and Mrs. E. Lodwick, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades and Mary,

Mr. J. G. Peebles wife, Mary and Robert, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Rumsey, Miss Gaffy, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and Frank, were here. Mifs Adams, Mary Murray, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Rumsey, Laura Loughry, Perkins Pratt and Mrs. Lampton did not come. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory and Hattie came after dinner, they all went away between four and five o'clock. Ma and Pa went out to Mr. L Damarius' in the evening to a party. Frank stayed all night with us.

Friday, November 30, 1866

This is the last day of November. Uncle Enos brought me a new merino dress from Cincinnati this morning, also a plate to put on the front door to inform poor ignorant mortals who dwells in the house on corner of Court and Sixth. I went down and got my dress cut this morning, peplum basque. Ma and I were at the church from 1 o'clock until nearly dark, sewing on the cushions. Ma, Mary and I went to prayer meeting in the evening. Was down to Em Spry's a few minutes.

Saturday, December 1, 1866

First morning of winter. Cold enough to freeze a lizard. Have to go to the church again this morning again. I like to sew on the cushions had rather do it than not. Must give Jennie a music lesson as she did not have one yesterday.

Sunday, December 2, 1866

Went to Sunday school in the morning and stayed to church.

Went to church in the afternoon and wanted to go to prayer meeting in the evening but could not. Mary received a letter from Bettie Brant inviting Pa, Ma, Mary and me over to St. Louis to spend the holidays.

Monday, December 3, 1866

I worked at the church all day. Ma was not well enough to go at all. I sewed on our machine until about four o'clock when I shut up the machine and went up to see Maggie. She and her mother had gone out calling.

Pa, Ma, and I received an invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Tracy's glass wedding tomorrow evening.

Mary Peebles went to Cincinnati this afternoon, Maggie and I intended to have gone when she did, but for several reasons Maggie could not go and I did not care to come back alone.

Ella Greene and Mifs Rumsey called this afternoon.

Tuesday, December 4, 1866

At noon, Pa brought up our glass ware for the wedding. Two very pretty cream pitchers for himself. Two salt cellars for Ma and two beautiful little cologne bottles for me. I took a music lesson this morning. While I was there Mary Murray called to see Miss Adams. Ma and I have been busy sewing all day. I had our machine brought home and have been running it. Late in the afternoon Maggie Jones came up and I had quite a good little visit from her. About 8 o'clock Pa and I went up to Mr. Tracy's. The display of glassware was very good. There was a greater variety than any one expected to see. Among the curiosities was a glass cane from Carrie Ramsey, and a glass globe containing a tiny red fish from Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. There seemed to be nothing there but what could be used if I except the cane and a string of blue and white beads from Mrs. Moore, aside from her present which was a handsome little cologne pitcher in net work of gold I suppose it was. There was a large number present and every body seemed to enjoy themselves very much. The entertainment was splendid. Maggie Peebles was here this morning. Got a letter from Nannie Dever.

Wednesday, December 5, 1866

Pa went down to Vanceburg on the boat this morning. We, that is Ma and I are devoting the remainder to work at home after which we expect to work for the church again.

Mrs. Elden and Mrs. Grahame called this afternoon. Col. Henry Jones called and spent a part of the evening. He is going to Cincinnati tomorrow. None of us went to church this evening, Ma was not well enough and Mary and I could not have gone alone. After He left I finished a letter I had commenced to Clara Johnson.

Thursday, December 6, 1866

Pa came home this morning while we were at breakfast. We did not expect him until tomorrow. Sewed all the forenoon. At 3 o'clock went to take an extra lesson but did not. Mrs. Tracy and Mifs Belle Smith were calling on Mifs Adams which had interrupted Belle Connolley's lesson and as I was not very anxious to take a lesson I went down to see Maggie. They, Mrs. Tracy and Mifs Smith went in just before I got there so I went into the kitchen and stayed with Mrs. Jones until the callers had gone, then I went into the sitting room. I was up to the school house this after noon to see Mary but did not go into the school room. Wrote to Bettie Brant this forenoon.

Friday, December 7, 1866

Sewed all day. We have accomplished wonders in the last four day. Emma Spry was here this afternoon. I took my regular lesson this forenoon. Have caught a very bad cold and my throat is a little sore. Have been down street though for all that. Ma, Mary, Jennie and I went to prayer meeting this evening. David L. called while we were gone.

Saturday, December 8, 1866

The wind blew a perfect gale last night and the windows rattled furiously. It rained very hard but this morning it is turning colder and the sun is out beautifully. I expect Ma

and I will go to the church this morning. Got a letter from Aunt Lizzie. We did not go to the church. Stayed at home and sewed all day. Mrs. John Nichols made Ma a long visit this afternoon.

Laura Loughry, Thersa and Emma Spry, Robert Spry, Capt. Evans and Perkins Pratt came up and spent the evening.

Sunday, December 9, 1866

Went to Sabbath school and stayed to church as usual. Hattie Hempstead has returned. The weather has turned very, very cold. This evening when we were coming home from church it commenced snowing a little and in a few minutes the flakes were so thick that we could not see the hills at all. The storm did not last many minutes and there was not enough snow to cove the ground. It will certainly freeze tonight. This morning when I woke up I heard a bell ringing but thought it a boat bell and lay still for ten or fifteen minutes and then hearing another I got up and looked out the south window but saw no signs of fire. I then looked out the west window and saw the whole depot enveloped in flames. As yet there was no one there to put it out and the whole building was gone before the engines got there. The new reflectors for our church were burned causing a loss of about \$700, besides having to wait until they can be sent for to Europe where those came from.

Monday, December 10, 1866

The ground is frozen hard this morning. What I am to do this winter I don't know. I shall try to make the best of it but don't expect to any more than just barely exist until warm weather. I have a bad cold and cough to begin with. Ma and I worked at the church today. This evening after we were through at the church Ma and I started up to Mrs. Jones' and met Mary on her way from school and she went with us. It has been a year today since Aunt Maria Moore died. The weather is very cold. There will be skating by tomorrow.

Tuesday, December 11, 1886

There is skating today. Jennie went out three times. I did not go at all. I took a music lesson this morning. "The Mocking Bird" I expect it is about the last piece I will ever take, my term will be out Friday. Teachers' Meeting will be held at Mrs. Martin's on 2nd Street. I can't go. Griswold the Fat Contributor lectures tonight at Massie Hall.

Wednesday, December 12, 1866

This morning Lizzie and I were up and dressed by daylight and it was just light enough to see when we went down to the church to see the wedding. Camilla Robinson and D. Eugene Bigler were the bride and groom, and Hattie Hempstead and Augustus Turley the attendants. There was a larger number than I expected to see out. The ladies were dressed in brown waterproof. The ceremony took place in the lecture room of course as the upper room is not finished yet.

Thursday, December 13, 1866

Emma Spry came after dinner and begged so for me to go skating that Ma made me go although I wanted to stay at home and sew. I had to go and get a pair of heavy shoes first. We got off a little before three and went out to the Nill Race where we stayed until quite late and then started home but stopped at the pond where the children were and stayed there until dark. Perkins was on the ice and he said he was coming up, and going to bring his flute tonight. After tea I was reading the paper and the door bell rang, I supposed it was P. but was rather surprised to find Capt. Hope, in a few minutes, Davy Jones and Belle Connolley came in and last of all Perkins and his flute.

Friday, December 14, 1866

I was sewing nearly all the forenoon. Took a music lesson which may be my last, it will for the present any way. Received a note from Laura notifying me that I would be expected there this evening. Belle Connelley sent word to know if I would go skating this after noon and I thought I couldn't but Ma went over and told her that I would. When Mary came home from school, she and Belle went and when I got through I went

but it was nearly dark by that time. Mary and I went to prayer meeting and from there to Dr. Pratt's with Laura. There were four couple of us there. Emma Miller and Mr. Voorhees, Mary, myself and Laura, Perkins, Capt. Evans and Mr. Kennedy.

Saturday, December 15, 1866

There has been skating every day this week until today and to my great satisfaction, it was spoiled this after noon. I don't like to see snow but I really wanted to have some kind of bad weather to keep me in the house until I could get some sewing done. I went down street this fore noon, just about dinner time, to get our skates mended. Went into Mr. Murray's where I saw my friend Mr. Lampton. While I was on Front street the Telegraph came in. Maggie and Mary Peebles and Mr. Rifenberrick and lady Lucy came up on her.

Sunday, December 16, 1866

The pavements were on sheet of ice this morning and even the middle of the streets were so slippery that it was almost impossible to stand on them. It was raining too and that made it worse. Mary, Jennie and I went to Sunday school and stayed to church. The Sunday school union meeting took place at our church this evening but none of us went. It was the 25th Anniversary.

Monday, December 17, 1866

Cold, slippery and disagreeable altogether out side. Have been busy all day as usual. Ripped up my black luster dress to make over into a short street dress. Finished my new merino. Frank was here. I was down street in the afternoon to get some linings, strange to say, did not go to see Maggie.

Florance Tillon and Louise Terry were married this morning, also John Peck and Mifs Kiem.

Tuesday, December 18, 1866

Enos has been sick all day so we did not get much sewing done. Emma Spry came for me to go skating. I could not go of course and would not if I could. The streets are very muddy, it has been thawing all day. Pa went to the Methodist Fair at Massie Hall to get his dinner. I got a letter from Bettie Brant. Mrs. Rhoades called to see Ma and after she had gone Mrs. Robinson came and made quite a visit.

Wednesday, December 19, 1866

There is the school bell ringing twenty minutes of nine. I was up last night with Enos and did not rise very early this morning. This a beautiful, bright clear day but it is cold.

Finished my black dress and put it on. None of us went to church. During the evening I was very much surprised by a ring at the door and my astonishment was rather increased than diminished on finding Will Stevenson at the door. He spent the evening.

Thursday, December 20, 1866

Maggie Jones came up this forenoon and when she went home I went as far as 2nd Street with her. In the after noon I was down to her house with Mary Peebles. Maggie's errand this morning was to see if I had company. I had. While out this forenoon Capt. H. wanted to know if I had company, he also was too late.

I received an invitation to Mr. Damarin's today for the 27th. I have had so many offers of company this time that it is doubtful whether I get any for that evening. At half past seven "the boy with the auburn hair" arrived with his vehicle and we went out to Mr. Bell's to the reception. The house was crowded. We spent a very pleasant evening and came home at 11 o'clock. Lucy, as usual, looked very pretty and Capt. Rifinberrick very much pleased. Ella and John were there of course to be known here after as Mr. and Mrs. Overturf.

Friday, December 21, 1866

Emma Spry was here this after noon. I have been very busy all day, as usual with the sewing. Have been making Mary's dress and commenced the boy's overcoats. Was over to see Belle a long time this evening.

Saturday, December 22, 1866

I have been dreadfully low-spirited all day, cried nearly all the forenoon. Mifs Adams was here to dinner. Ma is so unwell and has been for so long that I am really uneasy about her.

A great many of the school girls and boys have come home. Ma and Pa spent the evening at Mr. Cunningham's.

Sunday, December 23, 1866

This morning we were up very early. Before we went to Sabbath school saw Gussie Connelley's trunks go by, so she has arrived. Saw several of the returned scholars today. Will Lampton, Bart Greene and Sallie Tewksbury.

Had no service this after noon

Dreary day.

Monday, December 24, 1866

Out side all is gloomy and disagreeable but the thermometer indicating the status of my spirits is very high. Between six and seven o'clock I went up to make Uncle Enos a visit and then went to see Laura Loughry, then Maggie Jones, then Lizzie Burr, then Laura again. On my return home finding Ma gone I went to see Belle and Gussie. We spent the after noon in making preparations for a Christmas tree, a surprise for the children.

Lizzie Smith, Grandma Moor and Fannie and Mary came to stay all night. After tea Frank came to help us. Ma, Mary, Frank and I were up until one o'clock dressing the tree. Did not sleep much after we went to bed and got up early next morning.

Laura Loughry and some of us girls talked of going out to call on Lucy Rifenberrick but the weather is too bad.

Tuesday, December 25, 1866

Frank, Mary and I were up early this morning and had some trouble to keep the children from going down to the sitting room where the tree was. Finally when all were dressed and ready we let them go down and we were amply paid for our trouble by their surprise and delight. Pa bought a handsome book for each and all. Mr. and Mrs. Cumming took dinner with us. The sun has been shining very brightly and on the sunny side of the streets the snow and ice have thawed some. It is as quiet as Sunday. Frank, Mary and I went down this forenoon and got a hat for Lizzie Smith. Grandma and the children have been here nearly all day. In the evening we lit the tapers on the tree and they burned beautifully.

Wednesday, December 26, 1866

We moved the Christmas Tree into the front parlor today and straightened up things after the children's frolick. We did not do much but sit by the fire and read our books today.

Thursday, December 27, 1866

This is the night of Mr. Damarian's young folk's party. I did not go for want of company. Received an invitation to Mr. Connelley's for next Thursday, Jan. 2nd

Friday, December 28, 1866

We got ready to go to Cincinnati today on the St. Charles, Mary and I. Frank was going down too. We waited for pa to come for us until we thought it was time for the boat to leave and then we went down with Frank's father. Uncle Enos wanted to know when we were coming back and when I told him that we expected to come up Sunday, he informed me that they did not expect to come up again on account of the ice. The ice is running very heavy in the river this morning. Of course we had to come home. In the after noon Mary and I went out to make some calls. Called on Emma Johnson who was out. Ella McFarland was at home. The Peebles girls had company so we did not go in. Ella Tewksbury was at home and Sallie too. Saw Mary Murray there. Went up to Mrs. Martin's but she was gone. Couldn't get in to see Em Regmir. Went to Maggie Jones' to get war, she was not home. Called on Ella Overturf, couldn't get in. Went out to Mr. Lampton's and spent the remainder of the after noon.

Saturday, December 29, 1866

This weather is too cold to admit our doing any thing at all. No one does any thing now days but skate and as I have no great love for that amusement I don't do even that. Pa and the children went out this after noon but soon returned as the weather changed and it commenced sleeting or snowing a little. I received an invitation to Mr. Collins' for next Tuesday evening and soon after one for Judge Peck's for Monday night.

I went to the ship this evening and asked Pa for a white-merino dress and he gave me permission to go and help my self to any I could find.

Sunday, December 30, 1866

This has been a beautiful day but very cold. I went to Sabbath school, and to church twice.

Monday, December 31, 1866

This forenoon I took my dress to Mrs. Vincent's to be cut. Can't get it done in time for the party this so don't think I shall go. Have had two half chances to go but I don't go that way. This after noon Mary J. Murray, Ella Greene, Han Rumsey, Maggie Jones and I went in a pack to call on Lucy Bell and the Mifses Young and Ella Overturf. Went for Maggie Peebles and the six of us went out to Mr. Damarin's and would have called at Peck's but knew it would be inconvenient for them. Took Maggie Jones home and then went to call on Mrs. Shumacher or Mrs. Remple that was. Did not go to the party tonight. Farewell to 1866, it has been a good and altogether a very happy year to me.

MEMORANDA

Marriages in Yazoo

Miss Nannie Catchings to John Johnson

Miss Carrie Roberts to Isaac Hunter

Miss Emma Barnett to Dr. Thompson

Miss Nannie Hyatt to Churchill H. Holloway

Miss Ida Tilly to Major Hoaks

Miss Jennie Bell to James Partee

Miss Lou Link to Mr. Williams

Miss Johnnie Friqua to R. C. Sheppard

Miss Mattie Boyd to William Warmack

Miss Hannah Ellis to Mr. Deles

Miss Cordelia Goosey to Frank Battaile

Miss Agnes Cheatham to Mr. Nail

Miss Purity Raspberry to Mr. Nail

Miss Sallie Jenkins to Mr. C. Percy

MEMORANDA

Tuesday, Aug 21st 1866-continued.

We made a few purchases on our return from the falls. We also went to see some rare paintings in an old church. After dinner we got into the carriages and went to see the citadel. This was quite a curiosity to me as I had never been inside of regular fortifications before. It is said to be second only to Gibraltar in strength. From there we went to the plains of Abraham, the site of the old fort. Then we saw the grave and monument of Wolfe. The only place of interest that remained to be seen was the great cathedral the curiosities there being the altars and painting, some of which were very fine. We ate our dinners in great haste, had not time to wait for tea, as it was six o'clock and we had to cross the river to the depot. We got into a sleeping car and rode until nearly midnight when we had to change cars at Richmond. We waited there three or four hours, finally we got started again which I suppose closes this day for us.

MEMORANDA

Marriages in Portsmouth for 1866

Mary W. McDowell and Dr. Krieder Jan 3rd

Emma Ramsey to E. Nichols May 15th
Libbie Jones to Charles Pursell May 15th
Anna Newman to Joseph Reed
Mary smith to James Bannon
Fannie Howell to Sam c. Glover (Oxford)
Ella Bently to Richard Lloyd
Alice N. Hurd to Charles Riggs
Lucy M. Bell to P. F. Rifenberrick Nov 21st
Ella Kendall to John Overturf Nov 21st
Camilla Robinson to D. Eugene Bigler Dec 12th
Clay B. Moore to Gev. Newman
Urania Kerr (Ironton) to John Peck

