

Portsmouth, Ohio

Saturday, January 1st, 1898

Colder than it has yet been. Ther 12° this evening at 9 o'clk. Am somewhat better but still far from my usual feelings.

Carl went to Manchester O. with the Bicycle boys early this A.M. The rest are all home excepting Will who returned to Cleveland Monday last. Margaret has been sick all day. Bessie Martin went home at 2 P.M. and Mr. H.P. Smith went home at 10.28 A.M. Was over home a few minutes to see the family. Went out to inquire about Mrs. Pursell, Mabel's mother and take her something they wanted for her. She is very ill. Mrs. Pursell died after I left. Mattie Ward was here.

Sunday, Jan 2nd, 1898

Snowy and cold. Ther. 10° in the morning. All went to S.S. as usual. Classes were being reorganized but attendance was small and the work could not be completed. Sister was able to go and stay with her class a little while then came home and did not go out again until Junior Endeavor which is now in her charge. She did not go to church at all, not being well enough to be out at all if she could have avoided it.

Wrote a note to Carrie.

Ralph came to say good-bye.

Week of Prayer

Monday, Jan 3rd, 1898

Bright, snowy and cold but moderating after the sun began shinning. Hurried through with the work and went out to see Mabel Pursell. Told her I could not attend the funeral this afternoon, not being well enough. Did some pressing and wrote to Will. Am not able to go to church this evening which I regret as this is the week of prayer. Florence Crossley was here to dinner.

J.W. went to Post meeting so Sister and Carp represented the family at prayer-meeting.

Tuesday, Jan 4th, 1898

Quite cold and icy, but the sun came out and made slush on the sunny side of the streets. Miss Maggie came this morning to do a few days' work for sister. We are making over her black silk dress. Have been sick all day but kept going most of the time. John Peebles came in at bed time to stay all night, or rather until 4 A.M. tomorrow.

Barton Greene returned on the 11.10 P.M. N&W train. I went to prayer-meeting in the evening but J.W. went to some other meeting, which he does not often do.

Wednesday, Jan 5th, 1895

Fair and milder, still the ice and snow remains in the shaded places. Was busy at home all day except when I did an errand at Anderson's. Have felt somewhat better. Mattie Ward was here to tea. Mrs. Scudder, and Mrs. Hager called before Mattie came. We went to prayer-meeting as usual and Margaret and I remained to the Normal class which is not largely attended.

Letter from Will today.

Mr. O.C. McCall died this evening.

Thursday, Jan 6th, 1898

Rained nearly all day. I wrote a note to Mrs. McCall not being able to go to see her. Have been trying to sew but have been so miserable I have not accomplished much. Wrote to Will as usual. Wrote some lines for Mother to send with the beautiful little lace dress she has made for Ina Peebles of Ashland. Julia Tappan was here to tea and went to prayer-meeting with us. David and Frank Tappan are having a serious time with their turn of mumps.

Friday, Jan 7th, 1898

Weather damp and windy. Have been at home all day except when I went to get some thread, and again when I went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Attendance not large but services excellent. Lizzie was sick with headache and she and I had to come out before the close. We were all there. Carl afterwards attended the Cycling Club Banquet. Miss Bessie and Author went to the Woodman's Banquet. Have been sewing today but have not been at all well.

Saturday, Jan 8th, 1898

Weather fair and warmer.

Have been at home all day, except when making a short call over home. Miss Maggie began doing some white sewing for Margaret. I finished M.'s black silk waist, put jet on the white satin ribbon lattice work on the front. Cousin Mattie Ward called. Mr. O.C. McCall's funeral was held this afternoon but I was not well enough to go. Funeral was at the house and remains placed in the vault for the present. Will be taken to Cin. later.

Sunday, Jan 9th, 1898

Rained steadily all day with few the exception of very short intervals. Just poured in the evening and only forty-five people at evening service. We were all at S.S. eight of us and all in time unless perhaps, Barton. I had a class of eight, one new girl Margarite Wilburn. Dr. Tappan preached an unusually good sermon which is saying a great deal, his theme being faithfulness to our church obligations. Bessie, Lizzie and Mrs. Lorey got the reward Bibles and books which were given out this A.M

Monday, Jan 10th, 1898

Rained very hard in the night and continued cloudy and drizzly all day. River rose 6 feet in past twelve hours.

Miss O'Connor came again to sew a few days this week on white sewing. I attended the funeral to Mrs. Wilhelm's baby this afternoon. Cousin Mattie Ward spent part of the afternoon and took tea with us. She leaves tomorrow for her home in Huntington. Kate Phillipi, one of my S.S. girls left this morning for Buffalo to enter a Hospital training school. The family attended the Bigelow lecture to hear an impersonation.

Carl and I remained at home.

Wrote to Will.

Tuesday, Jan 11th, 1898

Dark, damp and gloomy. River rose 6 feet in the past 24 hours. Temperature mild.

Cousin Mattie came around for a final farewell call this morning.

I am not going out much except to church and S.S. We had S.S. Teachers meeting this morning at the church study, Margaret being the leader.

It was raining hard when we went. After the meeting Margaret and I walked out home with Winifred Smith.

Wednesday, Jan 12th, 1898

Weather still rainy and warm. We had sewed industriously all day on white work. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Had no normal lesson because there was to be a meeting of the Session immediately after. I was glad to come home being very tired. Carl has gotten the family interested in dominoes and we play nearly every evening.

Thursday, Jan 13th, 1898

Another rainy day and very warm. About 3 o'clock P.M. the thermometer stood above 70° on the front porch. I was not feeling well but sewed all day except when I was lying down. Wrote to Will as usual this forenoon.

After tea Jas. Went down street and very soon after Mr. Martin and later Richard Peebles came in and spent the evening.

Friday, Jan 14th, 1898

Another rainy day, with only a gleam of sunshine in the forenoon. Rained hard in the evening and most of the night following.

I stayed at home and sewed all day. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening and came home in a pouring rain.

Very few were out wing to the weather but among the few were Mrs. Gartner from the Corner end of Front st. and Mabel Hafner from 12th above Findlay. Neither Elizabeth nor I went to Chautauqua Circle owing to the prayer meeting and rain. Julia Tappan is laid up with Mumps.

Saturday, Jan 15th, 1898

No rain but still very dark and gloomy. Warm in the morning cooler in the evening. Water very high.

Miss Maggie finished her second week this evening and we shall try to do the rest of the work ourselves. We have made two dressing sacques, two night dresses, two night shirts, for pairs drawers and six corset covers this week. Last week we made over sister's black silk dress and finished her red silk waist. Went to preparatory lecture this afternoon. Rich, Lizzie, Elizabeth, Margaret, Robert and Richard were present.

Sunday, Jan 16th, 1898

Weather still cloudy and unpleasant though we did not go through rain to S.S. and church. All went to S.S. and attended communion services in the forenoon. Twenty persons were received into the church, among the number Margaret and Robert Peebles. Their family spent Sabbath at Mr. Peebles all except John who is in Columbus and Wm who slept and ate here. Went to church in the evening.

Monday, Jan 17th, 1898

No rain, and not much sun shine today but better than we have had lately.

Was busy at home all forenoon. Wrote to Will, also to Kate Phillipe who is homesick in her new home in Buffalo at the training school for nurses. Went to W.R.C. in the afternoon and the Corps decided that we must give up our charter and disband, unless something is done to renew the interest. Made some Home Department calls, Mrs. Will and Mrs. Raypole and a social call upon Mr. and Mrs. Lowes, Mrs. Currie died.

Tuesday, Jan 18th, 1898

A really fine day, plenty of sunshine which is fast drying up the mud. In the forenoon Jas and I packed Mr. Smith's books and got the book case ready for the furniture packer. They even taken away after dinner.

In the afternoon Mary and I went to Mrs. Currie's saw her family. Afterwards I went to Mrs. Stevenson's but did not go in being met by Mary Damarin who said there was nothing for me to do. Then went to see old Mrs. Whitney who is almost dying. Mrs. Marshall, a stranger, Mrs. Pursell and then to Mrs. Wilburn's, Lena Reed's (not at home) May St. Claire's the Selby Factory to pay Mr. Hales the 1.00 for state S.S. work then to Mrs. Row's (out) S.S. Teachers' Meeting in the evening.

Wednesday, Jan 19th, 1898

Steady, but not hard rain, all the afternoon. Swept and cleaned all the forenoon in the sitting room. After dinner went to the funeral of Mrs. Stevenson at our church. Then came home and marked a lot of pillow cases for Mother. Kindergarten class met here. Made some button holes and finished off three garments we made last week.

Went to prayer-meeting in the rain. Sister and I remained to Normal Class. Dell Ramsey being the only other member of the class present.

Thursday, Jan 20th, 1898

No rain but very windy and unpleasant. This morning I wrote to Will as usual and in the afternoon I attended the funeral of Mrs. Currie at All Saints' Church, Rev Mr. Taylor being here on a visit conducted the services.

It was an unusually unpleasant day, so raw and windy. After the funeral I made two Home Dept. calls and did a couple of errands. Also got the second half dozen of my pictures.

Did not go anywhere in the evening.

Friday, Jan 21st, 1898

Cloudy and raw but no rain. Went over to see Mrs. Graham and afterwards to see Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Gaines, daughter of Mrs. Currie. Made a short call up at Mrs. Whitney's and then went back and spent most of the afternoon there helping Mrs. Will Whitney make a shroud for Mrs. Avenia Whitney. There have been four deaths of old people right in this neighborhood with in a week past. Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Whitney and Col Graham. I walked up to May Wright's on 11th, above Offnere this A.M.

Jas and I called on Hannah James and husband this P.M.

Saturday, Jan 22nd, 1898

Rained almost incessantly, and hard, much of the time. Those of us who could remain in doors did so, all day. I wiped the smoke off sixteen windows and made fresh transom curtains. Sewed all the remainder of the day. Made a skirt and some new pillow cases.

Sunday, Jan 23rd, 1898

Cloudy but no rain. We were all at Sabbath School as usual and at the church services. Mattie Peebles came to morning service, late, followed by her five brides maids. It was her last appearance at church here as Mattie Peebles.

Was over home in the afternoon and saw Enos. Mother went up to Mrs. Whitney's a few minutes. Went to church in the evening.

Monday, Jan 24th, 1898

Weather beautiful, clear and bright all day, but in the night it begun raining very hard again.

Wrote to Will this evening, had no time during the day. Went to Mrs. Whitney's funeral at 2 P.M. Had two ministers here to dinner, they having come to a called meeting of Presbytery. Called at Mrs. Row's, Clara Waller's to see Kate Crichton, Mrs. Steavins', Mrs. Thomas', Mrs. McCall's, Mrs. Reihl's and Dell Ramsey's.

Adolph Reihl's step-mother was with me a short time in my early days of house-keeping and was very glad to see me. Miss Huntington the new Kindergarten teacher arrived today.

Tuesday, Jan 25th, 1898

Very windy and rainy, an unusually rough day, the wind was almost a gale this evening. The event of the season was the wedding of Mattie Peebles and Mr. Dover at Mr. J. G. Peebles' home this evening. Will was the only one in our family favored with an invitation and he was not here. Elizabeth, Margaret and Wm Peebles, Florence Crossley, Jennie Adams of Huntington came to stay with us and Hattie Crossley and Miss Vernon Campbell of Ironton came here to dress and go with the others. They returned to Ironton at 11.10 P.M.

No quorum for For. Mis. Meeting.

Attended Adolph Reihl's funeral.

Wednesday, Jan 26th, 1898

Rain over but still cloudy, with a little bit of snow. House full this morning, five having stayed all night with us, and there were thirteen at the dinner table without Miss Bessie who did not come home. The Peebles family went home at 2 o'clock, Cousin Jennie Adams went home to Huntington, W. Va. at 3.42 P.M. and Florence will remain until morning. I went with Jennie to call upon Mrs. Murrill and Nichols and Mrs. Spry and John Woods and his mother. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening and remained to Normal Class, no one present but Julia Tappan, Venetia Ramsey, Margaret and myself, Dr. Tappan. Kindergarten class met here, it being Miss Perkins last afternoon with them.

Saturday, Jan 27th, 1898

Rather a pleasant winter day. Cold and clear. I was busy at home until time for W.C.T.U. at 2 P.M. Did an errand at Dr. Dennis' on my way, and afterwards called at Mrs. D.P. Jones' but she was not at home, so I came on home, it having begun to turn raw and colder. Had a letter from Mrs. Bond who wants me to visit her next week. Wrote to Will. Have been sewing a little Miss Perkins held her last Mothers' meeting.

Sunday, Jan 28th, 1898

Cold and bright, after bed time this evening, no it was early – the wind begun to blow quite hard. Elizabeth and I went to C.L.S.C. at Miss Nettie Jackson's. Small attendance but pleasant meeting. Wrote to Mrs. Bond, sent my photo and told her I could not accept her invitation for next week. Have been very busy all day.

J.W. had a letter from Jennie Adams and I one from Hattie Crossley. I also had one from Carrie H. saying she would be home tomorrow.

May is dressing the doll for Cousin Mattie Ward.

Miss Perkins left and the girls are lamenting.

Saturday, Jan 29th, 1898

A little snow but none to stay on the ground. Cloudy and somewhat milder than yesterday. We were all at home most of the day. Finished the black skirt I was fixing over, then went over home a few minutes. Went out to Clara Pursell's to see Mrs. Young who is there this week. Called at Mary Ellen's and then met Maggie Firmstone who went with me to call upon Mrs. Tuttle, the new Baptist minister's wife. Mary made the jacket for Cousin Mattie's doll and is now nearly ready to send it to her.

Sunday, Jan 30th, 1898

Cold and a very fine snow in the air so I carried an umbrella to protect my bonnet. All went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Large attendance at S.S. Total of 255. I had ten present, there being four other names in my book. New pupil, Miss Clara Kenyon. Was occupied as usual in the afternoon, studying S.S. and Normal lessons. Went over home to see Father as I generally do about supper time. Enos still here.

Monday, Jan 31st, 1898

Colder and some snow flying. Late in the day the wind and snow made quite a blizzard. Wrote to Will as usual. Helped Ruth with the kitchen work and then sewed a little, made two pairs of pillow cases. Went to a Com. meeting of G.A.R. and W.R.C. members to see what could be done to increase interest and attendance. Miss Huntington the new Kindergarten teacher began her work this morning. The girls have dreaded a change but I think they will like Miss H. She is a daughter of the China merchant of Cin, formerly the well known firm of Tice and Huntington. The work is becoming quite a field for those seeking employment not in the line of office work, and **is not yet overcrowded. Spent the evening reading up on C.L.S.C. work. Five chapters of Social Spirit in America.**

Tuesday, Feb 1st, 1898

Turned much colder last night. Ther about 12° this morning. Wind still high. Was at home all day and did very little because I was not feeling well. Lizzie Peebles was here a while. Left on the 4.42 train for Ironton to see Maggie Martin who is sick with serious heart trouble.

Wednesday, Feb 2nd, 1898

Ther about 12° again this A.M. Clear and windy with snow. In the afternoon it became very dark and snow fell fast but blew away and little remained on the ground. Was at home all day, not feeling well. Ripped up my green waist.

Training class met here in the afternoon.

Lizzie Peebles was here to dinner, on her way home from Ironton where she has been to see Maggie Martin. I did not go to church in the evening because the girls objected to my going out in such weather when not well.

Thursday, Feb 3rd, 1898

Severely cold. Ther. about -2° this morning and it did not change much until the sun reached the thermometer. Bessie talked of going to Ironton to attend Mamie Boynton's funeral today but wisely gave it up. I went to Dr. Dennis and had a little work done, more to be done tomorrow. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting in the afternoon, after which I went to see Mrs. Jones and found her at home. Had a pleasant call. Wrote to will as usual.

Friday, Feb 4th, 1898

Went to Dr. Dennis and had a little more work done after which I made an engagement to go again Tuesday and have some gold fillings put in my front teeth.

Saturday, Feb 5th, 1898

Quite cold. Was very busy all forenoon. Did usual Sat. work of all kinds.

In the afternoon Bessie Martin came unexpectedly, being on her way to Ironton to help care for her Mother who is sick there. Her father had to send for her to come home from school at Oxford. Maggie Martin is in a very critical condition with heart trouble.

Sunday, Feb 6th, 1898

Fair day. All went to S.S. as usual, and the usual church services. I had nine in my class and an interesting lesson. Miss Huntington sat with Elizabeth in our pew, E. having called for her. Dr. Tappan is in Iowa helping dedicate a new church for his old congregation. Mr. Moran of Ironton filled our pulpit both morning and evening. Carrie, who has been away for some weeks sang a solo at the morning service.

I was over home late in the afternoon.

Monday, Feb 7th, 1898

Fine day. White frost, ground frozen, sunshine which thawed where it touched. Wrote to will this morning. Was busy every moment as I usually am, about the home. After dinner I made up my annual report for the Foreign Mis. Society, as Treasurer. The Society has done very well this year, having received, with the small balance from last year, \$80.86 all of which goes to the Board, except a small sum for contingent and expenses. Post and Corps held a joint meeting this P.M.

Tuesday, Feb 8th, 1898

Pleasant day. Went to Dr. Dennis and had my teeth worked on until 10.30 then went over home and helped Miss O'Connor sew on Mother dress until 2 P.M. when I went to the Foreign Mis. Soc. at the church. Election of officers resulted in a re-election of the same ones for the same places. Few present. Mrs. Tappan, Evans, Moore, Commins, Johnson, Marsh, M. J. Peebles and myself. After supper Margaret and I attended S.S. Teachers' meeting which was led by Grace Cross. Fourteen present and a good lesson on Matt 9:9-17. We enjoy the meetings greatly. Dr. Marshall told Mother this morning she must go at once to Columbus to have her eyes treated.

Wednesday, Feb 9th, 1898

Milder, with indications of rain which were not realized after all. Was busy over home until Mother and Lizzie Peebles were ready to start to Columbus, then J.W. and I went with them to the station after which we drove over to see Margarite Wilborn who has two badly sprained wrists, and then to do an errand for Lizzie. After dinner I went to Mrs. Tappan's to help a little with the sewing-bee. Mother was sorry to miss it after helping get it set up, but the Dr. said she must go at once and begin the treatment for her eyes. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening which was led by Mr. Scudder.

Thursday, Feb 10th, 1898

Fair day. Macy told me to take my work over home and Miss O'Connor could help me after she finished Mother's dress which she did and sent it to her by Enos who went up to Columbus on the 10.28 A.M. train. Miss M. and I sewed hard all day and almost made the five night shirts which I cut out yesterday at Mrs. Tappan's. I went soon after breakfast and took both dinner and supper over there, then stayed all night. Wrote to Will after supper. Margaret entertained the Junior Society this evening, about fifty were here and I missed the evening with them.

Friday, Feb 11th, 1898

Bright day but a rain set in before night and Elizabeth and I went to the C.L.S.C. meeting at Mrs. Dever's in the rain.

I arose early this A.M. and came home, Lizzie Peebles came home from Columbus on the 11.10 train last night. It was two hours late so it was 1 A.M. when she came in. I spent most of the morning at Dr. Dennis' and he finished the work on my teeth then made out a bill of 13.00 which I paid before night. I went to Mrs. Peebles' from Dr. Dennis' and met Lizzie who walked down home with me. She says Mother is comfortably settled.

Saturday, Feb 12th, 1898

Cloudy and gloomy but no rain today. Rained last night. Was over home this morning and finished off the five night shirts for David and Frank Tappan which I took down later, and left at the house. Got some trimming for the girls who began some whit sewing. Cut out some work, wrote four letters, first to Mother, then to Jennie Adams. Mr. Cross and Mr. King business letters regarding Sunday school work. Have read some in the C.L.S.C. book, Rome in Pliny's Time. Mrs. Taylor was here after supper.

Sunday, Feb 13th, 1898

Pleasant day.

All attended the usual Sunday services beginning with Sabbath School and ending with the evening sermon. Enos came over and went with us in the evening. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with Dr. Tappan's sermons and wished he could hear him often.

Wm. Peebles was here to dinner and supper and stayed all night.

Monday, Feb 14th, 1898

Quite cold. was busy at home as usual all the forenoon. wrote to will. after dinner I went up to Mrs. Reilly's to call on Mary Norton, of Riverside Cal. and invited her to spend a night with us. Called to see Mrs. McCall, and then went to Mrs. Pursell's to meet Mrs. Emma Bell on Relief Corps work.

Enos left this afternoon for Grand Rivers.

Tuesday, Feb 15th, 1898

Beautiful day but pretty cool. Have been busy at home most of the day, polishing the silver and doing such necessary work in the war against dirt, and smoke.

Wrote to Mother, also to Margaret Peebles as this is her birthday. Julia Prichard came to stay all night with Elizabeth. Margaret is staying over home nights. She and I went to S.S. Teacher's meeting as usual. The U.S. warship Maine wrecked about 9.30 this evening in Havana Harbor.

Wednesday, Feb 16th, 1898

Beautiful day, quite cold and clear. Have been busy all day, until after noon, at least, putting the house in order. About 3 o'clock Mary Norton came according to promise to make us a little visit until tomorrow. Her Mother and I were good friends in our young days but they now live in Cal. and I have not seen her for several years. The training class met here this afternoon. Julia Prichard did not go home until after the class was dismissed. The girls were out in the carriage a little while. It was too cold for much driving. The startling news of the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor came today.

Thursday, Feb 17th, 1898

Rained, as might have been expected after such a day as yesterday, but it did not last long. Alex Ricker was here to dinner. The morning was pleasant and Mary Norton remained with me until about 10.30 when she returned to Julia Hall's. I sewed in the afternoon, sent the cards with the two dollars I had collected for the W.C.T.U. Temple to the meeting, but did not go myself. Wrote to Will as usual.

Friday, Feb 18th, 1898

Rained during last night but not today. I have cut out some work and been sewing on it. Mary sewed after supper on her underwear. Is doing nicely. Macy had letter from Mother who says she is improving and well contented thus far.

Papers full of accounts of the blowing up of the warship Maine.

Dr. and Mrs. Tappan called after supper. Miss Fawn was here to see Miss Bessie at the same time. I went out on an errand as far as Anderson's but did not remain long. was over home as usual. Miss Frances E. Willard died in New York early this morning.

Saturday, Feb 19th, 1898

No sunshine today, no rain just a cloudy damp day. Have been home all day except the little while I was over home. Finished the work I began yesterday. Did some writing, notices of the Relief Corps meeting. Miss Bell called in the same business. Margaret Peebles came in at noon to spend Sunday with her Aunt Macy so Macy went over to stay all night with her.

Florence Crossley was here on her way to Ironton. Papers still full of the "Maine" disaster but nothing definite known about the matter.

Sunday, Feb 20th, 1898

Cold and damp, a light drizzle made umbrellas necessary. We all went to S.S. and the usual services. There were a number of teachers absent and I had Mary Peebles' class with mine. Went to church in the evening as usual.

Monday, Feb 21st, 1898

A bad day in point of weather. Cold and so damp nothing could dry out of doors. In the forenoon I was busy at home, in the afternoon I went to Relief Corps meeting and we held the deferred election of officers. Mrs. Johnson being elected President and few other changes being made. In the evening the entire family except myself and Margaret went to the Bigelow lecture. I stayed at home and she went to stay all night with Mary, she and Julia Tappan.

Tuesday, Feb 22nd, 1898

Rather mild until afternoon when it turned colder and was very raw. A legal holiday and no school, or business done today. Carl was at home and I was thankful all day that there was no suck experience as we had last year. I went to W.F.M.S. at the church but only Mary Ellen, Mrs. Tappan and I were there so no meeting was held. I went to inquire about Mr. Colville and stayed a little while to allow Mrs. C. to finish some work she was trying to do out of the sick room. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening, Mattie Cross being leader. Went to see Mrs. Pursell and called at Mrs. Silcox's but she was not at home.

Wednesday, Feb 23rd, 1898

A wet, cold, windy day. I had such a cold that I stayed in the house and took medicine. Began soon after dinner on #77 Humphrey's Specific. Could not go to prayer-meeting in the evening so missed the Normal, but learned later that no lesson was had this evening. Margaret has a cold and came directly home from school and lay down until night then went to bed. Mary slept over home. I sewed on Margaret's white skirt in the forenoon and her new green serge after dinner.

Thursday, Feb 24th, 1898

Bright and clear but changed later to snow clouds and snow. Melted as fast as it fell.

Margaret's cold settled in her eyes so she has been compelled to stay in the dark all day. Elizabeth went over to stay with her school until Dr. V. was notified and sent orders. He said for E. to stay if she had a certificate, which she did. Forty-six or seven were present but she managed to stay with them. I went to the W.C.T.U. meeting, the first since the death of Miss Willard who was laid in a receiving vault this morning at Evanston, Ill. One of the greatest women of the age has gone to her reward. Enos came at noon today. Went to see Mrs. Silcox. Letters from Will and Alice Hushford. Wrote to both.

Friday, Feb 25th, 1898

Bright day. Margaret still in bed and in the dark. Lizzie Peebles was in a few minutes at noon and and Richard was in later. He is going to Florida with his Mother and Mary. C.L.S.C. met here in the evening and there were about a dozen present. Two or three came to play or sing. A very pleasant meeting.

Saturday, Feb 26th, 1898

A bright day. We have to shut out all the light from Margaret's room. She has not made much improvement. Had several calls today. Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Gartner with her two little girls were here in the afternoon, Julia Tappan is here every day both morning and afternoon, a part of the time. I walked up home with Maggie to say good-bye to Mrs. Peebles and Mary who leave early next week for Florida.

Sunday, Feb 27th, 1898

Weather very fair.

All went to S.S. as usual excepting Margaret. May had her S.S. class, 42 being present. Winifred Smith took charge of her Junior Endeavor Society in the afternoon. I attended the regular services as M. was not needing any one in the morning and in the evening. Miss Bessie was at home, Elizabeth and Mary went over home to stay with Macy.

Monday, Feb 28th, 1898

Bright. Margaret's eyes will not bear the least light and I make the room as dark as possible. Julia Tappan spends as much time with her as she can and others come in. She had hoped to be out by today but it will be some days yet before she can go out.

I was busy all day but managed to write to Will as usual.

Tuesday, March 1st, 1898

Began snowing this evening while the folks were at the Bigelow Concert, the Welsh Prize Ringers being the attraction. All of the family went except sister and I, Julia Tappan and Enos went with them. I was home all day with sister who is not so well as she was yesterday in some ways. I wrote to Mother. Have done very little except stay with Margaret. Began sewing on some school aprons for her. Elizabeth still has her room and is getting a little more accustomed to the work.

Wednesday, March 2nd, 1898

Very unpleasant day. A little snow and a great deal of dampness. Margaret has had a hard day, her eyes have pained her very much. I went up to Mr. Peebles' to see what I could hear of Dr. Marshall and finally went and got Dr. Mary Cotton to write him a letter asking what to do until he comes. I put a special stamp in it and got it into the mail just before the wagon drove away. Elizabeth was at home in the evening so I went to church and stayed to Normal.

Letter from Will.

Thursday, March 3rd, 1898

Rather cloudy but milder than yesterday. Margaret has been somewhat better today but is still in the dark room. I have done little today but stay with her. She had numerous callers. Dr. Macy, and Miss Annette, Julia Tappan, Miss Huntington, Julia Prichard, Mary Ricker (who with Alex was here to dinner,) Mrs. Davis and Macy were here. Miss Bessie had a letter from Mother. Father came home from the shop with a chill around 10 o'clock. Enos is sick with a cold and staying at home. Wrote to Will.

Friday, March 4th, 1898

Weather pleasant for the season. Dr. Marshall came at 1 P.M. to see Margaret. Said Dr. Mary Cotton was doing well with the care and she might continue her treatment and he would come again next Tuesday and see how the eye was. The High School gave a Glee Club Concert tonight which I should have enjoyed but was too tired to go out and the S.S. Teachers' meeting I missed also. Miss Bessie, May and Carl went. Miss B. had charge of the whole affair.

Saturday, March 5th, 1898

Weather mild and pleasant. Had a busy day as usual. Margaret still in her room. She had Julia with her awhile this afternoon. Late in the day. Mrs. Taylor and I went to call upon Miss Huntington and her Mother at Mrs. Pratt's. They went to Mrs. Prichard's to tea and Elizabeth who had gone to see Julia was kept by the family until after tea.

Lizzie Peebles was in a few minutes and Jas took her out in the carriage to do errands.

Sunday, March 6th, 1898

Beautiful day. We all went to Sabbath school and church as usual, excepting Margaret who is still in her dark room. Is some better but not yet able to bear the light. We went in the evening and Miss. Annette stayed with her.

Was over to see Father as usual and found Mr. Sudder there.

Monday, March 7th, 1898

A beautiful spring like day. Margaret still in a dark room and Elizabeth in her place in school. Was busy at home all forenoon. After dinner I went to Mrs. Pratt's after Mrs. Huntington and took her to the dentist's, Dr. Ruggles treated her tooth and helped her at once. She came home with me and waited until school was out then I took her daughter and Elizabeth for a drive which they all enjoyed very much. Heard when I came home that Charlie Pursell had died in Cleveland at noon, having shot himself accidentally some days ago, was taken to hospital and was doing well when he ruptured an artery near the wound and bled to death. Earl was the only relative with him.

Tuesday, March 8th, 1898

Beautiful weather. Margaret seems better. dr. Marshall called and saw her about three minutes after dinner. I went out to Clara Pursell's this morning. She left on the early train yesterday for Cleveland but Charlie died about noon and she did not reach there until after 4 P.M. Will Pursell left on the afternoon train and reached there early this morning. Earl had been with Charlie since Wednesday and was the only member of the family with him when he died. Death resulted from accidentally shooting himself Feb 20th, not thought to be at all serious.

Wednesday, March 9th, 1898

Weather fair. Margaret better but still in the dark. Bessie not able to get up this morning. She has grippe. Dr. Mary Cotton is attending both of them. I was out to Clara Pursell's this forenoon, then went to see Maggie Silcox and returned with her and Janette to Clara's The sad death of Charlie has enlisted the deepest sympathy of all for the family.

Am anxious to hear from Will. Letter came to Carl, but nothing was said of Charlie who died in Cleveland but Will did not seem to know it.

J.W. and I and Carl represented the family at church this A.M.

Thursday, March 10th, 1898

Beautiful day. After making the sick comfortable I went with Macy to Clara Pursell's but did not see Clara. Saw Charlie literally buried in flowers. Went from there to see Maggie Peebles about the Frances Willard Memorial meeting to be held soon. IN the afternoon J.W. and I went to Charlie Pursell's funeral at his late home. House crowded and a great many on porches in the yard and on the sidewalks. It is sad to see a family circle broken as this one has been. Margaret and Bessie still confined to their own rooms.

Wrote to Will

Friday, March 11th, 1898

Bright until afternoon when it began to sprinkle a little and was damp the rest of the day. Have been busy most of the day at home. Macy and I went after dinner to see Emma Wait Avery and Sadie Wait Holman at Mrs. Fulton's. Emma and I were in the High School, she finishing and I beginning in 1863. Sadie followed me, Ella Holman Fulton and I were classmates and Geo Holman and Mary were classmates. We enjoyed talking over old times. Miss Huntington and her mother were here to tea and spent the evening. Miss H's father and I were in the same bridal party thirty years ago and have never met since. I wrote to Sister Jennie, the usual anniversary letter. Neither Margaret nor Bessie could be at the table this morning.

Saturday, March 12th, 1898

Cloudy and damp, a little sunshine late in the day. Mild enough for some open windows. The painters came today, and began scraping the old paint off the house preparatory to putting on some new, which is greatly needed.

Margaret is still unable to leave her dark room except for very short trips to the adjoining rooms. Miss Bessie is better than yesterday, but still in her room. War with Spain seems imminent, the facts will soon be known. Papers filled with rumors.

Sunday, March 13th, 1898

Weather fair.

All went to S.S. and church as usual except Margaret. Mary took her class.

There was nothing unusual to mark the day.

Monday, March 14th, 1898

Fair. was busy at home all forenoon and after dinner I went with Mrs. Taylor to make a few church calls. Went to Willa Molster's, Mrs. Luther's, Mrs. Steavens, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Puntenney's, Miss Sarah Ball's, and Mrs. Caden's. Have twenty-six yet to make before reporting.

Wrote to Will but did not get the letter finished in time to mail it.

Wm Peebles came in to drill with Co H. and stayed all night.

Tuesday, March 15th, 1898

Sprinkled a little.

Have been busy at home all day. Margaret still confined to her room. Painters, carpenters, brick masons and stone mason are beginning to make the necessary repairs about the house. A number of things have long been wanting attention.

Mrs. Rapu Farden who fell from a window in Chillicothe Sunday and broke her neck was buried here this afternoon. Jas. was one of the pall-bearers. Miss Molster (Mary) was buried also but it rained and I did not go out, felling I might stay with Margaret anyway.

Wednesday, March 16th, 1898

Pleasant. Am busy as usual caring for sister who helps herself a great deal, but is still confined to her room most of the time as she can not bear light in her eye at all.

Went to prayer-meeting and remained to Normal as usual. The class is now reduced to four regular members, the Misses Ramsey, Julia, and myself.

Training class met here.

Sprinkled a little this evening.

Thursday, March 17th, 1898

Pleasant. Was at home all day. Wrote to Will in the morning and spent most of the afternoon writing on Miss Willard's Memorial. Took extracts from Union Signal Accounts of her funeral are a most wonderful evidence of the love and respect felt of this remarkable woman. Funeral services were held in New York City, then Churchville, N.Y. her birthplace, at Willard Hall in Chicago, at her home in Evanston, Ill, and finally at the Methodist church in Evanston.

Margaret keeps about the same.

Friday, March 18th, 1898

Weather pleasant, too pleasant for the season as some fruit trees are in bloom and vegetation seems quite forward. Mr. Kaps is well started with the new kitchen chimney which we have so long wanted. Margaret is better in some ways but her eye does not seem to improve any. She is favored with a great deal of company to help her pass the time. Julia Tappan is here once or twice a day. I have been busy trying to get my paper ready for the Willard Memorial meeting Sunday.

Saturday, March 19th, 1898

Rained part of the day but the men worked some on the chimney, though it was only about two thirds done when night came. Dr. Marshall came quite unexpectedly this afternoon and still thinks Margaret must go to Columbus next week, as her eye is no better. High water is threatened in many parts of the state. I was out in the buggy this afternoon from train time until after 4 o'clock. Took Lizzie P. to the train then did errands for Macy, took Florence Crossley to the train and then came home.

Sunday, March 20th, 1898

Damp, rained some, and during the night, after we returned from church it rained hard.

We all went to Sunday School excepting sister who is still in her room. Mary had her S.S. class, I forgot that Elizabeth was sick and unable to get up this morning, but managed to go to Endeavor meeting and church in the evening.

The Frances Willard Memorial was held at Sixth St. M.E. Church, Miss Peebles presided, Mrs. White read a tribute to Neal Dow and I an account of the last days and funeral of Miss Willard. Salvation army had a meeting at our church at 3 o'clock.

Monday, March 21st, 1898

Rainy and disagreeable all day. River high again.

Margaret not much better. Elizabeth still in her school. Wrote to Will and did the usual work in the forenoon. Went to Relief Corps meeting in the afternoon, Mrs. Jns E. Miller was received into the Corps. Mrs. F. elected. after Corps meeting I went to see Clara Pursell, the first time I have seen her since Charlotte's death, though I was at the house several times. She is bearing up bravely. Florence Crossley came down from Ironton and Wm Peebles in from Henley this afternoon. Mr. Martin was here to call. Several of the family went to the Hillis lecture at Bigelow on Ruskin.

Tuesday, March 22nd, 1898

Rained a part of the day. The men finished the kitchen chimney but have not yet taken out the old tile one. They will fix the cellar steps and windows before leaving. My days are very full but I can scarcely remember what I have done when night comes. Florence Crossley and Wm Peebles left on the morning train for Henley. I wrote to Mrs. Jackson for sister saying we have decided that she will go to Columbus Thursday. Miss Damarin entertained the Reading Club, her farewell meeting.

Wednesday, March 23rd, 1898

Rainy and rivers high and still rising. Have been getting ready all day to go with M. to Columbus in the morning but the rail road agent advised us not to buy tickets for the morning train as the high water about Columbus is causing a suspension of travel. Zanesville, Dayton and other places are flooded as never before.

River 41 feet here today.

Went to prayer-meeting and stayed to Normal. We had eleven callers this afternoon after 4 o'clock. Mrs. Fulton came and brought Margaret some beautiful double English violets.

Thursday, March 24th, 1898

Rained all night. Carl went to 5.15 train and saw Dr. Marshall who said for Margaret to follow on next train but we went at 10.28 and found there wasn't going to be a "next train" today. Floods about Columbus, Chillicothe, Zanesville, Dayton, etc have demoralized travel. We returned and telegraphed the Dr. we couldn't go. Alex and Mary Ricker were here to dinner. I wrote to Will, and Clara Ricker this afternoon.

Friday, March 25th, 1898

Still raining a little and river rising steadily at 4.30 P.M. it had reached 42.8 inches and was still rising. Maggie Peebles called to see Margaret. An event of importance was the formal christening of two warships the Kearsarge and the Kentucky, the former with the usual champagne, the latter by Miss Christine Bradley, Gov. of Kentucky's daughter, with spring water from a Ky Farm, a favorite of President Lincoln. This was a victory for W.C.T.U. principles won after a hard contest by Miss Bradley. Probably the first instance on record.

I went to C.L.S.C. meeting at Miss Kerr's this evening. War news grows more exciting. Have heard nothing from Will this week. Had letter from Mr. Jackson of Columbus about Margaret. She is no better.

Saturday, March 26th, 1898

Beautiful day. River steadily rising all day. At 4.30 it had reached 56.4 ½ inches and still coming. The church carpet was taken up this afternoon, Carl helping the Sexton and the Tappan boys after he left the Bank. There were probably others helping. I have been busy all day. Had some cleaning up to do after the tile chimney was taken out of the back room. It is greatly improved. Margaret's eye is no better. 9.15 P.M. 56.8 ½ inches rising about ¾ inch an hour. Carl helped take up the church carpet.

Sunday, March 27th, 1898

Bright and pleasant. River still rising. Was just in the 3rd st gutter when we went to s.s. at the corner of Court and 3rd. Engine was pumping from the sewers, the sewer valves being closed kept out the river but kept in the drainage. River rose seven inches during the night.

All went to S.S. and church as usual, except Margaret who is still in the dark.

Monday, March 28th, 1898

Began raining again this A.M. and rained all day. River rose to 57.5 inches at 4 A.M. and then began slowly receding but the rain filled the sewers and gutters until the waters from Market and Court met at the alley just west of our lot.

Had a letter from Will, and wrote him one. Mails have been delayed. Rail roads have suffered in all direction, no through trains. Have sewed some today. Margaret is patiently waiting until she can go to Columbus hoping her eye will then get better. Mary's spring vacation began today, and Elizabeth returned to her Kindergarten work.

Tuesday, March 29th, 1898

No rain today. River falls very slowly, was 55.9 in just before noon. Water in the 3rd and 5th sewers still showing at the sewer holes. Would be on there streets if not kept out by the temporary mud dykes. Have been sewing a little, helping May finish her silk waist. Letter from Will who reports a lot of good work for the Government destined for Key West. Went to W.F.M.S. this P.M. Had telegram from Dr. Marshall saying to go on 5.15 train tomorrow. Margaret's eye does not improve any.

Wednesday, March 30th, 1898

Snowed and rained in the afternoon.

Arose about 3.30 a.m and got ready to go to Columbus. We went on the 5.15 train with Sister unable to see very much. She was obliged to keep her eyes covered closely all the time and when we arrived at the Dr.'s office in Columbus, he looked very grave over the change which had taken place since he last saw the eye. He and Dr. Ranchous began at once on a treatment to reduce the inflammation and remove a spot which had come on the pupil. I went out to see Sarah Colegrove Chapman, and after dinner she took me to Amanda's where Margaret and I went later for the night.

Thursday, March 31st, 1898

Cold, ground frozen this morning. Margaret and I went to the office about 9 o'clock where we remained until 4.30 P.M. except when we went to the Caudy Kitchen for lunch. She suffers so much with her eyes that she has little appetite. Dr. Marshall went to Urbana today and left Dr. Ranchous to attend to the treatments. I write letters home every day and hear from some member of the family, sometimes more than one of them. After leaving the office this evening we went to Sarah's to stay nights. Will take lunch down town.

Friday, April 1st, 1898

Weather fairer. Margaret's eye is still very bad but is beginning to show some signs of improvement. They use so much atropine that a dark room is unnecessary though she keeps both eyes covered most of the time.

We have met a family at the office, Mr. and Mrs. Churrington and two children, Ethel and Elliott who are interesting. The office is across the street from the State House and grounds which is pleasant as there are many squirrels playing there and I like to watch them.

Saturday, April 2nd, 1898

Pleasant but still quite cool. We went to the office about the usual time and spent the day in the usual way. Margaret spends several half hours bathing her eye in water so hot she can not put her hand in it, then there are other treatments which are repeated at intervals.

We have the mail several times a day and I write letters home, and to other correspondents for Margaret. This with a little reading and a little silk embroidery fill up the days. This afternoon I went out to see Mrs. Jackson who has been unable to call at the office. MR. J. has called several times.

Sunday, April 3rd, 1898

Bright and cold for the season. We went to the office as usual, the eye needing constant attention, though it begins to improve more. After reading a letter from home I went to S.S. at the 2nd Pres. church, visiting the Primary Room. Then I went into the church but heard no sermon as it was Communion service. Dr. Fishburn conducted the services and announced that he was going to tender his resignation that he might go to N. Jersey to be with his aged parents.

Monday, April 4th, 1898

Weather fair but cool.

Went atropine to the office as usual and heard that the eye was improving but Sister felt badly today and did not go out to lunch. Neither did she go yesterday. She still sits with her eyes covered most of the time. There is another patient who spends most of his days in the office, young Mr. Davis of Rarden Ohio, who has consumption. Takes treatments of Dr. Ranchous and when either of the doctors are at leisure they play checkers with him.

Tuesday, April 5th, 1898

Weather fair but windy. I arose early in the morning and have breakfast some after but Margaret does not go down stairs until nearly or quite eight o'clock, then after she has had her breakfast we go to the office, taking a Neil Ave. car from 2nd Avenue to the corner of High and Broad. We get letters from home every day which helps to pass the time for us. I am working a little on my silk quilt. Maggie Martin died.

Wednesday, April 6th, 1898

Weather clear. Margaret feels somewhat better today. The war news continues to be an absorbing theme and we watch the bulletins at the newspaper offices every day. Our letters today told of the death of Maggie Martin t Ironton and her funeral was held there this afternoon. Jas. went up to represent our family. Lizzie Peebles went also. I am very sorry for Maggie's family and her brothers and sisters.

Rob Adams was married this evening, the date having been chosen because it was his Grandmother's birthday. It makes it specially sad that there should be a funeral in the family on the same day.

Thursday, April 7th, 1898

Weather still cool.

We spent the day as usual. As Margaret's eye improves we feel encouraged. We have made a few pleasant acquaintances which helps pass the time for us. Mrs. Chirrington and the children are in every day, Elliot being treated, Ethel trying to get fitted properly with glasses. I write both before and after dinner. today I wrote to Florence Crossly.

Friday, April 8th, 1895

Weather very fair for the season. Dr. Marshall came back, and Dr. Ranchous left. They say Margaret's eye is doing beautifully, but it has been so bad that it takes a great deal of improvement to make it look very encouraging. We have plenty of letters to help us pass the time and enjoy them very much. Am making a few very nice acquaintances but do not meet many people whom we know. The War news is still an exciting topic but nothing is settled yet about the War.

Saturday, April 9th, 1895

House and roof finished today.

House yellow and green, roof red.

Weather cool but fair. We spent the day as usual at the Office, M. having her eyes treated and I writing letters and doing a few stitches on my silk quilt.

Mr. Jackson called during the afternoon to inquire about the eyes. We bought a few pansies and sent home for tomorrow. I sent Katharine Marie Jackson there and gave Dr. M. and Mr. Davis each one. Did not go out in the evening.

Sunday, April 10th, 1895

Beautiful day for Easter Sunday. Went to the office and left Margaret to bathe her eye and have it treated, then I went to the Congregational S.S. and morning service. Dr. Gladden preached. Music and decorations were fine. After noon Sister returned to go with me to the Broad St. Methodist church to attend the S.S. exercises, Mrs. Clurrington having invited us to go. we saw only the five members of her family whom we had previously met, and recognized in the Supt. Chas Tracy who formerly lived ~~here~~ in Portsmouth. Young Chas Maddock sang and his uncle E.J. Salt played for him.

Monday, April 11th, 1898

Windy but fair. We went to the office this morning early and were left in Dr. Ranchous' care again, Dr. M. having gone south again. He can give me all necessary attention, following Dr. M.'s directions. He only returned from his house this forenoon. Or the other is gone most of the time. Miss Humphrey's gave us tickets to an Orchestra Concert at the Board of Trade Auditorium which we attended this evening and enjoyed greatly.

Tuesday, April 12th, 1898

Our daily program was observed as usual, except that I went to the Presbyterial meeting at the 1st Pres. Ch. in the afternoon, having met Miss Ella Cook who invited me to attend. In the evening Sister and I went to Westminster Pres. Ch. to the popular meeting and heard Mrs. Wellington White of China and Mr. Finley of Brazil. Did not wait for Mrs. Deboire of Alaska as we were too tired and I had heard her in the afternoon. Margaret could not uncover her eyes and grew very tired. Will not try to go out again for awhile. We were glad to get back to Sarah's and go to bed. Have been favored with letters as usual. Have embroidered a little on my quilt squared.

Wednesday, April 13th, 1898

A rainy day, or rather it began in the afternoon and continued all night. We were at the office all day as usual, except when we went to the Candy Kitchen for lunch. Had letters and wrote letters. Our correspondence which is carried out by myself, is an interesting part of the day's program. Margaret's eye is clearing up but needs a great deal of attention yet. She had her good red and black silk umbrella stolen this evening.

Thursday, April 14th, 1898

Weather fine, but quite windy. Went to the office as usual and remained all day. Found both doctors absent, R. M. not having returned from southern Ohio and Dr. Ranchous gone to fill Dr. M.'s Urbana engagement. Dr. Fitch had been sent for and came about 10 o'clock to attend to the patients for the day. He went through the whole program even to playing checkers with Mr. Davis. Had a letter from home and wrote letters, as I have done every day. Margaret got a new umbrella for which she paid 1.75. It rained this morning but cleared off beautifully. Mr. Vorhees and Mrs. Damarin were married.

Friday, April 15th, 1898

Pleasant day. Went to the office about 9 o'clock and found letters as usual. Margaret's eye improves slowly but steadily and I wrote home this morning that they might expect me tomorrow afternoon. Margaret can now get about safely without me and the Dr. says he can not operate on her eye for a week or ten days yet, as it will not be ready before that time. We were both tired and went early to bed. war news quite exciting but nothing definite.

Saturday, April 16th, 1898

Beautiful day. After breakfast this morning we packed the suit-case which was to bring home the things Sister did not want. Her eye still improves and she was able to go out with her eyes uncovered. Had letters from Mrs. Silcox, and Macy, the latter wanted some satins for her quilt so sister and I went out and got eleven pieces for her, and did a little other shopping. I then said good bye to Dr. Ranchous, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Humphreys and after lunch at the Candy Kitchen, we went to the Station and I started for home. Sister going back to the office. Found all well at home and had a pleasant evening. Julia and David Tappan called.

Sunday, April 17th, 1898

Beautiful day. I went to S.S. and the usual church services today and was glad to be at home again. Was in five churches in Columbus but liked none of them better than our own. Dr. Tappan preached a sermon in the evening on the all absorbing theme, "Peace or War, which shall it be?" An earnest patriotic, Christian sermon advocating peace if possible, but not unless the conditions were right. Heard from Margaret who wrote a postal saying she was doing well.

Monday, April 18th, 1898

Rained last night and some today. Have been very busy. Came down stairs at 5.15 and wrote to sister, then began the usual daily routine for Monday. Wrote to Will, and also to Jennie. Heard the Ohio Iron Co. had asked for a receiver, a part of the Co, rather. Richard Peebles was here this evening, he returned from Florida last Thursday. The Rep. Cong. Conv. has been balloting about a week and Carl and May were up awhile this evening to hear the 17th Reg't Band play. 1293 ballots have been taken and no choice made yet. Relief Corps. Letter from Margaret.

Tuesday, April 19th, 1898

Quite like April, rain and some shine. Took the covers off the rose slips and had to put them on again. Housecleaning began today and I had to stop in the afternoon and go over home to see Gussie Halderman Grace and the baby. Had some cream and cake.

Had letter from Margaret who says she is improving. Wrote to her as usual.

This date is becoming remarkable in the history of our country, two wars began on April 19th and a third is not far away now.

Wednesday, April 20th, 1898

Fair but rather windy. Sprinkled a little tonight. So cool that we need fires in the sitting rooms. Letter form Margaret and wrote to her.

Work on the stone curbing has begun, the stone is here and the fence was taken down.

Housecleaning occupied my attention today. Papers tell of war news and exciting headlines.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Carl, Elizabeth, May, Barton and Miss Bessie were there besides ourselves.

Thursday, April 21st, 1898

Beautiful day, though windy. Housecleaning has been going on with Mrs. Biggs at the head of it. I wrote to Sister, but not Will as I usually do. Have not heard from him this week. Had a letter from her this evening. Continues to improve. Froebel's birthday was celebrated by the Kindergarten going to visit Miss Gertrude Jones in the country. War news imminent, troops have begun to move and at some places great excitement prevails. Our minister S.L. Woodford has been given his passports to leave Madrid, Spain. I attended Law and Order League at our church.

Friday, April 22nd, 1898

Weather pleasant, but rather windy and dusty. Ruth and I worked all day, put in our time in the bath room, dusting and rearranging the books on the shelves. Carl and I had a letter from Sister. I wrote her, and also Will.

Headlines in the papers are quite exciting. Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles were here on their way home from Ashland. Elizabeth was up to Julia's to tea. She and I attended the C.L.S.C. at Alice Treuhart's in the evening.

Saturday, April 23rd, 1898

A little stormy but pleasant. Had fire in the sitting room. Postal from Margaret saying she was still improving but Dr. M. had not yet returned. Mrs. B. was here cleaning the hall. Florence Crossley came to stay over Sunday. Julia Tappan called, also Anna Hamilton, Mrs. Taylor. No word from Will. War news quite exciting. Rumors of the capture of two of our vessels, probably untrue. The President has called for 125,000 men. Navy in readiness.

Sunday, April 24th, 1898

Before 8 o'clock the riot alarm was sounded calling Co. H. to the Armory to get ready to go to Columbus. There was great excitement and the Sunday Schools were slimly attended. We all went however. At noon Wm and John Peebles came in, the former to join the Co. in response to a telegram from the Captain, Stanley Prichard. He is anxious to go and would be disappointed if they were not needed. John and William went to church with us in the evening. William, Carl and Bartie sat together but John sat with his aunt Maggie. There has been little thought of today but War and the soldiers who are soon to go. Dr. Tappan announced this evening that the riot alarm would be rung one hour before the Co. leaves town, giving everybody time to see them.

Monday April 25th, 1898

A miserable, cold drizzly day. Not a gleam of sunshine. We have listened all day to the news, and the alarm but the call did not come. William Peebles was here at dinner, wearing his uniform and he makes a fire. He has to return to the Armory at 2 P. M. so he made his farewell calls before that time. Was to sleep at his grandfather Peebles tonight. I am sorry for his mother who will feel very bad to have him go, he will not be eighteen until June 2nd. Richard was here this evening.

Tuesday April 26th, 1898

Bright, but the streets are muddy. This has been a wonderful day. No one tried to do anything but see the boys off. The alarms sounded at 9 o'clock this A. M. I went to a called meeting of the Relief Corps. at 9 o'clock at Mrs. Johnson's where we hastily voted to present Col. H. with a flag. arrangements were hastily made and the ladies went at once to the Armory and present the flag. I had promised to take Mother and Mary in the buggy., so we got Mary Y. and started but I lost the ladies and missed the pre eventuation, much to my regret Col. H. left on the 10.28 train and seemed the while town was there. I saw William as the train moved out. Heard from sister and wrote her. The store curbing was finished today.

Wednesday April 27th, 1898

Fair but cool enough for a small fire. Was busy all forenoon. Hattie Crossley came on the noon train from Ironton. The men finished the store walk which has been relaid after having been used about twenty-five years. It is a great improvement. Letter from Will, also from sister and I did not write until today, E. wrote as I had no chance. The troops are pouring into the camps from all over the county. Went to prayer meeting. Mr. Martin was here + went to church with us.

Thursday April 28th, 1898

Beautiful day. Letter from sister, wrote to her and Will. War news still exciting but not definite. Hattie went with Elizabeth to kindergarten. Went to W. C. T. U. in the afternoon. After that went to see about my hat. Then to see Mary Ellen & later to Mrs. Tappan's for a chat call. The yard is being leveled off and being to look much better. Mrs. Silcox and Janette was here after supper. Hattie was up to Mrs. Peebles' to tea. Letter from Will said he would have to move this week as Dr. Drismore is going to enter the service with the cavalry Co. to which he belongs.

Friday April 29th, 1898

Beautiful day. Have been busy at home all day. Put up curtains in the bath room + made two pairs of pillow slips for Margaret. Had a good letter from Margaret and wrote to her. The papers are full of war news. They seem to be using the largest type they have in stock.

Carl took Mary, Hattie, + me for a drive this morning. Edith Moore, Lucy Moore, + May Pursell are here this evening & with her own fan a fire making a lively time.

Saturday April 30th, 1898

Beautiful day but rather windy. Was busy at home all forenoon, + took Mother + Enos driving after 2 o'clock P.M. Mrs. Julia Boynton was here to dinner, also Hattie Crossley who did not go until after dinner, Florence came in + she went to Henley with her. Several of us, including the visitors, went to see the engine horses come out at twelve o'clock. Had a good letter from Margaret, she has seen Will at last but had closed her letter before he come + wrote on the outside. I wrote to her after dinner. Miss Bessie took a picture of the house with the new curtains. Elizabeth + Lucy W. spent the day with Jessie Thompson over in Ky.

Sunday May 1, 1898

A beautiful day, warmer and spring like. All went to Sunday school and the usual church services. The teachers' prayer meeting included. Was over home after I studied my S. S. lesson for Tuesday night,

Great naval victory under Com. Dewey was today without loss of a single life in U. S. squadron. Spanish fleet destroyed + Mauilla of the Philippines could be occupied if the soldiers, were there to do it.

Monday May 2, 1898

Dry, warm, windy and dusty. The event of this day was a large fire on 2nd Street between Jefferson and Madison. It broke out some after two P. M. and the wind blew so hard that several fire were start without turn, are about Court and 3rd, but people were watching and some extinguished there. Nine houses were burned. The training class was here but went to the fire. Has the dining room baker cleaned, it was not finished today, however. Andy was taken to the county for his vacation.

Wrote to Will + had a letter from him, also wrote to sister + had a letter from her.

Tuesday May 3, 1898

Weather very windy and dusty. Letter from Margaret which I answered. Spent most of the day at work in the sitting room closet. Taking account of stock, the girls said putting things in marked boxes so I would know where to find them. Mrs. Pursell was here. The war news is exciting. A naval battle was fought-ly the fleet in Asiatic waters + the Philippine Islands taken from the Spaniards, but the official news will be several days coming.

Wednesday May 4, 1898

Rained, but the sun shows by turns. The Kindergarten Fair occurred thus afternoon and evening. I was too busy at home to give any assistance but we all went down after prayer- meeting, though Jas. + I missed half the program. Mrs. Biggs was here cleaning the front room and I helped all day. Had letter from Margaret who write every day, her eye improves very slowly. Julia Prichard went to Columbus with Stanley who came yesterday for a few recruits to replace those who could not pass the physical examination.

Thursday May 5, 1898

Cool and damp. Mrs. Biggs finished cleaning the sitting room and dining room today. Need fire this evening. Had letter from sister this A. M. and wrote her, as usual. Wrote Will this evening. Went to W. C. T. U. in the afternoon, the business meeting committee meets next week. Still no official news from Commander Dewey of the fleet in the Philippines. The war news has not changed much the past two days.

Friday May 6, 1898

Beautiful day for house cleaning. Mrs. Biggs came after dinner and worked until evening in the hall and dining room. I had a letter from Margaret written yesterday. She says the eye still improves.

Later news talk that the Drs. operated on her eye this morning and that she would have to remain in the building a few days, having a room fixed up for her use by Mrs. Hopson the jointress. Miss Humphrey will spend as much time as possible with her.

Saturday May 7, 1898

A cold, rainy, dreary day. Miss Le Croix came for Miss Bessie + together they interviewed the school-board. Miss L wants a place in the High School. She was here to dinner + supper. I spent most of the day mending carpet. Was glad to have an opportunity to stay at home all day. Had short letter from Dr. Ranchous saying they operated on Margaret's eye and she was doing well. Miss Humphrey wrote me more fully later and we got it today. She has been very kind to M.

Sunday May 8th, 1898

Beautiful day. All went to S. S. and the usual services.

The evening service was a memorial for those lost on the battle ship Maine, Feb. 15th, in Havana Harbor. Dr. Tappan spoke eloquently, the music was appropriate and the audience was large and attentive. The Dr. is always patriotic and his address was greatly enjoyed. Carrie Hadley sang a solo, "Not a sparrow falleth". Miss Lottman sang just before the battle, mother, + another solo. Choir sang Testing Tonight + cong. sang Watch man tell us of the night, and America.

Monday May 9th, 1898

Beautiful day. Was at home all day and very busy. Wrote to Will + Margaret and had letters from each of them.

Did my usual Monday work and mended the carpet. Jackson is sick in bed + his work is being done by Carl + his father. Barton has a still neck, result of the rainy days last week. Dandy is still so lame that he serves almost helpless. The rumors of a naval battle near Cuba on today contradicted. Mr. + Mrs. Silcox called, they go to Columbus in the morning + will see Margaret. Mrs. C. W. saws us today.

Tuesday May 10th, 1898

Beautiful day but it rained in the evening. Was very busy mending the stair carpet until almost 3 o'clock when I went with Mrs. Taylor to make some church calls. Went to Mrs. Buskirt's, Mrs. Mitchell's, Mrs., Matthews', Mrs. Ruarles, Mrs. Copeland's, Mrs. Proilland, Mrs. Lane's, I went alone to Dr. Lottridge's. Mrs. Lottridge died suddenly early this morning + Mrs. Graycraft just across the street died during the night. Heard from Margaret + wrote her. Hope she can soon come home. Not much change in war news. Papers full of the announcements of troops. Went to Teacher's meeting but only Winnifred, Emma Dulent, Julia + I were there + Julia was going to leave early go to the last meeting of reading club.

Wednesday May 11th, 1898

Rained. Everything is so delightful at this season when it rains. Was busy mending carpet most of the forenoon. Mrs. Biggs was here finishing the hall. Worked until noon. I was busy all day. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Heard from Margaret and wrote to her as usual. The Portsmouth Co. now Co E. 4th Reg't, under the new regulations, are still in Columbus, at Camp Bushnell.

Thursday May 12th, 1898

A little showery but no rain to do any harm. Was busy until time to meet Mrs. Winter + Miss Hart of Ironton who are my guests during the W. C. T. U. convention, we attended the Con. all afternoon then went to the evening meeting and heard a fire address from Mrs. Annie W. Clark, state Pres. of the W. C. T. U. Has a portal from sister today, written by Miss Humphrey. Did not write Will, but shall tomorrow. Went to see Maggie Silcox who has just returned from Columbus. Mr. Silcox took his wife, Margaret + Dr. Ranchous out to camp in a carriage. It was her only chance + she went bandaged, the other visiting it made no difference.

Friday May 13th, 1898

Beautiful day. Letter from M. written by Miss H. Jas. + I got up about 4 o'clock. I made him a cup of coffee + he went to Columbus. Mrs. Winters, Miss Hart and I went to the early W. T. C. U. convention and remained to the close of it at noon. After dinner we went up to an Executive Con. meeting at Maggie Peebles'. after which with the ladies to Anderson's and the saw them on the S. car for the station. Wrote to sister and Will when I came home. Called to congratulate Mr. + Mrs. Taylor after tea. Bessie bought her range.

Saturday May 14th, 1898

Beautiful day. Was busy at home until late in the day when Macy and I walked up to see Miss B's house and then to inquire about little Gussie Halderman whose is a little better, has been very sick. Has a letter from sister written by Miss Humphrey, not quite so good as the last. Jas did not come home at 3.42 as he thought he would. Carl spent the evening before supper doing work of straightening up things in the backyard. The war news is still exciting. In the few conflicts which have occurred, it is remarkable how few war men were killed, fire in the Winslow being the largest number. I paid Jas Raps for his brick work. 27.95, he could not make change. 7.05.

Sunday May 15th, 1898

Some what cloudy with a little sprinkle of rain. We all attended S. S. and the usual services. I was occupied about as usual in the afternoon.

Studied up a little for a little talk at the C. E. meeting as Grace Cross had asked me to help her out with the Temperance program. Was over home to see Father, Mother + Macy. Did not see Enos though he was there.

Monday May 16th, 1898

Weather pleasant. While washing my face this morning I was taken with a pain in my back and as the day advanced, there was little improvement. Manage to go to the Relief Corps meeting + to Andrew's afterwards to look at goods for May's graduating dress. Mrs. Silcox and Janette called to inquire about M. Mrs. Musser was here after dinner. I wrote to Will and sister, usual.

The papers still filled with war news. The Ports. Co. with their regiment, the 4th left for Chickamauga GA. last evening from Columbus. Will Peebles with the others. Lizzie + Elizabeth Peebles were in.

Tuesday May 17th, 1898

Pleasant. Had such a stiff back that I did not attempt to rise until after breakfast and then was unable to do anything all day. It was all I could do to move and remaining long in any position I seemed to get more stiff. Pam Dandy is afflicted in much the same way and I can freely sympathize with him.

I wrote to sister as usual. Miss Emma Bell was here to tea. I worked on paper most of the day.

Wednesday May 18th, 1898

Beautiful weather, but rather windy. There is talk of an excursion to Columbus Friday to visit the C.S.U. and May will go if she can see sister. I began this afternoon to get a skirt ready for her, finished ripping, washed the lining, sponged + pressed the goods and have it ready to begin tomorrow. Hattie Pursell and Maggie Firmstone were here this morning to inquire about Alumni matters. I am not in the Committee but seem to have the information needed by the Com. Carl + Ora Finney bought a new horse + buggy today, in partnership. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Wrote to sister, Miss Humphrey writes for her every day. Mrs. Buskirk + Allie called.

Thursday May 19th, 1898

Shower this morning. Spent the day sewing busily on May's blue skirt. Began it this A. M. and would have finished it but we learned that May could not go to Columbus, anyway, Dr. Vickers would not excuse the A. class so she had to give it up and I wrote to sister late this evening telling her of the change in plans. Mrs. Caden called this afternoon while I was sewing. Carl took me for a little drive after supper, the new horse drives well.

Friday May 20th, 1898

Cloudy and cooler, but no rain. I worked in the yard after breakfast sitting out some pansies, and working about the roses, digging plantains, etc. Jackson was working also, cutting grass, and digging. Came in and rested awhile, wrote to sister and Will, took May's skirt over home and sewed on it. Finished it completely after tea. Carl took Mother, May, Macy, and Elizabeth out driving with the new horse, Maud S. She is fine. Went to make a neighborly call upon Mrs. Amanda but it was near supper time I did not stay long. Carl + May gathered two large bunches of roses this morning. The first of the season. Elizabeth's examination began.

Saturday May 21st, 1898

Fine weather. Busy day as usual. Wrote to Margaret. Have been sewing some, helping to finish Elizabeth's waist which she needs for tomorrow. She is busy with the Kindergarten Examinations and could not finish her waist herself. The questions are so comprehensive that it takes a long time to answer them.

Sunday May 22nd, 1898

Beautiful day, all went to S. S. and church as usual.

Dr. Dennis is gone to General Assembly and Jas. has to superintend. Read and studied in the afternoon then went over home for a little while.

Monday May 23rd, 1898

Fine weather. Helped Ruth and did housework all day, was unusually busy. Wrote four letters, me to Will, to Margaret, to Olla Lawman, and to Sister Jennie. Has a nice little ride with Carl in the evening behind Maud S. Have enjoyed good many rides and walks with him. Had a letter from Sister Jennie today, also one from Will. His letters come Monday now since he has moved downtown. Gertrude La Croix was here to dinner.

Tuesday May 24th, 1898

Weather fair and pleasant. Day filled with small duties which take time and do not show much for it. Helen Tappan was here this noon, Julia and Margaret at tea time, to ask after sister. Dr. Marshall was here when I returned home from S. S. Teachers Meeting, and he said if no new complications had arisen when he returns to Columbus + examines sister's eye, that he hopes to order her glasses and send her home Saturday. I wrote her as usual today. Made a mistake, it was yesterday the Tappan callees were here.

Wednesday May 25th, 1898

Fine weather. Everything looks lovely. Grass is growing well, flowers blooming and cherry tree fuller than ever before of fine cherries. Wrote to sister as usual. Was busy in Carl's room all forenoon, and then took up the summer underwear to mend + put it in order. Went to prayer meeting and afterwards J. M. and I called upon Annie Regnie + her daughter at Thyrsa Spry's where they are visiting. No special war news except for a second call for men, 75,000 this time.

Thursday May 26th, 1898

Beautiful and delightful day. Just cool enough for comfort, though the sun is hot. Was busy at home most of the day. Went up to Mrs. Johnson's + Mrs. Graham's on an errand. Wrote to Will and sister. Went to say good-bye to Miss Annette who leaves for home this evening and expects to spend two hours at the Columbus Station where sister will probably see her. Mrs. Laura Richardson called. Mr. Donaldson + Miss Firmstone were here on S. S. business. We are having a great abundance of fine strawberries, only .05 cts a quart. Kindergarten benefit concert this evening by Pro. Frost. Bessie Pixley is to stay all night with May. Florence Crossley bought May a beautiful lace holly for Commencement. Jas. hurt his thumb badly this A.M.

Friday May 27th, 1898

Beautiful weather. Was busy as usual, did several errands in the morning, went to see Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Hoss, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Helferstein's + Thyrsa on errands. Sewed in the afternoon. Wrote to Margaret, and heard from her. Went to C. L. S. C. at Miss Nettie Jackson's in the evening. It was the last literary meeting, over next, + last for the year will be altogether social. War news is plenty but nothing definite. John Peebles went to Col. to report having enlisted between 75 + 119 men for the second call.

Saturday May 28th, 1898

Delightful weather. Rained in the afternoon but cleared up in time for the flag rising at the Excelsior Shoe Factory. It was quite a sight. Factory girls dressed in white, with broad sashes bearing the names of the States, representative of Uncle Sam, the Army + the Navy stand upon the roof with flags and swung the red, white, + blue. Had a letter from Margaret and wrote her as usually, but it will probably be my last letter to her as she expects to come home Monday. Miss Huntington + Julia Prichard were here to tea. May was at the May party at the Kinney Place, the guest of Bessie Pixley. Carl + Barton + Ora went frogging this evening. We are having the finest kind of strawberries at .05 and .06 ¼ cts per quart.

Sunday May 29th, 1898

Weather exceptionally fine. All went to S. S. and usual services. The church's 81st birthday was remembered this morning by Dr. Tappau. He preached a fine Memorial service in the afternoon to a very large audience. In the evening the Anti-Saloon representative, Mr. Raymor of Toledo occupied the pulpit and gave an interesting talk.

Monday May 30th, 1898

An exceptionally fine day. Went to the Kendall building at 9 A. M. to make bouquets for the G. A. R. at 10.55. Margaret came home from her long stay in Columbus. Was gone two months, having left here March 29th she looks well and good to be home. Spent the afternoon at the cemetery as usual on Decoration Day. Exercises good. Rev. Corner of U. B. church made a fine address. Rained last night but was fine today. Wrote to Will but his usual letter did not come.

Tuesday May 31st, 1898

Fine weather. I am enjoying it very much. We expected Mr. Davis today on the noon train and went out with the carriage to meet him but he was not there.

After dinner I went to Missionary Meeting at the church after which I came home pocket book and went to Anderson's to pay a bill of 11.66 and get some thread for the sewing machine which I must do. In the evening J. M. and I went to the 2nd Pres. Ch. to an illustrated lecture of the Anti-Saloon League. The views were good but many of the subjects were distressing. Some of them were very beautiful.

Wednesday June 1st, 1898

Beautiful weather. We looked for Mr. Davis to dinner but he did not come. I wrote to Miss Humphrey for sister.

The cherry tree is full of fine fruit and Carl has been picking them for the family. Elizabeth went to training class at Miss Reilly's and I took the carriage and went after her + Miss H. about 4 o'clock. Went to see Mrs. Lory about May's graduating dress, the skirt is cut out ready for me to make. Went to prayer meeting.

Thursday June 2nd, 1898

Beautiful day. Was busy at home all forenoon. Mary + Lizzie Ricker came down from the farm and were here to dinner. Just before we were sat down Mr. Davis of Rarden surprised us having come unexpectedly. We were pleased to see him. John Peebles was here to tea. I went to W. C. T. U. in the afternoon and afterwards to see Mrs. Titus on S. S. Business. Went to see Miss Huntington a few minutes and she + Julia Tappan called to see Margaret after supper. Miss Bessie's wedding cards came today noon, three hundred of them. Mother + Enos went to McDermott to see Uncle Will. I wrote to Will. Margaret's distance glasses came.

Friday June 3rd, 1898

Weather still fine. We are enjoying an abundance of fine strawberries, and also of cherries from our tree. Carl has picked several gallons which we have eaten fresh.

Mrs. Annie Regnie + daughter Grace, and Thyrsa Spry were here this evening to call. Margaret went to Kindergarten meeting with Mrs. Prichard. The Cross sister called just after she left.

Saturday June 4th, 1898

Fine weather but getting somewhat dusty. Have had a busy day, did a little house work then began making the skirt of May's white organdie dress for the graduating exercises next week. Miss Bessie's wedding preparation are going on and altogether we have a busy time.

Sunday June 5th, 1898

Beautiful day. All went to Sabbath School as usual expect Elizabeth who did not feel well, + Barton who was out at Henley. Attended the usual church services and in the afternoon went to the Bi-Monthly S. S. meeting.

The Baccalaureate service was preached at 6th St. M. E. church this evening by Rev. Mr. Robjent. We did not go as I knew we would be missed more from our church, so few would be there.

Monday June 6th, 1898

Fine weather. Rose a few minutes past 5 o'clock and have been busy all day. Was out doing some Sunday School work in the morning then went to see about May's dress and afterwards sewed on the ruffles for the skirt. Father had two chills today + thought he had one in the night. He has very hard ones. Uncle William R. Smith died last night at McDermott where the family moved a few weeks ago.

Carl took me driving after supper and afterwards took Elizabeth, she is pretty tired out with her year's work. Barton returned from Henley today noon.

Tuesday June 7th, 1898

Very warm. Father had two mean chills today, making a fire since early Monday morning. This noon Uncle William Smith's funeral was held from the train, the procession going directly to the cemetery. Mother, Mary, Enos + Lizzie P. went in the carriage. I went with Bartie + Carl took his father. Uncle Will has been sick a long time, leaves his wife, six fine sons and one daughter. Burgess Steel works burned this evening.

Wednesday June 8th, 1898

Weather warmer.

I have been very busy with May's dress, making the skirt while Miss Knarles makes the waist. It was brought home this evening all ready for her and I have had other things to do. Went to prayer meeting in the evening as usual.

Thursday June 9th, 1898

Extremely warm. We were in a buzz of preparations all day and at noon the Henley girls came in, Elizabeth + Margaret Peebles + Florence Crossley to stay the night + attend the P. H. S. Commencement at the Opera House. May graduated, the last of our family, Carl being the only one who did not go through. She wore white organdie and looked very sweet + pretty. Mother, Macy, Mrs. O' Connor + Mrs. Taylor were here to see the seven girls dress. Our three, the Henley girls + Miss Bessie, Miss B began teaching the year May began attending school + Mr. Willis began as janitor the same year.

Friday June 10th, 1898

Pleasant until late in the afternoon when a hard rain + hail storm descended upon. Camp McCulloch and the Alumni Reunion went on had had over supper and the rain only forced the assembly close together so we had a most successful business meeting presided by Chas. Hard 1st N. Cres. as Fred Tynes was unable to be present, having been very sick. May, our last graduate makes the fifth member of the family who is now an Alumni of the P. H. S. We had a pleasant afternoon and got home on time. Elizabeth had a headache + could not go so she + Florence Crossley + the two boys kept the house.

Kindergarten closed with a picnic.

Saturday June 11th, 1898

Rained hard last night but still the boys, Carl + Barton went to Brush Creek this afternoon, Ora Finney went with them + Mr. Reed went on the train to meet them there at Camp. These are busy days for us. About 4 o'clock I took the carriage and went after father and he wanted to take a drive uptown so I took him and we got caught in the shower. After supper we went to the market in the carriage and afterwards left E. at Julia Prichard's + took Mrs. Prichard and Charlotte for a drive.

Sunday June 12th, 1898

Beautiful day, but it rained and stormed very hard last night. The boys went to Camp McCulloch yesterday afternoon + did not come home until this morning. Barton slept all day but Carl went to S. S. and church as usual. We all attended the usual serves both morning and evening. Arthur Titus was here to supper.

Monday June 13th, 1898

Showery and damp, still it is pleasant. Mr. J. E. Hadley died last night after being confined to his home for about six months. He was greatly respected for his christian character.

Sent a double letter to Will as the Thursday letter did not get off the last of the week.

Fannie Moore Geiger's birthday and I cut her latest poem from the Times - Star of Cin, "Over Flag" being the title. She is quite gifted. Our family were invited to spend the evening at Mrs. Taylor's and we all went.

Tuesday June 14th, 1898

Delightful weather, rain in the afternoon which cooled the air. Sewed busily most of the day on E.'s dress. The wedding preparations go on apace. L. C. was in at noon. Richard is very poorly, not able to go away, as he should for his health. Margaret went to Columbus on the early train to attend the Stat S. S. convention. We were up at 3.30 to get things ready for her. After supper I went to Mrs. Kline's to a called meeting of the Auxiliary to Y. M. C. A. and found important business in regard to the money the society has an deposit.

Missed the S. S. Teacher's Meeting as I was detained so long at Mrs. K's. Mrs. Silcox + Janette were here this A. M. Will Smith + his family were over home for dinner.

Barton went home on a visit.

Wednesday June 15th, 1898

Beautiful day and cooler than it was before the rain. Had several errands to do this morning, went to Anderson's to get a birthday present for Mrs. Behrens, to Zoellner's to see about a wedding present for Miss Bessie and then up to see Mrs. Duduit after which I came home + sewed on E.'s dress. Carl's birthday was rememberedly several presents. A nice chain for his new desk, a box of flag letter paper from Lizzie Peebles, pen sniper and paper weight + a photo of Aunt Macy. Seventies from Jane Ricker. Mr. Hadley was buried this afternoon from our church. Has letter from Will.

Thursday June 16th, 1898

Pleasant. Sewed all day on E.'s moresline de soie and hope to finish it tomorrow. Wrote to Will, had a card from Margaret, but have not written her as I am so hurried, + she will soon be home. Miss Bessie had Miss Lucy Hall, Bessie + Kate Anderson, Lillian Lewis + Laura Richardson here today tying up the wedding cake boxes, they put up 187 + were little more than half way done, but she needs more cake. Had a drive after supper. J. W. + I had Maud S. and Carl took the two girls + Bessie Pixley in the surrey.

Friday June 17th, 1898

Fine weather.

Busy times for all of us. I have been hard at work on Elizabeth's dress which must be ready for the wedding. We expect Grace to come now and with all that is to be done before the 23rd we are very busy. The war goes on but just now I have little time for reading the news.

Saturday June 18th, 1898

Little warmer. This is sister Lizzie's birthday and I sent her a piece of Grandma Ricker's China as a present. At noon Grace Hall came, or rather on the 2.08 P. M. train, Bessie + Margaret going over to meet her. She has come to Bessie's wedding and brought many pretty things with her.

Sunday June 19th, 1898

Pleasant. It was children's day at Sabbath School and we were all there. Bessie + Grace went, the foremen for the last night as Miss Hall. She has given up her class. We all attended regular services.

Has strawberry short-cake for breakfast, the last of this season.

Monday June 20th, 1898

Lovely weather, showery weather but delightful. Was busy at home all forenoon and then went to Relief Corps meeting in the afternoon. Corps is prospering at present. Came home as soon I could and began work again as there was plenty to be done.

Wrote to Will as usual.

Tuesday June 21st, 1898

Delightful weather, quite cool for the season.

We are in full tide of preparation for the wedding. Miss Bessie had some of her girl friends here to finish tying up boxes of wedding cake as souvenirs.

It is exciting to see the wedding coming in, there have been so many and they are so beautiful. Silver, glass, china pictures, furniture, linen + many other things. Margaret attended the dinner party given by Mrs. Drew for Bessie and Grace.

Wednesday June 22nd, 1898

Quite cool, we are hoping it will continue until tomorrow night. Have been busy putting up curtains and getting the house in nice order from one end to the other. Florence Crossley, Elizabeth + Margaret Peebles came in this evening after prayer meeting and went over home to stay as our house is full. Mr. Smith came from Adams' Mills today, + Barton Greene + little Willard came on the 3.42 train + will stay here. Our family went to prayer meeting as usual, after which Dr. Tappan, the Impromptu Trio + Miss Lucy Hall came for the wedding rehearsal. The latter was to be the time keeper.

Thursday June 23rd, 1898

Beautiful day. Somewhat warmer than yesterday but still pleasant. This has been a great day with us. The first real wedding which we have had celebrated in our home, Bessie Hall and Arthur Titus being the principals. Space will not permit a full description so I will depend upon the paper account which is very correct, being written by Miss Clara Waller for the Blade. Shall keep Miss Newman's for the scrapbook. We got through nicely and were all settled before eleven o'clock. The bride + groom went to Mr. Titus' after the reception.

Friday June 24th, 1898

Beautiful day. All busy this morning restoring furniture, dishes, etc. to place. Bessie + Arthur came down about 9 o'clock and during the morning the Peebles girls, Florence Crossley, Bessie + Kate Anderson + little Hayward, Gussie + Grace Halderman + little Augusta, the home folks were in also.

I wrote to Will, not have had time yesterday.

Father was over early this morning to call on the bride and her maid of honor but he did not see either of them, as Bessie was not here and Grace was not up yet.

Saturday June 25th, 1898

Weather warm, but showery. We are still engaged in getting thing in place again after the wedding. Grace and May spent the forenoon wrapping up and boxing the wedding presents ready for removal to their home. There is a fine collection of them. The room cannot be used for anything else until all of Bessie's belongings are taken away.

Sunday June 26th, 1898

Rained in the night and was so stormy at S. S. time that our school was smaller than I ever remembered seeing it. Dr. Tappan preached to the Royal Arcanum this morning. Grace went to church with May, our bride went to the 2nd church but Mrs. Alaina Caden Jenkins + her husband were at our church. Has special music in the morning, Katie Lottman and Carrie Hadley singing solos.

Monday June 27th, 1898

Rain hard early, and again in the evening. Have been busy at home all day. Besides the usual Monday work I helped alter dresses for Margaret + Elizabeth. The recruits, thirty-seven men, left this morning to join Co. H. at Chickamauga. Heard today that the Co. are to leave soon for Porto [Puerto] Rico of course Will Peebles goes with them. Wrote to Will. Bessie was down twice today. Grace is still with us. So is Mr. Smith + Willard Greene. Carl went to the C. E. business meeting.

Tuesday June 28th, 1898

Hard rain storm in the night. Beautiful this morning and cooler. Grace went to Mr. Titus' to spend a day or two. Bessie was down here twice yesterday so will probably not be here today. Have been busy as usual. Began a letter to Nannie Lampton Sympton this morning. Mr. Smith took Elizabeth + May boat riding this afternoon. I went to the Foreign Mis. Society at the church. The girls went driving after Margaret had taken Mother + Macy to inquire about Mr. Dupre's little girl who is sick.

Wednesday June 29th, 1898

Warm. Hot I might say. Was busy at home all day, during some mending and other work. Mother went to Henley on the afternoon train. Richard is still very poorly and his friends are all anxious about him. Bessie + Grace were here this afternoon but I did not see them. We went to church in the evening and Margaret gave her report of the State S. S. Convention held at Columbus. It was fine. Dr. Tappan had to learn before the close to go and Mr. Smith went home.

Thursday June 30th, 1898

Very warm again. Have been sewing a little and helping the girls with their alterations in dresses. This morning Margaret, Elizabeth and I seeded gallons of cherries which I put up at noon.

Had peaches today but they were not so good as they looked. Went to W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon. Mother returned from Henley, Lizzie came with her and took Willard home with her.

Barton finished his work at the Star Brick Yard and left there this afternoon, bringing his belongings with him. Margaret went to Mrs. Clough's to supper with Grace H.

Friday July 1st, 1898

Hot and still, no air stirring. I sewed most of the day, altering and mending things that needed alterations. Grace Hall was down in the afternoon. Margaret and the girls took her up to Mrs. Clough's and took Mother out to inquire about Macy Dupree. Lucy + Edith Mary, Y. Moore + little Mary Geiger left for the round trip to Pittsburg this evening. I went up to ask after Mrs. Peebles who is sick, and then made a call at Mrs. Lowe's. Battle of Santiago de Cuba began today.

Saturday July 2nd, 1898

Extremely hot, and close. Have been busy one way or another all day, did several much needed jobs. Willard Greene returned from Henley. The girls + Carl have been busy getting ready for the picnic Monday. Richard and Lizzie went to Cincinnati today to begin a course of treatment which it is hoped will help both of them, Richard is in very bad condition.

It is reported that the American Army has lost 1000 men in the battle and the end is not yet.

Sunday July 3rd, 1898

Very warm with indications of rain. All went to S. S. as usual, with Willard as one extra. The day grew hotter and hotter and yet Jas. and I managed to attend three patriotic services, Dr. Tappan preached the 4th of July service in the morning + conducted the funeral services of Mrs. T. U. Johnson at 6 P. M. which took the place of the evening service. Father, Mother, Barton + I were in the surrency, Jas. was pall-bearer. At 3 P. M. we heard Mr. Tuttle at the Baptist Ch. and after the funeral we heard Mr. Supper at Christ Episcopal. Sang America at each service.

Monday July 4th, 1898

Rainy all day. We went to Turkey Creek however as we planned. Mr. + Mrs. Taylor, Jas., Burr. + I in the surrency. Carl, Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary, Barton, Willard, Greene, Julia Prichard, Bessie Pixley + Campbell Taylor went on the bus. It rained + we had to eat dinner in the vehicles. The surrency had left for home around 2 o'clock. Other came before dark. News from the war was more than could have hoped for. Spanish fleet came out of Santiago Harbor and was utterly [utterly] destroyed, hundreds taken prisoners including Cervera the Admiral. Only twelve killed on American side. Grade fireworks at night on the grade. No rain after 3 o'clock.

Tuesday July 5th, 1898

Quite pleasant. The war news grows better and better for the U. S. Navy. Liet. Harry Wainwright of the Marines, now in command of the Gloucester, a small vessel won a great victory and made himself famous by his daring bravery and success in capturing, or destroying two torpedo boats, Plutón and Furor. The Gloucester being an armored yacht belonging to Pierpont Morgan.

Went to S. S. Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Wednesday July 6th, 1898

Pleasant breeze, though warmer than yesterday.

Barton + Willard Greene left for home at the 10.28 train. Barton come to Portsmouth July 10th, 1896. We are very sorry to have him go. May had Mother out in the carriage most of the morning. I have been sewing some. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday July 7th, 1898

Weather warmer and dry. Sallie Peebles died seventeen years ago today in Cin, if I mistaken not, and four years ago today since Mrs. Tewksbury died in Cleveland, both being brought here for burial, and Mr. Joseph Peebles died July 7th, 1890, eight years ago today. I went to W. C. T. U. meeting this afternoon then called to see Misses Sue + Sallie Reed, Mrs. Alaina Caden Jenkins and Clara Pursell. Did not write to Will as I usually do, will do so later.

Friday July 8th, 1898

Very warm. I spent the day at hard, hot work, washed and pressed my green serge dress preparatory to making it over and started a cold which may be hard to shake off this kind of weather.

Ruth finished up her week's work and went home to stay, for her usual summer vacation. Mr. A. B. Buskirk was buried this afternoon. I could not go, but Jas attended the funeral.

Saturday July 9th, 1898

Very warm. We were all up in good time this morning and busy with the usual Saturday work. The two younger girls will do most of the kitchen work as Margaret is not able to work in the heat, she should not go into the kitchen at all. I am taking such a cold I am unfit for duty but put up eight jars of currant + red raspberry jam this forenoon.

Sunday July 10th, 1898

Weather pleasant.

Went to Sabbath School but was not really well enough to go, went to church as it was Communion Day. Quite a number were received into membership. Mr. + Mrs. J. H. Jenkins and the two little Johnson boys, Sherrod + Herron among others. They are quite young but were anxious to join + their parents did not feel justified in keeping them back.

Monday July 11th, 1898

Weather fair and warm. Mother intended going to Cin on the early train but Father was sick just when she was ready start so she will wait until tomorrow. He was better by evening. My cold is very bad and I am not fit to do anything. Wrote to Will as usual.

The war news continues to be very exciting and what seemed a very small thing in the spring has reached round the world now with success to our army + navy every where.

Tuesday July 12th, 1898

Pleasant. Mother left on the early train for Cin or rather Madisonville where she will make Mrs. Fuller a little visit and take some treatments where Richard + Lizzie are expecting to be treated. I did not get up this morning until after breakfast, but sewed all day after I was up.

An Army + Navy league was formed this afternoon at All Saints' Chapel but I was unable to attend the meeting.

Wednesday July 13th, 1898

Weather warmer. My cold is better but I did not go to church this evening, went over home and sat with Mary + Father, while the rest of the family went to prayer meeting as usual. It has been thirty- five years today since the Union Army took possession of Yazoo City Miss, our old home, after which we came to Ohio with the army. Letter from Will.

Thursday July 14th, 1898

Very warm. Have been sewing nearly all day on work for the girls. Margaret went to Bessie Titus' to dinner this evening, it was the first meal prepared in the new home and Grace prepared it. They had a dinner party of eight, Bessie + Arthur, Grace + Margaret, Miss Lucy Hall, Chas. + Rob. Richardson + John Kaps, Laura Richardson helped Grace and then waited on the table making the ninth person present. Bessie came this morning and took away all of her things except a few small things which can be taken in the carriage. Wrote to Will.

Mrs. Taylor + the boys left for the summer vacation.

Friday July 15th, 1898

Light showers during the day with steady rain in the evening. Bessie Martin came in at noon to attend Eda Eisman's trolley party this evening, with Elizabeth and May. The girls went at 7.30 to the house, but I think the party will spend the evening at the house. The war news confirms the surrender of Santiago but says yellow fever is now threatening our soldiers.

Heard indirectly from Mother in Cin. Macy Peebles was here this morning. Heard that John Peebles has enlisted in the hospital corps.

Saturday July 16th, 1898

Rained a good part of the day, beginning again after dinner + continuing up to supper time. Grace Hall went back to New York this afternoon. I have not been up to Bessie's house yet. Cold better but cough still troublesome. Sewed busily all day. Finished Elizabeth's blue dress and put the sleeves in Mary's blue jacket. Mended Carl's blue drawers and did a few other things, not blue. Letter from Mother does not speak encouragingly of Richard who is still very sick. The girls drove after supper.

Sunday July 17th, 1898

Very warm. All went to Sabbath School as usual and remained to church. Three children were baptized, Dorothy + Alice Cross and Mrs. Shuler's baby.

Macy Peebles told me that Lizzie had been sick, was still birth she + Richard are having a hard time of it. Mother seems to be doing finely so far as we can hear, + is enjoying her stay at Mrs. Fuller's in Madisonville.

Monday July 18th, 1898

Hot in the forenoon. An unusually heavy rain fell just after now, 1.53 inches of rain within forty minutes, flooding the streets and in cases houses on low ground. I went to a Relief Corps meeting at 2 P. M. and from there to Miss Lucy Hall's where Margaret had preceded me. We were invited to an afternoon "rose party" I supposed it might be called. It was very beautifully planned and served. A list of twenty rose names was given to each guest, the letter being misplaced a puzzle. Pink was the prevailing color in cake, cream + roses. Bessie + Mrs. S. Titus, Miss Fannon, Thyrza + Frances, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Fulton, Margaret + I were the guests.

Tuesday July 19th, 1898

Very warm. Florence Crossley brought Robert, Richard + Donald in today and they went to see Battle- Axe where is staying at the stable (Wrudel's) Elizabeth + Margaret were not in. John G. Jr. was here to say good-bye and told us had enlisted and would be mustered into the Hospital service tomorrow at Cin. This will be hard on his Father + Mother who are sick in Cin and William's enlistment was a heavy blow to them as neither of them are in their usual health.

Wednesday July 20th, 1898

Fair in the morning, very hard rain in the afternoon. The three girls went to Henley starting at 6.45 A. M. driving Andy. Florence Crossley's birthday today and will have a pleasant time. Carl and John Snyder drove up to Mr. Duis' after Kit, who has been caught by building a fence around her, after getting her into fence corner. Carl has such a bad cold I was sorry to see him go, where it was so wet.

Jas. + I went alone to prayer meeting. Had a letter from Will. John Peebles has enlisted in the Hospital Corps. and put on the uniform today to go + say good-bye to his parents. It seems hard for him to leave them in their present condition.

Thursday July 21st, 1898

Very hot. I was busy at home until two P. M. then instead of resting, as I should have done, I dressed and walked up to Bessie's the first time I've been to the house since the frame was first put up. Went from there to make a H. D. call at Mrs. Lodwick's and got my reports. Came home and got supper. Had a postal from the girls saying they are going to Mineral Springs with the Henley young people + would not be home until Friday.

Wrote to Will.

Friday July 22nd, 1898

Very warm. Have been very busy all day. The girls came from Henley this morning, but Elizabeth Peebles came in May's place, the girls there were so anxious for her to stay that Margaret left her for a few days. The word from Cin is not all encouraging about Lizzie. Richard seems to be improving but Lizzie has let down after her long strain. Lillie Fuller is with them now in the capacity of a trained nurse. Macy Peebles was with the letter she had from Lillie. No word from Mother. Bessie was here a few minutes, after Julia Tappan who has just returned from her vacation visit.

Wrote to Lizzie Peebles.

Saturday July 23rd, 1898

Warm with a hard shower in the afternoon. All day people have been waiting to hear when Co. H. would pass through Ashland enroute to Newport, scores of the people went up yesterday to be there and, if possible, see their friend in the Co. Mary Peebles was here this morning and said their letter Lillie Fuller said Richard was improving but if Lizzie was any better it could not be noticed. I fear they are both very sick. No word from Mother. Elizabeth Peebles went home at noon. Went to see May Wright + her baby. Olla Lawman came, but I've not seen her. Co. H. passed thro' Ashland about 8 P. M.

Sunday July 24th, 1898

Very hot day. All went to S. S. and the usual church service in the forenoon. No service at our church in the evening as the Union Bible meeting was held at 6th St. M. E. Church. I got ready to go but gave it up afterwards, not being at all well.

Saw Olla Lawman this morning after S. S. she came yesterday. No news from Lizzie + Richard. Carl had a letter from Clara Ricker saying Frank's little son Evans died yesterday morning + would be buried this afternoon May, his mother, was in New York when he was taken ill + they sent for her.

Monday July 25th, 1898

Delightful rain nearly all day. Just the kind of a day to work in the house. I have sewed a little, wrote letters to Will, Mother, Helen Ellis and Frank + May Ricker. Heard that Richard and Lizzie are both better. Mary Peebles went to see them this evening. I have not been away from the house today. Spent the afternoon in the front room hanging pictures and trying to put the room in order for use. Bessie's things are not all gone, but are ready to go. Postal from May. Mary Greene's birthday.

Tuesday July 26th, 1898

A busy day with us. Ruth was over and swept + dusted while I dusted hanging pictures and arranging furniture. Charlie and Nelson came on the 10.28 from Columbus. His wrist being sprained in Cleveland spoiled his plans for riding their wheels down Cleveland, a trip he has had planned for a year. This is Nelson's fifteenth birthday, but did not know of it until after his arrival.

Wednesday July 27th, 1898

Warm. Have been busy all day with the regular work. Late in the afternoon Charlie and Carl drove up to Alex and came back at bed time. Nelson announced himself wheel riding about town.

The rest of us went to prayer meeting as usual. Julia Prichard's birthday, also Richard Peebles' I think.

Thursday July 28th, 1898

Warm. We are enjoying our visit from Charlie and Nelson very much. They went to Margaret Johnson's to tea this evening but did not stay late as Margaret was sick and could not go to the table with them. I wrote to Will as usual. Did not go to W. C. T. U. not having time to go today. Wrote to Will as usual.

Friday July 29th, 1898

Rained some, cooling the air a little but it is very close yet.

This was Elizabeth's birthday and she had several nice presents. Flag stationary from Julia Prichard, fan from Grace Bowe, cake, flowers + poem from Aunt Macy, shoes from Father, and a beautiful stick pin from Carl. I have her the gold thimble Macy Peebles gave me for a wedding present. Mr. Taylor here for tear. Macy Peebles came to tell us what the latest news from Lizzie and Rich. They are down again, have had a back set.

Saturday July 30th, 1898

Warm and fair. The roads are in fine condition for the trip Charlie, Nelson + Carl made to Ironton, leaving here about 3 P. M. in their wheels. We were busy with the kitchen + house work until about time for them to leave.

The Burgess Mill questions have been settled by the purchase of a part of the Chick farm instead of the Damarin + Peebles places as at suggested.

I wrote to sister Jennie.

Sunday July 31st, 1898

Very warm. Heavy clouds in the morning which passed around us and brought rain everywhere else.

All went to S. S. and church as usual except Carl who is in Ironton.

We had no evening service as there was a Union meeting at 6th St. M. W. Ch. in the interest of Y. M. C. A. work in the Army.

Monday Aug. 1st, 1898

Threatening but no raise here of any consequence. Wrote to Will as usual. Have been sewing all day, made two undershirts for Jas., besides some mending which seems to be always on hand. Went out to see Mrs. Whitney about 2 o' clock but did not remain long, came home and went to work again.

Macy had a letter from Mother who is still delighted with her stay at Madisonville. Carl came home from Ironton on the early morning train, Charlie + Nelson will stay until Wednesday. Had a letter from Mrs. Margaret Willson. Wrote five W. C. T. U. letters this evening.

Tuesday Aug. 2nd, 1898

Very warm. I sewed all day and made two short skirts for Margaret, some mending for Elizabeth and the upstairs work in the forenoon.

Heard from Lizzie Peebles that she and Richard are still unable to be up.

Went to Teacher's meeting in the evening.

The war news sounds very much like peace was near at hand, but recruiting still goes on and thirty-seven men were enlisted this week.

Wednesday Aug. 3rd, 1898

Very hot, said to be one of the hottest days of the season. A hard rain set in just before dinner and Dr. Colton said 1.43 inches of water fell during the rain. Margaret took her Junior Endeavorers out to Kenyon Place for a picnic thirty Juniors, Margaret and Julia Tappan were the party. They had a good house to play and eat in and had a good time. Charlie and Nelson Ricker passed through South Portsmouth on their way home and Carl joined them and went to Cin. Hopes to be home tomorrow evening on the late train. All went to prayer meeting. Ben Hopkins and Miss Reutinger were married at Dr. Tappans' after the meeting.

Thursday Aug. 4th, 1898

Warm. Have sewed all day excepting the time I took for the business meeting of the W.C.T.U. Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary spent the after with Mrs. Halderman and their Aunt Macy, who took a care to go early, as Mrs. H specially requested it. I came home from the meeting and went on with my sewing.

Write to Will. Carl came home from Cin on the late train. Saw Rich + Lizzie, both of whom are still quite sick. Attend social at Dr. Tappan's.

Friday Aug. 5th, 1898

Very warm. Lucy Moore's birthday. She + Edith are in Ironton, will return today. I sewed all day again and have succeeded in doing quite a good deal, this week. Margaret and Elizabeth rook Mrs. Behrens over on the West Side this afternoon to look for green gages but got none. Julia Tappan went with them. I put up half a bushel of blue plums getting fifteen quart jars fill of rich sauce.

Saturday Aug. 6th, 1898

Fair and warm but in the evening, it grew cooler. Margaret had a pleasant birthday. Her Aunt Macy gave her a handsome black dress with trimmings, a linings complete + 5.00 for lace or other trimmings. I gave her Anna Gordon's Life of Miss Frances E. Willard. Carl surprised her at noon with a ring, the set being a sardonyx, the stone of Aug. Papa gave her a pretty stick pin, Miss Humphrey sent her a pretty piece of her own work. The Peebles children came in to stay at Mr. Peebles', their Henley home being closed.

Sunday Aug. 7th, 1898

All went to Sunday School as usual. This is the 40th anniversary of Miss Bill's teaching the Primary Class in our S.S. or rather the first Primary as there have been two for many years. Same Johnson, out present Treasurer was in the class when she took it and stood up today as the oldest member now in the school while his youngest son Kenyan was enrolled as the youngest today, or the newest one. About forty five arose as having been pupils in her class in the early days. We had no service, Dr. Tappan being away, our church will be closed through August.

Monday Aug. 8th, 1898

Rained most of the day. Up to supper time there had been a fall of 1.38 inches today. Elizabeth took the carriage and went after Mrs. Duduit to spend the afternoon with Macy. Jas took her home in a hard rain before supper. The paper states that the 4th Ohio has been engaged in a fight in Porto [Puerto] Rico and three men hurt but none of Co. H. I hope most earnestly that William will be spared any injury.

Wrote to Will + Mother. Sewed all day. Wrote to L. P.

Tuesday Aug. 9th, 1898

Rained all day and the prospect is that we shall have high water. Heard that Lizzie P. is a little better.

Late in the afternoon went over home and marked napkins for Macy then went out to see Maggie Silcox who leaves in the morning with Mr. Silcox for Eureka Springs Ark.

Wrote a birthday letter to Uncle Drew Ricker, Margaret had written also.

Wednesday Aug. 10th, 1898

Still cloudy this morning but it cleared up before noon. I was down street three times before dinner looking after goods with which to cover the lounge, got it and Margaret and May cover it before supper so it looks as well as new. All went to prayer meeting as usual. I went to call on Mattie Dover at her Grandpa Peebles', she is only here for a day or two, is going to Cleveland to live.

Got new walling for parlor.

Thursday Aug. 10th (11th), 1898

Warm. Ruth came over and we began changing the carpets from parlor to dining room, + dining room to kitchen. A general changing of furniture followed and that which has been stored away upstairs + here + there will be put in use again. Carl asked me to go driving with him after supper which I did and we were gone all evening. The war seems about over the arrangements for peace being nearly concluded.

The Ohio River has risen and backed up over the Scioto bottoms drowning thousands of acres of corn.

Friday Aug. 12th, 1898

One of the warmest days of the season, they say, but I did not feel it so. Was busy all day. We took up the dining room carpet again this morning and put another width on one side + put it down again so it covers as much of the floor as we want covered/ We then finished up the parlor, Jas put castors on the bookcase + we put it in the front room again. Ruth was here all day helping. Write to Will. Water began falling this forenoon. Great loss of corn crops.

Saturday Aug. 13th, 1898

Pleasant, have been very busy all day and managed to finish up by evening. Ruth and Jackson tacked down the carpet while I entertained a caller, Mrs. Caden.

The house is now in pretty good order again. The parlor looks very well with the new dark green paper and pretty fine matting, the dark old fashioned bookcase and such other furniture as we had. Drove after tea with Jas and Enos.

The girls went later. Elizabeth was sick and did not get up until 4 P.M.

Sunday Aug. 14th, 1898

Warm. All went to S.S. and I remained to Teachers' prayer meeting. Jas + I went to the Baptist church, Mr. Tuttle having sent a written invitation to our congregation to attend while Dr. Tappan is absent. In the evening I went over and sat with May.

Monday Aug. 15th, 1898

Pleasant, though pretty warm. Was busy all day finishing up the odds and ends of the house cleaning. At 3.42 P. M. Miss Humphreys of Columbus came to make the promised visit, I was not here when she came, being at the Relief Corps meeting. The meeting was longer than usual and the interest seems increasing. Jas. O. out in the buggy with Kit quite a while this A.M. doing some errands.

Tuesday Aug. 16th, 1898

Warm and dusty.

Have not done much but housework today.

Olla Lawman went home to Lexington this morning. Julia and Winifred Smith came to call this evening and as the girls were over home, they went there and made their call. Jas + I went up to see Mary Peebles for a few minutes and then drove around and did one or two other errands.

Wednesday Aug. 17th, 1898

Warm and dusty.

Nothing of special interest. Busy all day and tired at night. Went to prayer meeting as usual. Dr. Tappan absent and Mr. Scudder led the meeting.

Letter from Will in which he speaks of having his salary raised and settled down to remain with this Brown Hoist works for the present, at least. Says the firm have done well by him.

Thursday Aug. 18th, 1898

Weather quite warm. Have been at home all day, after making an early call on Mary Peebles who has just returned from seeing Rich + Lizzie at Irondale. She reports little change in their condition, and none to be made in arrangements as Miss Fuller prefers taking care of them herself.

After supper the girls drove a while.

Wrote to Will.

Rained today.

Friday Aug. 19th, 1898

Cloudy but no rain.

About 1.30 our three girls, Miss Humphreys + Margaret Peebles, Jas + Elizabeth Peebles left for a long drive, going to Dixon's Mill and around by Gallia Pike. I spent the afternoon partly at the Baptist church + partly at the Episcopal church assisting in work for the Army, Navy League at the latter, + the Relief Corps unite society at the former.

Then forenoon was mostly used in driving about trying to make arrangements for the Unite society which was held in the evening at the Baptist church. Uncle Enos + Mary Y. took Mary Geiger home today.

Saturday Aug. 20th, 1898

Quite pleasant. Nights are cool enough for comfortable sleeping. Was up early and busy all day. In the kitchen all forenoon, and at All Saints church most of the afternoon helping Mrs. Joe Reed, Miss Firmstone, Mrs. Stewart + Mrs. Boelles pack a box to be sent to the Hospital at Jacksonville Flo. Came home and began preparations for supper which was late as Miss Humphreys, Margaret and Elizabeth had gave to a small lawn party at Mrs. Fulton's. The girls are driving this evening. Janet Silcox + Janie Stewart called.

Sunday Aug. 21st, 1898

Pretty warm again today. All went to Sunday School and I was late, a minute or so, a very unusual occurrence.

Went to Bigelow in the morning and Baptist Church in the evening. Shall be glad when Dr. Tappan returns and we can go to our home church.

Monday Aug. 22nd, 1898

Cloudy but no rain. Macy had a letter from Barton this morning saying Jennie would be down either today, or tomorrow and she came this afternoon, to our great delight.

Brought no children, or cares of any kind and will have a good restful week.

Our Will is twenty-five years old today and I wish we could have him with us. I wrote him as usual.

Tuesday Aug. 23rd, 1898

Weather warm.

Was over home to see Jennie and ate supper with her + Macy.

Father left today for a Moore family reunion at Bellefontaine.

Have been sick all day but kept up after rising about 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Aug. 24th, 1898

Weather hot and dry. Peace has been declared and the war new is less exciting. Much sickness among the soldiers causes great anxiety.

Macy invited Jennie + me to drive with her + Jennie, which we did. Jennie has began sewing silk rags for a curtain for me and is much interested in the work. I find I have great many scraps that will do for it.

Was sick today but managed to keep up in the afternoon. Did'nt go to prayer meeting.

Thursday Aug. 25th, 1898

A hot day. Miss Raushalas (?) of Sciotoville, + her guest Miss Weber came to spend the day. Jas + I were here in the evening to supper and Julia Tappan was here. Jennie is having guests invited to almost every meal with her. Julia was there at noon and her mother took supper there with us.

The five girls drove up home with the guests in the evening and Jas + I went after them in a buggy with Maud, to be a kind of guard on the way home.

Friday Aug. 26th, 1898

Hot all day and rained at night making it more pleasant for the drive which the girls want to take tomorrow.

Mother came home from her seven weeks stay at Madisonville with Mrs. Fuller. She seems very well. News from Lizzie and Richard not very encouraging. Both have neurologic rheumatism + she has nervous prostration, which I think is largely Richard's trouble also. Letter from Will.

Saturday Aug. 27th, 1898

Still hot and dry.

The three girls went to Sciotoville today to spend the day and bring Miss Humphreys home in the evening. As May wanted to go to Henry Springs in the afternoon on the wheel, with Bess Pixley, and Carl as an escort, Jas went up after dinner and brought her home. He + I drove up in the evening to meet the girls and see them safe home. We afterwards went to make a little birthday call upon Mrs. D. D. Jones who is eighty-six today.

Sunday Aug. 28th, 1898

Very hot. All went to Sunday School as usual, and after Teachers' prayer meeting, I came home and went to Jas to Bigelow where we heard Rev. Mr. Tubles preach, as Mr. Action is away.

Went there again in the evening + Jennie went with us. Was surprised today by a call from one of my old Mission School Boys, Mr. David Herr now a prosperous, successful christian man. His young half sister is now a member of my Pres. S. S. C.

Monday Aug. 29th, 1898

Weather warmer as ever. Have been busy as usual. Went to the store early and returning, found Mary Pursell here calling so took her and Mother for a drive + then left her at her home.

Wrote to Will, and then to someone else, have now forgotten who it was.

Jas is very anxious that I should go to the National Encampment at Cin Sept. 5th + I shall probably go but do not see how I can do so very will.

Jennie, Jas, Mary, + I took supper at Bessie's this evening and she gave us a fine supper. She has lovely things for her table.

Tuesday Aug. 30th, 1898

Weather very warm and dry. Had no chance to sew today. Jas wants me to go to Cin next week but I can't find time to get ready. Was busy about the house all forenoon. Went to Foreign Mis. Society at the church, few present. Mrs. James Moore, Tappan, Young, Ricker, Misses Peebles, Ramsey + Cummins.

Richard and Lizzie still about the same. Attended a handsome reception given by Mr. & Mrs. Bannon for her brother Col. Smith + wife.

The girls all went driving.

Mrs. Pearl Selby + Mrs. Mark Selby called.

Wednesday Aug. 31st, 1898

Weather very warm. Have been busy in the usual way. Visited with Virginia in the forenoon until time for the 10.28 train, then went with her to the station. We have enjoyed her visit very much.

Finished my green skirt and May cut out a white waist from some goods I had. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. Scudder led as Dr. Tappan has not yet returned from his vacation.

Edward Green's birthday.

Letter from Will.

Mrs. Fulton + daughter called.

Thursday Sept. 1st, 1898

One of the hot days, over 90° in the shade. The Managers of the Old Ladies' Home ran the St cars today for the benefit of the institution and Elizabeth + May were among the conductors, there being seventy-five or eighty on the list. Margaret + Miss Humphreys took a ride with them and at 4.42 P.M. Miss H. left for her home in Columbus, having made us a nice visit. News from Richard + Lizzie were encouraging today. I went to W.C.T.U. meeting and helped elect Mrs. Hall Pres.

Wrote to Will as usual.

Friday Sept. 2nd, 1898

Very hot, unusually long hot spell. Have been very busy all day. Swept most of the house. Was up street with Mother, bought goods for a thin black silk waist which May cut out and nearly made today.

Drove a little while after supper and missed a call from Mr. & Mrs. Carett and the little Clearer boys. Have done a little of everything today. Swept, dusted, scrubbed, washed, sewed, wrote letters, put up a few plums, made a report, wrote up my book, took a short drive both morning and evening. Am tired. Went to see Mrs. Taylor who has returned. Mrs. Carett called + I missed her.

Saturday Sept. 3rd, 1898

Still hot and dry + dusty. Was busy as usual. Went to the stores early and got some little things then came home and finished the black silk skirt which May began yesterday. Also did some mending, got supper, helped wash dishes and then went to see Mrs. Fulton, and made another attempt to call upon Mrs. Carett at Mrs. Dickey's. Has washed up and I met him there then the girls called + bought us home. Missed the ladies again but met them on the street later.

Sunday Sept. 4th, 1898

All went to Sabbath School as usual excepting Elizabeth who was sick all day and did not go out, until late in the afternoon when she went over home for a few minutes. Letters come from Mrs. Huntington + Miss Ruth ask us to visit during the coming week, and wanting Elizabeth to spend this week with them.

Think we shall let E. go with us, then go on to Hamilton.

Monday Sept. 5th, 1898

Before I was up Carl invited May to go to Cin and spend the day with him, this being Labor Day and a legal holiday. They left on the morning train, C.P.V. Jas, Elizabeth + I went on the noon train, rather the special G.A.R. train which left at 12 P.M. Nine coaches filled with passengers. I got off at Batavia Junction + was met by Mr. Fuller with a buggy + taken to his home at Madisonville. E was met by Miss Ruth in Cin depot + taken to Hamilton. Jas went to Emery Hotel in Cin with G.A.R. men. Had a nice visit with the Fullers.

Tuesday Sept. 6th, 1898

Weather fine. Went to Cin early with Jennie and reported at Hotel. Met Carl there he having missed his train last night. He took us to a grand stand + got seats as we viewed the naval Veteran's Parade then Jennie + I went out to Irondale and saw Richard + sister Lizzie. Both seemed a little better today. Jennie then went home and I went to the Scottish Rite Cathedral and registered at Ohio Hdqrs, W.R.C.

Went with Mrs. William to the Grand Hotel and got my credential as delegate to Convention and after that went to Hotel, to supper, to Music Hall to the Camp. Fine with Jas and me bot went to Madisonville for the night with the Fullers.

Wednesday Sept. 7th, 1898

Weather fine, but warm until evening when it turned very cool. Wraps + thick clothing needed. Went in the city with Mr. Fuller and Jennie and witnessed the G.A.R. parade from a grand stand, the guests of Mr. Fuller who was a Mexican Veteran could give seats to two friends. Parade was fine. Could not go to Arandale as I had planned. St. cars overcrowded and much delayed. Jas. + I went to Madeira for the night to visit Laura De Mar and her family. Had a delightful visit. Mr. + Mrs. De Mar have three daughters, Sadie, May + Helen, and one son, Blaine. This is a great time in Cin.

Thursday Sept. 8th, 1898

Weather still fine. Reported at Convention this morning and was there all day. Had dinner with the delegates + official members in the dining hall of the Cathedral. Plates laid for four hundred and all seemed in use. Met Mrs. Shoemaker and others, some whom I had seen, most of them new. Saw Mrs. Carman an old friend. Convention took five minute recess and then continued in session until 8:30 after which Jas called for me + we had supper then went to the Glen Home to see about boarding for Elizabeth when she goes to Cin to study.

Friday Sept. 9th, 1898

Weather still fine. Was in convention on time, though I was so sick in the night it was doubtful whether I could be up today. Elizabeth + Miss Ruth called at the Cathedral to see me, and said we were expected out this evening at her father's in Hamilton. The girls are to remain in Arandale tonight. Remained in Convention until time to meet Jas and go to train. Mr. H. was waiting for us at depot in Hamilton; Met the family at supper + had a delightful visit during the evening.

Saturday Sept. 10th, 1898

Returned to city this morning and found Convention closed and hall deserted. Met the girls, Elizabeth, Ruth + Eleanor H. and spend forenoon doing a few errands. Saw Miss Laws and Miss Clara Newton at the Rest Room where they had changed. Talked Kindergarten to Miss Laws. Clara Newton is an old time acquaintance. Told Miss H + her sister goodbye, = they went home. We three went to Arandale + spent the afternoon until train time with Lizzie + Lillie, Richard's eyes were operated upon this morning. Came home at 8.45 and found all well. Had a full week.

Sunday Sept. 11th, 1898

Weather still warm and dry. Elizabeth had such a bad cold that she remained at home all day. Began taking it yesterday afternoon.

The rest of us attended the usual S.S. and church services; Had half a dozen girls this morning, I think. Shall miss Elizabeth this winter, from the class.

Monday Sept. 12th, 1898

Weather pleasant but still dry. Began making a few preparations for E's going to Cin, as we have decided that she is to go with her training in Kindergarten work, and will leave Wed. on the C.O. train at 2.08 to be ready for the Thursday class. Has company this afternoon, and accomplished very little. E. herself is far from well and unable to do much.

Wrote to Will this evening and told him of the plans.

Janette Silcox was here.

School opened this morning and Margaret resumed her work in the Forth St. Bldg. Primary Grade.

Tuesday Sept. 13th, 1898

Pleasant. After breakfast I began on a black skirt for Elizabeth, which had to be made over, lengthened and made new. Was busy with it all day. Had a caller late in the afternoon and lost some precious time but made it up after supper. E. is better but not quite herself yet. She is delighted with the prospect of continuing her training.

Wednesday Sept. 14th, 1898

Weather fine, though dusty. Very busy all morning finishing the skirt and doing other needed things. We packed her trunk and got her ready in good time and she left feeling all right, on the 2.08 C.O. train, expecting to go straight to Glen Home this evening. May and Julia Prichard went over with her, as well as her father, Margaret, Elizabeth + Robert Peebles came down prepared to go with her, but they had to follow, as she had gone. I trust the decision is a wise one and that she will keep well, and do well, the rest of us went to prayer meeting as usual.

Thursday Sept. 15th, 1898

Warm. Had postal from Elizabeth this morning saying she arrived safely and was very comfortably settled, with Rose Armstrong for a roommate at #641 West Fourth Street.

I was not out to W.C.T.U. meeting having more to do at home than I could manage. Elizabeth's hasty preparations must be supplemented by more sewing. Did not even get over home with birthday congratulations, which I regretted.

Friday Sept. 16th, 1898

Warm. Sewed on Elizabeth's waist more of the day, helping May who planned it.

Janette Silcox was here to say her mother would be home from Eureka Springs tonight.

Talked of going out to call at Bannon's but Jas. is almost sick with cold so we gave it up.

The girls all went to Egypta this evening, Elizabeth + Margaret Peebles here for the night.

Saturday Sept. 17th, 1898

Warm and dusty.

Had a very busy day sewing on the silk waist which May cut for Elizabeth from her green silk skirt. I did not get half done that I had planned, though the waist was finished by noon. Began on some quinces and was just ready to put them on the stove when Helen Ricker came, having come down to see Egypta this afternoon. I went with her to the matinee. She + Carl Moulton were here to tea.

Sunday Sept. 18th, 1898

Warm, dry and very dusty. We all went to Sabbath School as usual, excepting, Elizabeth whom we miss now in S.S. and at home. Carl had a good letter from her this morning saying she had been to the training school and helped Miss Bishop plan work for Monday.

May stayed home to get dinner and so our seat was almost empty.

All went to church in the evening as usual.

Monday Sept. 19th, 1898

Warm again and still dry and dusty. Was busy with quinces, finishing what I began Saturday. Also made some alterations in a black underskirt that mother gave me for Elizabeth. She + I got it all done by noon. After dinner I put in the binding and then went to the Relief Corps meeting where I gave a report of the Convention at Cin last week. Had no letter from Elizabeth. This is her first day of regular work I the Cin Kindergarten Anniversary of battle of Winchester.

Tuesday Sept. 20th, 1898

Still dry. May is eighteen today and had some nice remembrance. A letter from E. a ring with her birthstone, an amethyst, us a sapphire. I believe, from Carl. A bright plaid waist from her Aunt Macy, money from myself. In the evening, I went to the Kindergarten meeting called at All Saints' lecture room, few were present and little done except elect officer for the coming year.

Few of the old officers were present, and few of the newly elected. The future of the association is rather doubtful.

Wednesday Sept. 21st, 1898

Warm and dry. Indications of rain were verified before bed time. We took umbrellas to prayer meeting but did not need them. Have been very busy all day with the quinces and apples. Mrs. Morgan called this afternoon. Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles went to Cin this morning to their father and mother. Stayed here last night and were taken to the train this morning.

Thursday Sept. 22nd, 1898

Gentle rain most of the day with a hard shower after supper. Worked with the quinces nearly all day. was to have gone over home after dinner to meet Mrs. Mary Voorheis, and Mrs. Scudder but they could not be there so I worked on. Wrote to Will and Elizabeth at bed time.

Friday Sept. 23rd, 1898

Cool and clean after the rain which continued part of the night. Finished sealing up the quinces and then did some sweeping upstairs. After dinner dusted and then went to the meeting of the Kindergarten Association at All Saint's lecture room. Few in attendance but excellent work was done electing Dr. Mary Cotton President, in place of Mrs. Bannon who declined to serve. Plans for a vigorous prosecution of the work even commenced at once.

Carl had fine letters from Elizabeth. Helen came this evening from G-R.

Saturday Sept. 24th, 1898

Pleasant all day, rain storm in the evening. Was busy in the kitchen all day excepting a little while in the morning when I went to see Rev. Mr. Tuttle, Mr. Titus on S.S. work, and saw the Sells' Forepaugh Circus Parade with thirteen elephants while I was out. John Peebles was here a few minutes being off duty on a seven days' furlough. Came on the noon train + returned home at 2P.M. Brought us a fine photo of himself in hospital uniform taken at Newport News Aug 20. Helen was here two or three times. No letter from E. today.

Sunday Sept. 25th, 1898

Beautiful day. Rally day exercises for the S.S. took place of the usual morning service. We were all present. Miss Emma Bell had a valuable budget given her at the close of school, an envelope entertaining 40.00 being hidden among the roses. This was from former pupils, a testimonial in honor of her forty years as teacher of the Primary Class. We went to church this evening.

Monday Sept. 26th, 1898

Weather delightful. Was busy with peaches in the forenoon, late in the afternoon the Advisory Board of the Kindergarten Association met here and decided to engage Miss May Cochnomer of the Cin school to open the school at Jefferson St. and perhaps others later if the way seems clear. The President, Dr. Mary Cotton, Board Sec'y, Edith Prichard, Mrs. Prichard, Mrs. Heer, Dr. Alderson, Mr. Thompson, and I were present.

Will surprised us by walking in this evening while I was writing to him. M.J. + M.E. Peebles and Rachel Peebles White called.

Tuesday Sept. 27th, 1898

Weather fine, but somewhat cooler than it has been. Busy as usual all day, with the regular work, went to the Foreign Missionary Society in the forenoon and hurried home to get supper. Have been enjoying Will's visit between times; Went to Mrs. Filler's this evening to report about the Chautauqua Circle. Wrote to Elizabeth.

Wednesday Sept. 28th, 1898

Weather fine, and this it is pretty dry and dusty. Nothing unusual occurred except that Will was with us when we went to prayer-meeting.

Cousin Mattie Ward came to Mr. Peebles' today to make a farewell visit to Portsmouth friends as she leaves soon for California to make her home with Cousin Maggie Meredith.

Thursday Sept. 29th, 1898

Very warm, positively hot I might say. After breakfast Jas, May & I drove up to Wait's Station to a Township S.S. Convention where I wanted to place some Association Day Exercises for use. Was well received by those present and they agreed to take and use two hundred copies. Came home, had a little lunch and then went to W.C.T.U. meeting, the observance of Francis Willard's birthday. Was pretty tired.

Friday Sept. 30th, 1898

Rained a very little, was cloudy all day and would have been delighted for the drive we took yesterday when it was very hot. May began ripping her black skirt and I helped her in the evening.

We are not trying to do much but visit with Will. Hear good news from Elizabeth, who is much pleased with her work. Mattie Ward was here to tea and just as we were seated at supper, callers came so I had to entertain for Mrs. H. and Thyrza Spry, + Misses Molston + McCaughey on Y.M.C.A. business, before I got back to the table.

Saturday Oct. 1st, 1898

Weather dry, dusty and warm. Are all trying to enjoy our visit with Will as much as possible. Driving is the principal entertainment. He does not care to go out much. Seems just as he always did, likes to jump, play, holler, walk on his hands as much as when he was a little boy. He + Carl drive together when they can.

Sunday Oct. 2nd, 1898

Warm and dry. We all went to Sabbath School and church as usual.

I had an extra meeting at 3.30 PM at Bigelow, the Bi-Monthly Association met for the first time since June I think.

Were glad to have Will with us at church and missed Elizabeth as all were present excepting her.

Monday Oct. 3rd, 1898

Warm and pleasant, but for the dust. Will was hoping for rain before night as he had to leave for Cleveland on the 4.42 N.W. train. Only a few sprinkles fell before he left. He was home just one week and it seems a very short time.

I was at home all day, did not want to begin any new work until after Will was gone. Went to see Bessie after supper, she is still in bed.

Tuesday Oct. 4th, 1898

Weather pleasant with signs of rain which were fulfilled. Jas went fishing with Mr. Prescott after dinner. I was busy with May's black skirt, cutting it over and lengthening it. At 3.30 I went to a Kindergarten meeting at the Reading Rooms. After supper I went to a called meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Auxiliary at Mrs. Kline's. Voted to send \$15.00 to State Sec'y Kling for work in Porto (Puerto) Rico. Have heard nothing from William Peebles since written Aug 20th. It is reported again that the 4th O.V.I. are to be sent home on furlough.

Sister had letter from Elizabeth. I wrote her a long letter.

Wednesday Oct. 5th, 1898

Close and warm. Rained in the night. No dust today. Elizabeth Peebles went to Cin to stay a couple of weeks with her father + mother, Lillie Fuller having to fill another engagement. Sewed on May's black skirt most of the day. Dr. Mary C. was here to say she had telegraphed Miss Layman of Cin to come at once to take charge of the Kindergarten. Carl took me driving before supper. All went to prayer meeting as usual. Wrote to Mrs. Mrs. Wilson + Anna Holson.

Thursday Oct. 6th, 1898

Weather pleasant. Busy all forenoon at home. Just after dinner Dr. Mary Cotton brought Miss Layman, the new Kindergarten teacher to our house to wait for the house of the Mothers' Meeting. She + the doctor had to remain at her office until 2.30 then she returned and I went with them to the Kindergarten Room and met the mother. We are much pleased with Miss Layman and hope the work will progress favorable in her hands. She is to remain with us tonight, or until we find a suitable quarters for her.

Friday Oct. 7th, 1898

Rained nearly all day. Miss Layman went to look over the Kindergarten supplies and I went to look for a room for her for lodging she will take her means at Mrs. Pratt's. She decided this morning to go to Mrs. McLuttyre's near Mrs. Pratt's.

The Kindergarten Advisory Board met here this afternoon and were introduced to Miss Layman.

Saturday Oct. 8th, 1898

Bright and pleasant after the rain of yesterday. Father is not well was in bed today and I went to see him before dinner.

Had a busy, with usual work until time for preparatory lecture at 3PM after which I came home and got supper. Cousin Mattie Ward was her to supper and for a kind of farewell visit, as she leaves for Cal. After she returned to Mr. Peebles' I went to see Miss Layman, at Mrs. McLuttyre's, on 4th st. to inquire how she got along with her work today. Learned that the two Misses Tuttle will be Monday at Kindergarten.

Sunday Oct. 9th, 1898

Indications of rain, but none. All went to S.S. as usual. Communion Service in the morning, Miss Sullivan, Dr. Garnet, Mrs. Atkins; Prof. and Mrs. Van Time joined our church, all but the first coming by letter from other places. Usual service in the evening.

Monday Oct. 10th, 1898

Pleasant day, indications of rain tonight. Margaret Peebles was here most of the day. Says John has been given his discharge from the U.S.S. Hospital serve and was in town today. I sewed on May's black skirt and finished it all but the braid. Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Druis, Mrs. Alaina Jenkins, Miss Layman and Julia Tappan were here, the latter is to stay all night. Girls have gone to E.E. meeting. May + I each had letters from Elizabeth. Went to see Mrs. Kline this A.M. and to say goodbye to Mr. + Mrs. Filler who leave this week for Columbus. Entire change of M. + E. pastors + presiding elder this year. All new men here expect Rev. Dillon who was here before.

Tuesday Oct. 11th, 1898

Cloudy in the morning, rain set in about 10 o'clock and continued until evening. Jas. took Mary + Margaret Peebles to Henley in a light buggy with Maud. I was busy at home all day until after four o'clock when I dressed to go to Mrs. Dennis' to tea and stopped on my way to call upon Olla Lawman who came today, and to say good-bye to Mattie Ward who leaves here tomorrow. Mother, Helen, Mr. + Mrs. Titus + I were the guests at Mrs. Dennis'. Sorry Jas missed it but, he had promised to go to H.

Wednesday Oct. 12th, 1898

Cooler and fair. Sewed most of the day and finished May's black shirt.

Was home all day until I went to prayer meeting. Dr. Tappan is gone to speak at Lima.

Had fire in the sitting room all day.

Thursday Oct. 13th, 1898

Fair but cool.

Was busy at home all the forenoon. After dinner Helen went with me to W.C.T.U. Meeting after which we walked up to see Bessie Titus who is still sick in bed, as she has been for four weeks.

Friday Oct. 14th, 1898

Cloudy and cold, seems like snow. Was busy at home nearly all day, yes, all day. Sent letters to Will.

Went to Miss Treuthart's to C.L.C.S. meeting, Miss Nellie Jackson was the only other person who went. Shall have another meeting to arrange + Being work for the winter.

The book came and I began one this evening. Mrs. Patterson and her daughter called this afternoon.

Saturday Oct. 15th, 1898

Bright, cool and pleasant, though somewhat windy. Have been very busy at home all day with house work. Finished the flannel skirt waist for Elizabeth but did not get it started to her. Margaret had a good letter from her this morning. Carl took me for a little drive just before supper. The Misses Tuttle called while I was out.

Sunday Oct. 16th, 1898

Pleasant. All went to Sunday school and church as usual. Nothing unusual about the day. Helen was here awhile in the afternoon.

Stayed to supper.

Monday Oct. 17th, 1898

Pleasant until late in the afternoon when it began to rain. Was busy at home until time to go to Relief Corps meeting. Stopped at Mrs. Cotton's a few minutes.

Letters from Elizabeth. She writes often and gets letters every day from some of us.

Tuesday Oct. 18th, 1898

Pleasant. Was home all day sewing when not otherwise engaged with housework.

Am trying to sew some for Elizabeth.

Grace Bowen of Kirkwood died suddenly this evening at her home.

Wednesday Oct. 19th, 1898

Weather pleasant for the season. have been busy sewing on E.'s gowns which are not finished. We hear from her almost every day good long cheerful letters.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening as usual. Letter from Will.

Richard Peebles came up from Cin, first time he has been in town for months, having been in Cin sick since July 2nd.

Thursday Oct. 20th, 1898

Pleasant. Was busy as usual all day. Worked hard to get Elizabeth's things ready to send on afternoon train. Sent her two outing flannel gowns, a flannel skirt waist, a ribbon, bedroom slippers, laundry bag and jar of quince preserves. Went to Kindergarten Board meeting at All Saints Chapel, then to call upon Mr. + Mrs. Hargett the new Bigelow pastor + wife. Maggie Peebles called here just after I had gone over home to see Father so I had to come home without seeing. Wrote to Will + Elizabeth. Had letter from Jennie Greene. Richard was knocked down by a horse this forenoon and bleed considerable. Went back to Cin.

Friday Oct. 21st, 1898

A rainy, stormy day. We expected Maggie Peebles to come to tea and be present at the C.L.S.C. meeting but I feared the rain would keep her home. She came however, from the Literary Club at All Saints Chapel and we had a small but pleasant Circle meeting. Mrs. Denver, Misses Treuthart, Miss Nettie Jackson, Miss Peebles + I being the only member present. I was promoted from Vice Pres. to President on having lost over Pres. Rev. Mr. Fuller.

Saturday Oct. 22nd, 1898

An unusual day, rainstorm and sunshine quickly exceeding each other cool and unpleasant. Was busy at home until late in the afternoon when I went to see my neighbor Mrs. Schwab just returned from the hospital. Went to see Father a few minutes who is still in his room, then came home to get supper. Mary was up to spend the afternoon and take tea with Margaret at her Grandfather's. John Peebles was here a moment then left for Cin. again.

Carl had letter from Elizabeth. May received a Cornell hat pin from Will, a delayed birthday present.

Sunday Oct. 23rd, 1898

Weather pleasant, but a little cool. All went to Sunday School and the usual church services. Went to see Father just before tea. Helen came here to supper and went to Young People's meeting with the girls.

Monday Oct. 24th, 1898

Weather pleasant.

Was home all day, and busy as usual.

Wrote to Will.

Cherry tree had a few blossoms on it again this year, and Father is sick again just as he was this time last year. Elizabeth has been spending a couple of day with the friends at Madisonville and Madeira and was to be back at her work this morning. I know she had a pleasant visit.

Tuesday Oct. 25th, 1898

Fair and mild.

Our heating stoves were brought home and set up this afternoon but no fires were started today. I was busy at home all forenoon then went to Foreign Missionary meeting in the afternoon. Came home and went to see how Father was. Intended going to see Bessie but it was too late.

Wednesday Oct. 26th, 1898

Rainy day. fine for work in the house, only it grew dark very early. Have been sewing on May's brown skirt and helping her with her plaid waist. We went to prayer meeting in the evening, all excepting Margaret who has a cold and had to stay home, and take care of herself.

Started fires in the stoves. We are glad they were put in yesterday before the rain began.

Thursday Oct. 27th, 1898

Clear again and colder. Was home all day, as busy as I could be. Did not have time to write Will or Elizabeth, or go to see Father. In the evening I called for Maggie Peebles, at her request, and we went to the C.L.S.C. at Mrs. Dever's. We had a very pleasant meeting and was especially glad that Maggie was there. We get good letters from Elizabeth nearly every day, + today I had an extra one from Will.

Friday Oct. 28th, 1898

Fair but cool. Have been at home all day, very busy. The girls were busy getting things ready for a Junior C.E. entertainment at the church. After supper I went and saw the pretty decorations + heard the children's exercises. It was all well done.

Sent letters to Will, Elizabeth, and sister Jennie.

Mrs. Alderson was here.

Heard that Elbert Patterson of Co. H. died in Porto (Puerto) Rico and his father arrived there just a few hours after his death. His remains, and those of Dan Dodge, who died some weeks ago will be here tomorrow for burial.

Mrs. S.R. Ross died this A.M.

Saturday Oct. 29th, 1898

Beautiful day, not so cold as yesterday. Was busy at home all forenoon. After dinner I went to see Father who is still in his room. Then took Mother to the Foundry Office on an errand after which I drove uptown. Took some magazines to Mrs. Alderson, went to see Bessie Titus, called to ask after Capt. Evans who has a broken shoulder, called to see Mrs. Sappington at Mrs. Duduit's but she was out of town. News came today that Henry Morrison, the third member of Co. H. to die, had died + been buried at sea. His Mother was expecting him home in a few days.

Sunday Oct. 30th, 1898

All went to S.S. + church as usual this morning. Attended the double funeral of Dan Dodge + Elbert Patterson of Co. H. held at Bigelow this afternoon. Dr. Alderson spoke for Elbert and Dr. Tappan spoke for Dan. Church was crowded, all standing room being taken, or nearly all. People began going at 12 o'clock and we did not leave until about 4 P.M. I did not go to cemetery. Mrs. S.R. Ross and Mr. Frank Barr were buried, also this afternoon. We went to church at night. Dr. T. began a series of sermons upon Presbyterian doctrine.

Monday Oct. 31st, 1898

Foggy and no rain. Was very busy all day and sat up until 11 P.M. writing on my Convention report which was not finished then. We are trying to sew some and make slow progress when there is so much else to be done. Carl and May went to C.E. meeting at Mr. Morgan's.

Tuesday Nov. 1st, 1898

Weather pleasant. Have been at home most of the day. Dr. Mary Cotton called + took me out to Mrs. Prichard's in the afternoon to meet the Com. and arrange for the Kindergarten work. From there I went to see Mrs. Geo Newman who was not at home but I saw her later at All Saints' Church. Called to see Anna Ross and found her better. She was ill when her mother took sick and died.

Letter from Elizabeth. Wrote to Will and also to William Peebles, sent the letter to Str. Chester hoping he will get it when the Steamer lands in N.Y. the last of this week. Olla was here.

Wednesday Nov. 2nd, 1898

Weather fair and pleasant. Send report to Gallipolis W.P.C. Convention and wrote letters to Mrs. Vanden, Mrs. Hobson and Elizabeth. Sewed on May's brown dress. In the afternoon she + I went to Anderson's and got some silk for it. She + sister then went driving and I went to see Father. No letter from Will or Elizabeth. Home Mission Society had a fine meeting this evening which took place of regular prayer-meeting. Helen Moore left this morning on the Virginia for Pittsburgh.

Thursday Nov. 3rd, 1898

Weather rather cool and I am, taking cold. Our anniversary was the quietest we have ever had. Carl got a team and drove to Ironton this morning taking May + Lucy + Edith Moore. Sister was the only one of the children at home with us. In the evening we three were invited over home to tea with Mother, Mary + John. Father still is confined to his room.

Wrote to Will as usual and had a letter after mine was gave. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting in the afternoon then called to inquire about Prof. Loes but did not get it.

Friday Nov. 4th, 1898

Beautiful weather, warm and pleasant. Was busy all day, as no one was here to help me. After dinner I rode up to see Miss Bell, Mrs. Johnson, Maggie + Mary P. on Corps business, then to the telegraph office to send a message to Mrs. Hickman not to come to inspect Corps. Co. H. landed in N.Y. this morning and is expected home. Went to Mrs. Helferestein's to spend the latter part of the afternoon with Mrs. Tappan, Mrs. Gharky, Mrs. Iams, Mrs. Lute, Mrs. Purcell, Thyrsa + Mrs. H had a pleasant time. Mother was invited but did not go. Carl + May returned.

Saturday Nov. 5th, 1898

Rainy. Had an unusually busy day. Margaret, May + I all cleaned house all forenoon. In the afternoon Sister Mary had a silk quilting party to help her tack her new silk quilt in our parlor. Olla Lawman, Julia Tappan, Lena + Mary Bannon were the guests. After the quilt was out of the frames, she served chocolate, cake + grapes.

Sunday Nov. 6th, 1898

A fine day. All went to Sunday School and church as usual and spent the day in the usual way. Read and studied some in the afternoon and went to church again in the afternoon. Carl's friend Mr. Miller was here a little while in the afternoon.

Monday Nov. 7th, 1898

Weather fine, but rather cool in the shade. A great day to Ports. Few people attempted to do anything but wait on the streets for the N+W train to come in and bring Co. H at eleven o'clock. It was after twelve when the Co. finally reached here and marched down street preceded by a long procession of societies, city officials, G.A.R. men, ministers + citizens. It was a glad time for everyone, even some whose boys did not live to come with the Co. were out to see them return. Sister May, Mother, Margaret + I were together on 2nd St. and then all but mother went to the Armory to meet William Peebles as he came out. He took Dinner at Mr. Peebles + then came down here.

Tuesday Nov. 8th, 1898

Weather, mild and pleasant. Was busy at home all day, helping May with her dress. Wrote some letters one to Mrs. DeMar, one to Mr. Barnett of Springfield, on S.S> Work and one to Elizabeth.

Election day. Wrote on Sunday School work in the evening. Was here alone as Sister had gone to bed, Carl + May were out and Jas was busy with his election work.

Wednesday Nov. 9th, 1898

Rainy nearly all day, having began before noon. Was busy at home before dinner. At 1.30 P.M. went out to help decorate for Co. H. banquet at Seel's being on the Com. for W.R.C. Being short of help Mrs. Newman told each lady to bring one assistant to help wait on the table so I took May. It was a happy occasion + the mothers whose boys are home are very happy. Went to prayer meeting, + then, in the rain attended the reception given the boys of Co. H. at Dice's Hall. Grand crowd + pleasant time. Met quite a good many of the boys. Ladies assisting Mrs. Newman at banquet were Mrs. Johnson, Miss Bell + myself from W.R.C. Mrs. McKearn + Bertha Reed for her mother from Army + Navy League, Charl. Newman + Grace Colton from D.A.R.

Thursday Nov. 10th, 1898

Rained all last night + this forenoon. Turned windy and colder in the afternoon. Alex and Mary Ricker were here to dinner. Carl and Mr. Miller went to Alex's after dinner on a hunt. After dinner I spend the afternoon + took tea at Mother's with Mrs. Emanuel Miller, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. J.E. Miller, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Tappan + Mrs. Durius. Has a very pleasant afternoon. Came home read Chautauqua reading, wrote up my book + made up my cash account.

Heard that Forrest Briggs died last night in Hospital at New York. The fifth member of Co. H. who has died. One member from Columbus Kurt Sparks being the second, I think.

Friday Nov. 11th, 1898

Beautiful day, a typical fall day and fine day for Carl's excursions to the country. Was at home all forenoon. After dinner Macy and I walked up to Mrs. Lowery's on 9th and she bought some beautiful chrysanthemums, half a doz. of the white one which she gave me, and two lemon colored ones she took to Mrs. Haldeman where we called. We intended going to see Bessie Titus but saw her on the street.

Went to C.L.S.C. at Miss Jackson's. No letter from Elizabeth. Wrote her and Will. Carl returned.

Saturday Nov. 12th, 1898

Fine day. Was at home all day except when I went to do an errand in the morning. No letter from Elizabeth.

Did a little of everything today, including mending and sewing. Carl's friend Mr. Miller was here to tea. William Peebles called after tea and talked while about the army experience, mainly answering questions. Rec'd Louise Greene's wedding cards and wrote her in reply.

Sunday Nov. 13th, 1898

Cloudy with light rain. All went to S.S. and the usual church services.

In the afternoon the funeral of Forest Briggs was held at Sixth St. Church, Co. H. being in attendance. I did not go because I think all the men and boys should have the room at such times. In the evening Dr. Tappan held a Thanksgiving service for the return of the Co. remember those who came not as they went.

Monday Nov. 14th, 1898

Cloudy with some rain. Was busy all day. Wrote to Will and Sister Lizzie, and Elizabeth Ricker in the forenoon. Did some housework and a little sewing on May's brown waist.

Went to the Mrs. Mooreland's to see about Elizabeth's winter hat. It seems very good to have Ruth at her post in the kitchen again.

May went to the Musical this evening on Margaret's ticket.

Tuesday Nov. 15th, 1898

Pleasant day. Was busy all forenoon scraping the old paint off the window frames in May's room preparing to giving them a fresh coat. In the afternoon was over home a little while. Father was out. Mrs. Miller + Mrs. Spry called, also Rev. Mr. Koch on Sunday School business and a soldier, Thos. Moore on Y.M.C.A. business. Mother + I went to spend the rest of the afternoon with Mrs. J.E. Miller and her guests, Mrs. Emanuel Miller, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Tappan, + Miss Emma Bell. Had a pleasant time after which I attended the Magazine Club Meeting at Mrs. Colton's, the rest of the family had gone first to the Kindergarten supper.

Wednesday Nov. 16th, 1898

Mild with indications of rain which were fulfilled late in the afternoon. Sewed some on Elizabeth's black mohain skirt. Wrote a number of notes, and a letter of condolence to Mrs. Potter whose son died this week.

Had letters from Will, Sister Lizzie and Mrs. Attrey. Did several errands then went to Miss Emma Bell's to tea, the other guests being Mrs. Emanuel Miller, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. John E. Miller, Mrs. Dr. Cotton, and Dell Ramsey.

Went to prayer-meeting afterwards.

Thursday Nov. 17th, 1898

Weather mild with signs of rain. Sewed in the forenoon. Was home until 4.30 when I attended the regular Kindergarten Executive Board meeting at Dr. Cotton's. Janie Stewart made me a nice long call in the afternoon.

In the evening Margaret + I attended the informal lecture by Prof. Sparks before the Daughters of the Revolution. Mrs. Cotton, the President had invited us. Lecture, or talk was very interesting. Wrote to Will.

Quite a fire on Market St. last night, when several buildings were burned. Dice's livery + Fricks' Mill being the most important ones.

Friday Nov. 18th, 1898

Pleasant, though some signs of rain. Was out all the forenoon doing errands. Went to see Rev. Mr. Hargett on S.S. work. Mrs. Kline + Maggie Lloyd on Auxilliary work, Mrs. Mooreland about Elizabeth's hat. Kate Newman about the Kindergarten entertainment. Dora Hard on W.R.C. work. Bessie Titus a sick call, and Gertrude Henderson about Kindergarten work.

William Peebles was here to dinner. Wrote to Bartie.

Saturday Nov. 19th, 1898

Rather cold.

Busy day, as in fact the days all are. Have been writing notes to Sunday School Supt. about the Bi-monthly meeting + coming Convention, and sending notices to Relief Corps members trying to get out a good meeting for Monday. The Kindergarten Entertainment fortunately does not call for much of my attention aside from going, but Margaret is very busy helping the children in the 'living flag', about two hundred of them required to form it.

Sunday Nov. 20th, 1898

Pleasant for the season. Went to Sabbath School and the usual church services. Was over home in the afternoon. Nothing out of ordinary routine occurred.

Monday Nov. 21st, 1898

Mild, indications of rain. Spent the afternoon at Corps. Meeting, the inspector Mrs. Bratt of Gallipolis was here and came home to spend the night here with me. We received two new members today, Mrs. Lowery and Mrs. Anderson. We all went to the Kindergarten entertainment in the evening, except Mrs. Bratt who was very tired and wished to go to bed. The Co. H. Camp life was very entertaining and the program was all good.

Wrote to Will.

Tuesday Nov. 22nd, 1898

Weather damp and cold. Louise Green was married this evening at her home in Norwood to Mr. Jones of Gallipolis. Mrs. Bratt left on the morning for her home in Gallipolis, it was raining when she left the house.

Mr. Kirtland papered May's room this forenoon and she spent the afternoon getting it cleaned up + putting down the matting, the furniture in place, and so on. The paper is pale blue, very pretty.

Went to K.G. entertainment again.

Wednesday Nov. 23rd, 1898

Not very pleasant, rather cold and windy.

Elizabeth came home from Cin on the 2.55 train, May + Lucy going over to meet her, with J.W. We were pleased to see her so well. Have been busy visiting all afternoon. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

May spend the forenoon putting the finishing touches on her room and it is greatly improved and very pretty.

Thursday Nov. 24th, 1898

Quite cold and clear. We all went to Thanksgiving service at the Second Pres. church, excepting Mr. Smith who went to Bigelow. Had a good dinner which we enjoyed, but regretted that Will could not have been with us. The girls went, their father + I drove to church. Carl walked. After tea Jas. + I called at Dr. Kline's then Mr. Peebles, lastly at Ed. Reed's. Came home and found Uncle Enos + his wife, Bessie + Arthur here. Julia Prichard spent part of the morning with Elizabeth.

Friday Nov. 25th, 1898

Quite cold. Margaret had her Junior Endeavors here for a Scrap-book social, somewhere between thirty and forty of them and they had a fine time. I was house-cleaning upstairs and saw little of them. The radiator has been put in the room over the kitchen and the room can now be occupied, in cold weather with more comfort than here to fore.

Wrote to Will.

The three girls, Julia Prichard, Dr. Mary Cotton + Miss Annette took tea over home.

Saturday Nov. 26th, 1898

First Snow.

Cold. Elizabeth wanted to go see Mrs. Haldeman but it was too cold to drive with comfort and too far to walk on such a day. Mother talks of going to Cin Monday. I have been very busy, all day, trying to put the house in order. May + I have swept and dusted industriously. Margaret had errand to do and Elizabeth did a few errands and went to see Mrs. Taylor.

Sunday Nov. 27th, 1898

All went to Sunday School this morning, Elizabeth with the rest of us. All went to the usual church services and had a good day. Nothing unusual marked the day, except the pleasure of having Elizabeth at home.

Mr. Cecil Miller was here to dinner and Miss Layman to supper, it being the only chance she could have for seeing Elizabeth who leaves on the early train for Cin. Attended the funeral of Mrs. Trotter at our church this afternoon. Her son brought her remains from Wichita Kan.

Monday Nov. 28th, 1898

Cold and clear.

We arose at 3.30 A.M. this morning and I made coffee for Elizabeth + cocoa for Carl who went across this river to start her on the early C + O Train for Cin. We went to bed again and slept until six then arose for breakfast. Mother left on the C.P.V. at six o'clock for Cin to see about bringing Lizzie Peebles home, thinking she would be better for a change. I was busy until the time to duss for the trip to the train, then went with J.W. in the carriage to meet Laura Loughery Southard. It was quite cold and we were glad to get back to the house. It has been twelve years since she has been here, and then it was to Julia Pratt's funeral. It was been fourteen years since has visited here, and there are many changes for her to see.

Tuesday Nov. 29th, 1898

Rainy. Laura and I spend the morning visiting, Mary Peebles came to call this morning, Maggie being sick with a cold was not able to be out today. Mother came home from Cin on the noon train and reported that Lizzie Peebles was unable to be moved. I went to Foreign Mis meeting in the afternoon and Laura went to see Mrs. Pratt. Mrs. Cotton called while she was out but met her on the street. Mrs. Titus came this A.M. to see me. Laura + I went to see Mrs. Merrill now 94 years old.

Wrote to Will.

Wednesday Nov. 30th, 1898

A little rainy and unpleasant, but it stopped before night. We have been visiting very busily, talking over old times and recalling the past. Mrs. Spry called to see Laura and after tea Clara Kenyon called, then Alice + Sarah Comins came and sat until church time, going to prayer meeting when we did.

We heard from Elizabeth this evening through a letter to Carl. Mrs. A.T. Johnson, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Moore called.

Thursday Dec. 1st, 1898

A pleasant day, which we spent industriously. After dinner we took a drive that Laura might see some of the improvements. Took tea over home, was called back here to see Mr. Nichols after tea, then had calls all evening. Uncle Enos + his wife, Dr. Mrs. Tappan, Mrs. Helfenstein, Thyrza Spry, Davy Jones + Maggie Mason, Gus Damarin, Perkins Pratt + wife, Mrs. Pursell + Tamzin, + Julia Tappan were here in the afternoon, also Mrs. Taylor and Dell Ramsey.

Friday Dec. 2nd, 1898

Beautiful day. After breakfast we sat and talked awhile then Laura went to spend the day with Mrs. Cotton and I remained at home all day sewing on May's dress.

In the evening James went with me to the C.L.S.C. meeting at Mrs. Comins a way up on Third St. We had an unusually good meeting, several guests being present and one new member being added to our member, Miss Dever. Miss Jackson called before tea to say she could not attend this evening.

Saturday Dec. 3rd, 1898

Beautiful, sunny day. Have been at home visiting with Laura. She went out to do an errand in the morning, and just before tea she went to see Mrs. Spry and Mrs. Nichols + her mother Mrs. Merrill. In the afternoon Mrs. Graham, Mrs. J.E. Miller, Mrs. C.G. Young, + Misses Sarah + Maggie Firmstone called. We spent a quiet evening talking over old times, reviving old memories with extracts from my old diaries.

Sunday Dec. 4th, 1898

Cold rain almost drowned out S.S. and morning church. Our family were all out but Laura could not venture in the down pour at church time, as she was not well. Later she went to take dinner at Perkins Pratt's and remained until after tea.

She returned and went to evening service with us and did not hear Dr. T. as a stranger, Rev. Mr. Jackson Cong. preached for us.

Monday Dec. 5th, 1898

Cold + snowy, but fair. Laura went to stay the rest of the week with Maggie Peebles, I wrote to Will + Elizabeth, did some mending then went to see Mrs. Titus and Bessie. Found the latter sick in bed with sore throat. Went to see Laura at Mr. Peebles before tea. Spent the evening at home alone as J.W. went to the Port and the children all went to P.C.C. Minstrels.

Tuesday Dec. 6th, 1898

Cold, windy, + rainy before night. The rest of the day was the reception given by Mr. + Mrs. S.O. Titus for Arthur + Bessie. May + I went early as we were to assist Mrs. Titus. The house was prettily decorated the guests were many and well dressed, the details of the entertainment were well arranged and it was a pleasant occasion. It was eleven o'clock when we all finally reached home, all of our family who are at home being present at the reception. Bessie has been sick with sore throat and was not feeling very able to stand this evening.

Wednesday Dec. 7th, 1898

Cold, and to me, unpleasant. Was busy as usual. Went early to see Mary Peebles about Lizzie, found Laura Southard ready to go and return a few calls alone as Maggie Peebles could not go with her, so I went with her to call upon Thyrza Spry, Mrs. J.E. Miller, Mrs. E.B. Moore, Misses Firmstone, Mrs. McClain. Laura goes home tomorrow + I go to Cin. on the early train.

Went to prayer-meeting.

Thursday Dec. 8th, 1898

Cold, clear and snowy. Arose early and had a cup of coffee before starting for the train, C + O, to go see sister Lizzie at Arandale. Mrs. Taylor and Emma Drouillard went down on the train. Reached Cin about 11 A.M. + Glen House, where I waited for Elizabeth to come from Kindergarten. She was not expecting me. It was her free afternoon so we went to Arandale and found sister Lizzie weak but cheerful. Went to see the doctor when I went down town but he was out. Stayed with Elizabeth and met her roommates. Miss Rose + Miss Lendreword

Friday Dec. 9th, 1898

Cold, clear and snowy out on the hills. Down in the city the snow has about worn off and streets are dry and dusty. I spent the entire day in Arandale with Lizzie, Margaret, Jno + William were there part of the time, they were to returned to Henley in the evening. I had lunch at #780, there Elizabeth came out and we went down town together, calling to see Mrs. Silcox on our way to Glen Home. Accepted our invitation to supper with Mrs. S. and Janette.

Saturday Dec. 10th, 1898

Bright and cold. I went early to Arandale and spent the forenoon with Lizzie. Miss Fuller had gone during the night, was called away to fill a previous engagement and a new nurse, Mrs. Barnes came to take her place, arriving just as I was ready to leave, waited until last moment for her then had to hurry to catch my train, the 2.50 P.M. C+O. Went to Glen House and Elizabeth went with me to the depot. Emma Drouillard + I came home together. Train full of people. Found all well at home.

Sunday Dec. 11th, 1898

All went to S.S. and the usual church services. There was snow this morning, on the frozen ground.

Monday Dec. 12th, 1898

Cold, and snowy.

Wrote letters to Will, Elizabeth, Lizzie Peebles and Miss Wright.

Was busy at home all the forenoon and in attendance Scioto Co. S.S. Convention all afternoon and evening.

Mr. Lawrence was here and both sessions were interesting.

We had no delegate to stay at night but entertained Rev. Mr. Robler at meals.

Tuesday Dec. 13th, 1898

Cold and clear. Light snow fell on the frozen snow in the morning. Thawed a little, later. Attending the county S.S. Con was the business of the day. Mr. Marion Lawrence was with us until nearly noon when he went to Ironton.

Short letter from Mrs. Barnes who reports Lizzie not so strong and still suffering with her right arm.

Wrote to Lizzie.

May was elected a member of the Closer Club this evening.

Wednesday Dec. 14th, 1898

Cold and frosty. Trees look pretty loaded with frost.

Have been sewing. May cut out a black waist for Elizabeth, to be made up with a red silk poplin front. Went to prayer meeting and remained to S.S. Teachers meeting. Held election of officers and re-elected all the old officers.

Wrote no letters today.

Thursday Dec. 15th, 1898

Cold + clear. Thermometer about 7° this morning. Thawed a little in the sun.

Was busy sewing on Elizabeth's waist which May + I have been making. Was down street in the morning on an errand and again in the afternoon to attend a Kindergarten Association meeting at Dr. Mary Cotton's.

Wrote to Will. Had a letter from Eleanor Wright and one from Laura Southard. She sent Margaret some pretty linings for her busear drawers.

Friday Dec. 16th, 1898

Not quite so cold, thawing a little in the sun. Wrote four letters, no three, Will, Elizabeth, + Eleanor Wright.

Sewed on Elizabeth's waists. Was up to see Maggie + Mary Peebles this afternoon before tea.

Went to C.L.S.C. meeting at Miss Treuthart's in the evening. Not many present but had a good meeting.

Had a note from Mrs. Barnes, not very encouraging, she says that Lizzie is not so strong.

Saturday Dec. 17th, 1898

Much milder. Rained last night and the ice and snow has been melting rapidly today. I wrote to Dr. Brenton and Mrs. Barnes in regard to Lizzie. Finished Elizabeth's waists or one of them, the other must be tried on before finishing. Went to see Maggie Peebles, she called upon Mrs. Heer, Mrs. S.C. Titus and Bessie Titus, the last named was not at home.

Sunday Dec. 18th, 1898

Mild and muddy.

We all went to Sunday School and church as usual.

Spent the day as we usually do, I went over home in the afternoon to see Father, Mother and Macy.

Went to church in the evening.

Monday Dec. 19th, 1898

Weather cooler. Wrote to Will and also to Lizzie Peebles saying I would be down to see her soon. Had a letter from Dr. Bruntore advising that either Mother or I go down. He has advised a change of physicians and Dr. Walton is now change of her case.

I attended the W.R.C. meeting this afternoon.

Tuesday Dec. 20th, 1898

Very muddy and disagreeable. Have been occupied most of the day in talking with the families about Lizzie and what I should do. Mr. Peebles has been very anxious that I should go and stay with her awhile.

Had a letter from Will today saying he would be here tomorrow for a short visit and hoped to find Elizabeth here, but he will not as she cannot come until Saturday. He is on his way to Philadelphia. John Peebles was here to see if I was going to Cin.

Cin. O.

Wednesday Dec. 21st, 1898

Bright and cool, muddy. Will came on the N+W train at 10.55 A.M. We went to the train to meet him. Had dinner, then learning that he must go on to Phila. at 2.08 via C+O, I got ready to go to Cin on the west bound train, as they pass at S. Ports. Went to see the Peebles family as Mr. P. was so anxious I should go. M.J.C. came down afterwards + was here when I left, as was also Mrs. Silcox + Janette. Jas. + Carl went across the river with Will + me. Carl + I weighed 139 ½ tried the scales while waiting. Went to Glenn House + E. + I went to Arandale to call, then returned to Glenn House. Had a present of bowl + glasses for lemonade.

Thursday Dec. 22nd, 1898

Cloudy with a little rain. Went to Arandale after doing some errands and spent the day with Lizzie P. Had a talk with Dr. Walton about her. Wrote to mother, Maggie Peebles + Margaret L. Peebles. Returned to Glenn House in the evening and spend the night with Elizabeth. Miss Rose has not returned from her vacation so E + I had plenty of room.

Lizzie Peebles has been very very ill, but since the change of treatment from allopathy to homeopathy she seems to be improving. Richard is not doing very well. His eyes trouble him.

Cin. O.

Friday Dec. 23rd, 1898

Clear and pleasant. Did errands before going out to Arandale. Found Mrs. Barnes the nurse ready to leave at noon so I will remain while and do the best I can in her place. Wrote to Will, Jas and Mary Peebles. Went to Glenn House and saw Elizabeth a few minutes before returning to Arandale for the night. The boarding house is very nice and Mrs. Smith the landlady is very pleasant and accommodating.

Saturday Dec. 24th, 1898

Beautiful weather, cold, clear and bright. After getting Lizzie in order for the day I went down town to do more errands and see Elizabeth + Jennie Fuller start for Portsmouth for the holidays. I did the X'mas shopping for L. and sent the package to Henley. Mr. Treneer told me of a package at the Arandale Station so I went after it and Lizzie enjoyed her presents very much. Mrs. Hunt + Harry called but she could not see them. They left beautiful chrysanthemums for her. Miss Horstman gave her a handsome fern. I wrote letters to sister Jennie, the home folks, the Peebles children. Had letters from Jas. Sara Crates Mrs. Hickeman + Mr. Smith.

Cin. O.

Sunday Dec. 25th, 1898

Bright, cold + Christmas-like, in the morning but gray and snowy in the afternoon. Lizzie seems improving and Dr. said he would not return before Tuesday, unless sent for. Was in the house all day. Lizzie had another remembrance or two and seemed to enjoy the day. William was here to see her.

Uncle Sam called in the evening. Richard not so well. Neuralgia severe. He hasn't been out of the house since before I came. Wrote to Carl to let the families know how sick they are.

I miss home and family. Do not remember spending Christmas away from home before since I was a child. Elizabeth's home but Will and I are away and not together.

Monday Dec. 26th, 1898

Cold and gray, light snow. Much wind. L. improves slowly but steadily. Richard no better. Have spent the day nursing the sick and writing letters. Wrote to Will, the home folks, Cara Crates + Kate Phillipi. William Peebles went home. Had a letter from each member of the family as a Christmas remembrance and it was a very pleasant one.

Tuesday Dec. 27th, 1898

Cold and windy. Busy with the patients all morning then went down street in the afternoon to do some errands. Had to go for a second time to take some things to the Court St. station to send home.

John Peebles was here and went home on the evening train. Lizzie improves steadily but Richard seems no better. Wrote to Mrs. Beed of Hampton Iowa, also to Mrs. Hickman of Nelsonville besides the home letters.

Wednesday Dec. 28th, 1898

Cold and clear, windy and dusty. Lizzie had a tolerable, good night. Richard not so good. Dr. will not come tomorrow. Letters from Jas. and Will, five dollars from the former. Will is just recently settled at Philadelphia to do some work for the Bram Hoist Co.

Was down street to do some errands + went through Eden park + down Mr. Adams incline. Wrote home as usual.

Thursday Dec. 29th, 1898

Windy and warmer. Busy with the sick all forenoon. Wrote letters to Will, Jas, Margaret L. Peebles and Helen Moore.

Went down street after medicine. Had letters from Margaret + Carl.

Friday Dec. 30th, 1898

Rained all day, warm and windy. Went to Post Office to mail letter for Richard. Dr. Walton was here but will not come again before Sunday. Wrote to Macy Peebles and Jas. Had letters from sister Macy and Jas enclosing one from Will. Lizzie Peebles had one from Will written from Phila.

Saturday Dec. 31st, 1898

Very cold again with wind and snow. Both patients had a very good night. Both eat well + rest well but neither of them sit up much, Lizzie only in bed for a very little while. I wrote to Margaret Peebles and Margaret Ricker. Brought a most beautiful Bride rose for Lizzie today.

The boarders now in the house are very pleasant Mr. + Mrs. Grove Penny + Mr. + Mrs. Archer.

Those not so pleasant left recently.

Saturday Dec. 31st, 1898 Con't (On different page)

The record of this year is closed and we have much for which to be thankful. Margaret had several months of severe trouble with her eyes but has recovered sufficiently to go on with her work. Will is doing well with the same firm for which he has worked since July 1896. Carl is doing well where he has been for several years, The Ports. Nat'l Bank. Elizabeth is enjoying her course of preparation for Kindergarten work, now in Cincinnati and Macy is making herself useful at home, is developing into a great helper for me.

All in all we have great cause for gratitude to the Heavenly Father who guides and keeps us all our ways.

Tables Guests 1898

Jan. 1 st	H.P. Smith	Adams' Mills, Ohio
" "	Bessie Martin	Henley, "
" 3 rd	Florence Crossley	Ironton, "
Jan. 2 nd	Arthur F. Titus	Portsmouth, "
" 4 th to 8 th	Maggie O'Connor	" "
" 5 th	Mattie M. Wood	Huntington, W. Va.
" 6 th	Julia M. Tappan	Portsmouth, O.
" 9 th	Arthur F. Titus	" "
" 10 th	Mattie Mary Wood	Huntington, W. Va.
" " to 15 th	Maggie O'Connor	Portsmouth, O.
" 15 th	William Peebles, 3 times	Henley, "
" 17 th	E.B. Greene Sr., 2 times	Zanesville, "
" 20 th	Alex Ricker, 1	"
" 25 th	Jennie Ferguson Adams, 3	Huntington, W. Va.
" 25 th	Edythe M. Moore, 1	Portsmouth, Ohio
" 26 th	Margaret Peebles, 2	Henley, Ohio
" 26 th	Florence Crossley, 4	Ironton, Ohio
" 26 th	Elizabeth S. Peebles, 2	Henley, Ohio
" 25 th	Wm. (William) Peebles, 2	" "
" 27 th	Julia Prichard, 1	Portsmouth.
" "	Alex Ricker, 1	
Feb. 2 nd	Elizabeth F. Peebles	Henley, Ohio
" 13 th	Wm. (William) Peebles, 2	
" 15 th + 16 th	Julia Prichard, 3	Portsmouth,
" 16 th	Mary Norton, 2	Riverside, California
" 17 th	Alex Ricker, 1	
" 16 th	Julia Tappan, 1	
" 21 st	Arthur F. Titus, 1	
March 3 rd	Alex + Mary Ricker	
" 7 th	Edith M. Moore, 1	
" "	Mrs. Chas. Huntington, 1	Hamilton, Ohio
" "	Miss Ruth Huntington, 1	" "
" "	Arthur Titus, 1	Portsmouth.
" 14 th	Wm. Peebles, 1	Henley, O.
" 21 st	" ", 1	" "
" "	Florence Crossley	" "
" 24 th	Alex Ricker	
"	Mary Ricker	
April		
" 23 to 25 th	Florence Crossley	Henley, O.

" 25 th	William Peebles	Henley, O.
" 27 th to 29 th	Hattie Crossley	Ironton, O.
" 30 th	Hattie Crossley	" "
" "	Julia Boynton	Haverhill, O.
May 7 th	Miss Gertrude LaCroix, 2	Ashland.
" 12 th	Mrs. Winters	Ironton
" "	Miss Hart	"
" 13 th	Mrs. Winters	"
" "	Miss Lydia Hart	"
" 23 rd	Miss Gertrude LaCroix	Haverhill
" 25 th	Julia Prichard	
" 17 th	Miss Emma Bell	
" 28 th	Miss Huntington	
" "	Julia Prichard	
" 26 th	John G. Peebles Jr.	
" 27 th	Bessie Pixley	
June 2 nd	Mary Ricker	
" "	Elizabeth Ricker, Ironton	Ironton
" "	Mr. O.E. Davis	Rarden
" "	John G. Peebles Jr.	Henley
" 19 th	Arthur Titus	
" 18 th	Grace Hall	
" 21 st	E.B. Greene + Willard	
" 22 nd	H.P. Smith, A week	
" 25 th	Lucy Hall	
" 26 th	Gertrude LaCroix	Haverhill
July 15 th + 16 th	Bessie Martin	
" 22 nd + 23 rd	Elizabeth Peebles	
Julia 26 th to 30 th	Charles + Nelson Ricker	Kirkwood
July 29 th	Mr. C.B. Taylor	Portsmouth
Aug 15 th	Carrie B. Humphrys	Columbus, O.
" 25 th	Miss Weber	" "
" "	Miss Ranchous	Sciotoville, O.
" "	Julia Tappan	Portsmouth.
" 27 th	Sister Virginia Greene	Zanesville, O.
Sept.		
" 15 th	Alex Ricker	
" 17 th	Helen Ricker	Ironton, O.
" "	Carl Moulton	" "
" 30 th	Mattie M. Word	Huntington, W. Va.
Oct. 6 + 7 th	Miss Elizabeth Layman	Walnut Hills, Cin. Ohio
" 8 th	Mattie Word	

Oct. 21 st	Margaret J. Peebles	Portsmouth
" "	Margaret L. Peebles	Henley
Oct. 16 th	Helen R. Moore	
" 25 th	" "	
" 28 th	" "	
Nov. 11 th	Alex + Mary Ricker	
" 12 th	Mr. C.S. Miller	
" 18 th	William Peebles	
" 27 th	Mr. Cecil Miller (Dinner)	Portsmouth
" "	Miss Layman (Supper)	Cincinnati
" 28 th to Dec. 5 th	Mrs. F.L. Southard	Zanesville
Nov.	H.P. Smith	

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Guests remaining over night.

Jan. 1 st	H.P. Smith here	4 nights
" 1	Bessie Martin	3 "
" 4	John G. Peebles Jr.	1 "
" "	Barton Greene	Returned from Z.
" 7	Julia Tappan	1 "
" 15	William Peebles	1
" 25 th	Jennie F. Adams	1
" "	Elizabeth S. Peebles	1
" "	Margaret L. Peebles	1
" "	William Peebles	1
" to 26 th	Florence Crossley	2
Feb. 13	Wm. Peebles	1
" 15	Julia Prichard	1
" 16	Mary Norton	1
March 6 th	William Peebles	1
" 14	" "	1
" 21	" "	1
" "	Florence Crossley	1
April	William Peebles	
" 23 to 25 th	Florence Crossley	
" 25 th	William Peebles	
" 27 th ,, 29	Hattie Crossley	
May 12 + 13 th		X
"	Mrs. Winter of Ironton	1
"	Miss Hart " "	1
"26	Bessie Pixley	Portsmouth
June 9 to 11 th	Florence Crossley	
" "	Elizabeth + Margaret P.	
" 18 to	Grace F. Hall	Brooklyn
" 22 to 29 th	H. P. Smith	Adams Mills
" 21	E.B. Greene	Zanesville
" " to July 6 th	Willard Greene	"
" 22	Elizabeth Peebles	
Aug. 15	Carrie B. Humphrys	Col., O.
To Sept. 1 st , 1898		
Sept. 26 th to Oct. 3 rd	Will W. Ricker	
Nov. 15	William Peebles	
Nov. 21 st	Mrs. Bratt	Gallipolis

Nov. 22-26	H.P. Smith	
" 28- Dec 5	Mrs. F.L. Southard	