

Thursday Jan. 1st, 1903

Weather dark and raw, with very little sunshine in the forenoon. The girls made no preparations for calls, but Mr. S.R. Ross and Will Moore was here. I had a telegraph from Carl asking if I would talk with him over the phone. Went to office and he told me the baby was not doing well + asked me to go down. I caught the belated C+O train and he met me at the station. Had dinner at the Gibson and then went to the Bethesda Hospital where Agnes and the baby were. A. was doing well aside from fretting about the baby. It is a dear little image of Carl, and he calls her little 'Beth', his pet name for our Elizabeth. It grieves us to see baby not doing well. Miss Hubbard has lost much rest so I shall keep the baby tonight in another room so Agnes can sleep.

Left Virginia Greene with sister + Elizabeth.

Will is in Cleveland, and May is in Nelsonville, at the beginning of the new year. The smallpox is prevailing in Portsmouth + other places.

Friday Jan. 2nd, 1903

Weather rainy and miserable. Sat up the entire night with baby Elizabeth, in my arms most of the time, watching the little light go out. It was very hard, but if she cannot be well and strong it is better so Miss Hubbard slept most of the time last night, Carl being with Agnes in another room.

I spent some today, and Miss H was on duty again.

Saturday Jan. 3rd, 1903

Snowy and dismal. Telephone Carl, Ports. from Cin. that I feared the baby could not last until noon and at 11.30 A.M. she slept her frail life away. It was hard to give her up, even for us, how much harder for Carl + Agnes. Her Mother + aunts came to the Hospital and Carl came as soon as he could. I had made some provisional arrangements which he approved upon arrival, and he + I brought the little body home, reaching Ports about 12.30 midnight. Papa, Ed. S. + Mr. Pritchard met us over the river. The girls were up waiting. Carl stayed here. Was up most of last night.

Sunday Jan. 4th, 1903

Snowy and disagreeable. Arose and arranged for a little funeral service for baby Elizabeth. Telephoned a few relatives and friends who came at 9 A.M. when Mr. Arnold, pastor of 1st Ch. conducted a beautiful little service, part of his scripture section being the account of David's child as given in 2nd Sam. 12::15:23. We all feel disappointed to lose our baby and Carl and Agnes have the sympathy of many friends. Agnes is going as could be expected under the circumstance. Jas. and Margaret went early to the cemetery and selected a lot to be shared by Carl + ourselves. Those who went out were Carl, his father, I and Mr. Arnold with the baby. Then Margaret, Elizabeth, Virginia, Sister Mary + Carol Simmars. Next Ed S., Messers Baldwin + Prichard. Mr. Bragdan + Sam Johnson in a buggy and Mr. + Mrs. Wilson in their buggy. It is hard to leave a dear

little one out in such weather, even though we know the spirit is gone. Most Sunday Schools in were closed on account of small pox. Went to church in evening. Carl + Elizabeth went with Agnes.

Monday Jan. 5th, 1903

Rain and snow. Busy all day with broom and duster. Mary Peebles came to leave with me the Treas' books for W. For. Mis. Soc. as she leaves with mother + sister to Florida. Mrs. Lowes called. Wrote to Will in Cleveland and May in Nelsonville, Agnes in Cin. Dr. Nye in Alleghany. Dr. Clark in Columbus. Mother Ricker would have been 88 today. Died Aug. 24th, 1894. Mr. E.W. Seofield came to tea and stayed all night with Ed. Carl was here to tea, having returned from Cin today. Virginia Greene left for Wooster.

Tuesday Jan. 6th, 1903

Light snow, raw and cold. Home until evening when I went to see Mother. Letter from May E. Ricker, postal from Elizabeth, letter from Will. Wrote to E.V.R. Mrs. Curtiss of Painesville, May Ricker of Kirkwood. Have been trying to gather up the ends of my various accounts and being square for the year. Am beginning this diary tonight. Carl here to dinner but not to Supper. Mr. Seofield left after breakfast.

Small pox still causing much trouble and anxiety. Schools closed, and vaccination being enforced. Mrs. Peebles + daughter left for Florida.

Wednesday Jan. 7th, 1903

Weather disagreeable, cold, wet, snowy.

Elizabeth Greene's birthday, twenty-three.

Have spent most of the day trying to get my accounts straight and some of them closed up. Went to prayer meeting and remained to Normal Class. In the afternoon went in a snow storm to Ethel Schwartz to K-G meeting but no one else came excepting Miss Ross.

Thursday Jan. 8th, 1903

Weather snowy and cold. Was home most of the day, it was so strong I kept busy in doors. Wrote to Aunt Kellie Ricker, and to Elizabeth in Cin, sending her letters from Mary, and V.L. Greene.

Was over home a minutes.

Did not go to W.C.T.U.

Letters from Barton and Mary Greene. Barton is just starting to Manhattan to take a short course in agriculture.

Got a pair of new shoes.

Friday Jan. 9th, 1903

Bright, clear and cold, the first whole clear day we have had for a long time. Was home all day, cleaning up, and sewing on little Elizabeth Marsh's dress. Carl returned from Cin about 2 o'clock this morning and slept until noon, being worn out. Was here to preparatory lecture in the evening. Three more small pox cases. Wrote to Ruth Holmes.

Saturday Jan. 10th, 1903

Bright and cold. Ther 0° at six o'clock A.M.

Swept and dusted. Put the sleeves in the little dress which later in the day Elizabeth took to Mrs. Marsh for her namesake. Carl was here to dinner then went to Cin. Elizabeth came home from Cin and together we went to Mrs. Marsh's and I made seven Home Department S.S. calls. Wrote to Mary. Had letter from Helen Moore. Dr. Alderson reported to me that the Board of Education last night assigned a vacant room to the K-G in the sixth st. building.

Sunday Jan. 11th, 1903

One of the worst days of the winter. Rained all night, freezing as it fell. Today it is almost impossible to walk, yet we call went to S.S. and church as usual.

It was Communion and four persons were rec'd. Mrs. Mary H. Moreland, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knox, and Mrs. Kate Newman whose husband died last summer. Attendance at S.S. + church very small.

Monday Jan. 12th, 1903

Very icy and cold. Ther 6° and walking were unsafe. Windy and, yet bright. Was busy all forenoon about the house. Maggie's vaccinated arm is so sore she could not do the washing but managed to do the cooking. Miss Ross, Miss Alderson and I went to inspect the room in 6th st. building which the School Board has granted the use to the Free Kindergarten. The S.W. cor. first floor. Letters from Mrs. A.C. McCall. Wrote to her and to Will. Went to see Mary Y. Moore who leaves for Boston tomorrow.

Tuesday Jan. 13th, 1903

Moderate somewhat, but still icy and unsafe for walking. Ther 8°. Bright. Spent forenoon putting the closet shelves in order, sorting material, ect. Served in the afternoon. Put Elizabeth's new black skirt on band + shortened it. Elizabeth was not feeling well and did not go to the Clover Club. Carl was here to dinner and supper. Wrote to Mrs. O.C. McCall, now in Chicago.

Wednesday Jan. 14th, 1903

Still very icy and slippery but not as bad as it was, the street being cut by the teams, or rather roughed a little. Sallie went to Cin. so Carl closed his house and came to stay with us until Agnes comes home.

Went to prayer-meeting and remained to Normal Bible Class.

Small pox decreasing but still an occasional new case develops. Then have been between thirty to forty cases and perhaps a dozen, or more deaths. Uncle Sam was here.

Thursday Jan. 15th, 1903

Weather moderating but still cold enough.

Have had a busy day, as usual. It takes until nearly noon to put the house in order when we have so many fires. Did not go to W.C.T.U. meeting because I had to reline the sleeves of Jas' overcoat. Mrs. Zull, Mrs. Gertrude Moore, and Mrs. Miller were here. I went with the latter to meet Mrs. Johnson at Mrs. Allen's to call upon her mother Mrs. Torrenner. Wrote a long letter to Virginia Greene. Jas. + Elizabeth went to see the 'Crise's'.

Letters from V.M.S.

Friday Jan. 16th, 1903

Moderating and thawing but still considerable ice in shaded places.

Letters from Will containing 5.00 for church money.

Carl is with us and had a short note from Agnes today, the first she has written since she went to the Hospital.

Mrs. Cotton was here to make a little visit.

O.S. Powers spent evening here, tomorrow will be his birthday. Carl has been enjoying ping-pong since he has been with us again.

Saturday Jan. 17th, 1903

Bright and mild. Very muddy. Was busy at home all day. Swept and dusted all morning. Sewed some in afternoon. Carl went to Cin. on C+O to see Agnes, and meet Will. Enos came on the afternoon train. I was not away from the house at all today.

Did some telephoning about Kindergarten moving from Chapel on 3rd to Sixth St. Public School Building.

Elizabeth finished preparing the S.S. Class books + records.

Sunday Jan. 18th, 1903

Bright and pleasant. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Mr. Arnold is in Cin. preaching in the 2nd Pres. Ch. and Rev. Mr. Prugh of Buena Vista preached for us morning and evening.

Monday Jan. 19th, 1903

Bright and cheery, milder. Will and Carl came on the midnight train from Cin. and slept the rest of the night at Carl's. Came here for meals, and Will left on the 4.32 train for Cleveland. Came to see Carl.

I attended W. Relief Corps meeting in afternoon but we did not finish the business of that day.

Mrs. Boureur was here.

Tuesday Jan. 20th, 1903

Weather rainy and disagreeable. Was at home all day excepting when I went up to fix the fires and put Carl's house in order for him. He left unexpectedly on the 4.32 train N+W for Cleveland.

I sent a letter to Mary and received one from Dr. Jane N. Gillifordo.

Miss Rodd superintended the moving of the Kindergarten from 3rd St. to the Sixth Street Public School Bldg.

Elizabeth went to Mrs. Harry Miller's reception. Fanney Smith called to see me. Has been away for ten years.

Wednesday Jan. 21st, 1903

Cloudy, dismal, muddy, not very cold.

After breakfast went up to Carl's and fixed up the fires, then went again before supper and made them ready for the night.

Sewed some. Called on our new neighbors, Mrs. Will and daughter, just back of us. Went to prayer-meeting and remained to Normal Class. Mr. Arnold was from Cin. and dispelled the fears of those who thought he might leave us.

Thursday Jan. 22nd, 1903

Quite cold. I went up to Carl's twice today to look after the fires, clean up and dust things a little. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting and on my way home stopped to see if Sallie came but she did not. Elizabeth was invited out to Janet Silcox's to tea then her father + I went out to make a call and bring her home. Gertrude Selby and Marnie Clark were there. Read letters from Julia Tappan to her family, a copy had been sent here for friends to see. Told of her voyage to Japan.

Friday Jan. 23rd, 1903

Began snowing just after we got up and snowed most of the day until there was quite a snowfall.

We did the usual sweeping and cleaning as Maggie intends leaving in a day or two. I was home all day, excepting when I went up to fix the fire and open the house for Sallie who returned on the afternoon train, as did Carl also, coming from Cleveland via Cin.

Saturday Jan. 24th, 1903

Very damp and unpleasant. Have been in the kitchen most of the day getting things ready for tomorrow as Maggie expects to leave and not return.

Margaret was up at Miss Cramer's all afternoon studying as usual. Carl did not go to Cin. today his business being urgent here.

Agnes is getting along well, but slowly.

Bess Pixley was here to tea, and spent the evening playing ping-pong and dominoes. Letters from Sister Virginia and Maggie Peebles.

Sunday Jan. 25th, 1903

Fair and sunny, but the walking was very bad. We went to Sunday School, five of us including Carl. Attended both church services and heard two excellent sermons.

Was over after in the afternoon.

Wore long dress until evening and then changed to short skirt on account of the walking think I took cold in consequence of the change. Maggie Hall left. Sallie got dinner. Maggie + Mary Peebles called here.

Monday Jan. 26th, 1903

Some sunshine, much mud. I have taken considerable cold which seems to be in my throat and chest.

Carl was here to dinner and supper. Is too busy to eat, or sleep as he should. Elizabeth re-opened the Jefferson St. Kindergarten this morning with small attendance. Spent most of the afternoon at W.R.C. called meeting. Installations of officers.

Came home to help get supper.

Margaret had letter from Julia Tappan Langsdorf written from Hiroshima Japan. Mr. Adams + Will Ferguson were here to dinner.

Tuesday Jan. 27th, 1903

Cloudy, wet, muddy. Rained. Had such a cold in my throat and chest that I did not venture downstairs until Elizabeth had breakfast almost ready.

Went over home before dinner. Sallie, Agnes' cook came and prepared dinner, excepting the chicken pie which Mary made for me. Will came at noon, from Cleveland and completed a business arrangement by which he + Carl are to own each on fourth of the stock while Leigh Watkins takes half and they with Sam Johnson + Chas. Hall with

small amounts given them will constitute the Board of Directors, L. Watkins being Pres., W.W. Ricker Vice Pres. + R.C. Ricker Sec'y + Treas. Carl had been under a severe strain for many months and this arrangement relieves him of the financial management. Will left again for Cleveland 4.32 not quite decided as to his next movement. Sister had a long letter from Mary. I went to Foreign Mis meeting, it being one of our worst days, seven present including Mrs. Marsh.

E. went to Clover Club.

Sent letter a Mary.

Wednesday Jan. 28th, 1903

Bright, after a foggy morning. Sister had letter from Mary. Carl was here to dinner and super. He talked with Will after supper over the telephone. have been very hoarse and coughed hard all day. Could not go to prayer-meeting. Venitia Ramsey, was here to see me, also Mrs. Allen, and later Mrs. Schwartz came and made quite a visit.

Thursday Jan. 29th, 1903

Mild as summer. Ther 56° at 6 A.M. and 80° at 1 P.M.

P.L.M. wks time whistle and clocks began conforming to standard time today. Many innovations may now be expected with new men in charge. Cold very little better, if any. Chas Rauch died last night, another good man gone. Many seriously ill. Small-pox, diphtheria, typhoid fever, pneumonia besides more common ailments.

Did not go to W.C.T.U. wrote to Maggie Peebles. Miss Martin and Collison called after tea. E. had a letter from Agnes.

Friday Jan. 30th, 1903

Weather mild for the season. Mrs. Will Williamson died this morning after two or three weeks severe illness with throat trouble, probably diphtheritic. Her baby died in Nov. I think and her death is a very sad one, leaving two children.

My cold and cough is very bad and does not seem to yield to remedies. Sallie came and got dinner for us. I help all I can but it makes busy times for Elizabeth even then.

Saturday Jan. 31st, 1903

Mild and bright, rain indicated. Carl went to Cin and hopes to bring Agnes home when he returns. Have finally decided to call in Dr. Kline for my cold as the cough is so severe. Am not able to do as much I would like when we have no help.

Sunday Feb. 1st, 1903

Rained this morning and was very dark + gloomy. Could not go out so missed S.S. church and the bi-monthly S.S. meeting at our church. Mr. Scudder is away attending his sister-in-law's funeral and Carl is in Cin.

Col. Hadley the Temperance Evangelist began a series of meetings at Bigelow this evening.

Sallie came and got dinner for us.

Monday Feb. 2nd, 1903

Bright all day and if the ground-hog sign is worth anything we still have six weeks of winter before us. Grace Titus is three years old today and Ethel Sparks is. Carl brought Agnes home from Bethesda Hospital, Cin. today and Miss Albertson, a nurse just recovered from typhoid fever came with her.

Am some better + went up to meet + greet Agnes but Dr. Kline came to see me later and told me to stay in pretty closely. Wrote to Will + Mary. Engaged a girl for wed. Mrs. Taylor called.

Tuesday Feb. 3rd, 1903

Colder with a little snow. I am somewhat better but still cough very hard and must depend upon Elizabeth for much of the work.

Could not go to the Home Mis. Society today. Mrs. Taylor was here last evening. Mrs. E.B. Moore came after the meeting this afternoon. This being Bartie Greene's birthday I wrote him a long letter + will send him a hdkf in it.

Wednesday Feb. 4th, 1903

Quite cold and windy. There have been gales and storms in other parts of the country. Have been at home all day instructing the new girl Nellie Birch who came this morning. Kindergarten Board met here this afternoon, Dr. Alderson, Mr. Persan, Mrs. Schwartz, Miss Ross, Mrs. Tres being here.

We had no prayer-meeting on account of a union meeting at the Opera House to hear Col. Hadley and his singer give a temperance talk. Jas. went. Letter from Mary.

Thursday Feb. 5th, 1903

Bright, clear and colder than the first of the week. Have been in the house all day, under orders from Dr. Kline, who called at noon but I did not see him, being too busy in the kitchen to hear the bell. Wrote to Virginia Helen, and Mrs. Bond. Miss Albertson called and will be here to tea Saturday. Elizabeth was up to Agnes' to supper.

Jas went to hear Col. Hadley the temperance lecturer at the Opera House. Mrs. D. Garret gave the K-G mothers a talk this afternoon.

Friday Feb. 6th, 1903

Weather rather mild again. Have been busy all as usual. Put in some stitches for Margaret who go ready to go in Cin to see Dr. Scudder, she + Miss C. came here and

we all say up until after mid-night, they + J.W. waited until 1.20 then went to bed discouraged.

Carl told me he would like to have Mary take a position in his new office when it is open on Chil. St.

Saturday Feb. 7th, 1903

Fair. Busy all day. Went over home awhile. Miss Albertson came to take tea with us and I asked three other persons who came to call, to stay but all declined, Miss Bell, Gertrude Moore and Lucy Moore. Carl is in Cin. today and Agnes was alone at supper time, unable to come, and unwilling that Miss Albertson should miss coming.

Sunday Feb. 8th, 1903

Bright, and the cloudy, later. We went to S.S. and church as usual in the forenoon. No service in the evening as a Union Service was held in the Opera House, Col. Hadley and the ministers speaking and Mr. Stanley singing. I did not attempt going for fear of taking more cold. Jas went to Capt. Williamson's funeral then to the Hadley News meeting at 6th St. and to the Opera House in the evening.

Monday Feb. 9th, 1903

Bright and pleasant though still damp. Sent washing to laundry again as Nettie's arm is sore again from vaccination. E. had letter from Mary. I was busy all day in various ways. E. went to Agnes' to supper. Agnes made her first trip out today. Went to Miss Knurls in the carriage + E + Miss Albertson took a drive while waiting for her. Miss A. returned to Cin on the afternoon train. Agnes afterwards walked to Dr. Ruggles' and then came here.

Jas. went to the Hadley meeting.

Tuesday Feb. 10th, 1903

Clear and not very cold. Still damp. Home most of the A.M. Went to For. Mis. Soc. in the afternoon. Only eight present. Old officers all re-elected. Locked out when I came home and I went over to Mrs. Berthed's to use her telephone and made a call.

Wrote to Helen Ricker in reply to a letter saying she and Arthur's wife would be down Friday. Finished Will's letter and wrote to Mrs. Young.

Wednesday Feb. 11th, 1903

Some sunshine, some clouds. Busy all the time, but cannot get much sewing done. Wrote to Will again in reply to letter received today. He is considering a change in his business but finds it hard to decide what to do.

Went to church in the evening. Mr. Arnold will hold service three nights this week in preparation for the services next week when Dr. Ewalt is to be here.

Thursday Feb. 12th, 1903

Weather mild. Have been very busy, worked hard all day at cleaning, trying to get the house passably tidy. Went to church at 7 o'clock, after coming home dressed and went with Jas. + Elizabeth to Julia Murphy's wedding reception. She and Lucien Doty were married at home with a small company as witnesses and afterwards had a large reception. Mr. Murphy was not present, being ill at some hospital. Mother had a business meeting here.

Margaret Peebles

Friday Feb. 13th, 1903

An exceptionally beautiful day. Was up and ready for the guests from Ironton on time but the train was late so they did not come until 9 A.M. Helen Ricker and cousin, Will Ricker from Denver Col. Agnes came to dinner, Carl did not get back from Cin as he had hoped. We all went to take dinner with Agnes this evening. Took a street car and had a caller when we returned, Mrs. Thomas, to see Helen. Miss Huntin came to Agnes' on the 7 P.M. train. We could not go to church because the guests left at 8.03 and we went to the station with them.

Saturday Feb. 14th, 1903

Cloudy and damp again with a little rain.

Was busy with the usual Saturday work all morning then worked on the missionary report until Mrs. Arnold came to call. Just after dinner I went to see Miss Emma Bell but she was not home. Called to see Hattie Scudder a few minutes, she has been confined to the house all morning. Letter from Will at 4 P.M. Margaret had one from May. Carl was here. Letter from Mrs. C.G. Young.

Sunday Feb. 15th, 1903

Rained. In the evening it rained hard and steadily. We went to S.S. and the usual church services. Mr. Arnold attended, and participated in five sermons today beginning with our S.S. in the morning, the missions on New Fifth in the afternoon and preaching three times.

Margaret Peebles' birthday, eighteen years old.

Was over home as usual.

Monday Feb. 16th, 1903

A very wet, dismal rainy day, no, the rain turned into snow and the wind blew. In the afternoon I went to the Relief Corps meeting but only three other ladies came, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Allen so we talking awhile and then went home. I went to see Dell Ramsey who is sick in bed. Will came today but stopped at Carl's for dinner and I

did not see him until nearly supper time. Had business with Carl. Letter from Maggie Peebles.

Tuesday Feb. 17th, 1903

Very cold. I made a mistake. Will came today noon instead of Monday and Elizabeth, Richard + Helen were expected this evening but did not come until on the 8.03 so Will spent the evening with Carl and at midnight went to the station and waited until after 2 o'clock A.M. for them. Came home + went to bed near 3 A.M.

Letter from Nannie L. Sympson of Winchester, Ky.

Ethel Schwartz and I were out on a K-G collecting tour.

Wednesday Feb. 18th, 1903

Very, very cold. Will did not get up until about ten o'clock when I gave him his breakfast. Was here to dinner and left on the 4.32 train for Cleveland.

Typhoid epidemic at Cornell University, Ithaca. Mrs. Dr. Ewalt addressed a meeting of the ladies in our lecture room this afternoon upon Mission Work.

Went to church this evening.

Papers report extreme cold everywhere.

Thursday Feb. 19th, 1903

Not quite so cold but still too cold for me. Deep snow which is now trodden down in the paths. Dr. and Mrs. Ewalt took supper with us and we then went to church. They are both pleasant. Ed was to have sung this evening but was felling too sick with a cold.

Mr. Arnold was here today. Carl and Agnes have been married two years today.

Friday Feb. 20th, 1903

Sunny, and thawing in the sun, Sloppy and slippery. Was over home awhile in the afternoon with darning. Sister E. and Richard came to stay all night with us as Enos was expected over home. Bessie Titus was here.

Dr. Ewalt preached his last sermon for us this evening upon the text, "Whatsoever ye sow that shall ye also reap." George Denning decide to being the Christian life and many were glad. Had quite a large congregation. Dr. Alderson was present. Wrote to Mary. Letter from Mrs. Bard.

Saturday Feb. 21st, 1903

Thawing , snowy and slushy, and slippery, as well. Have been at home all day except when over home on errands twice.

Sister Elizabeth and Richard left after breakfast and I went to work and was busy all day. Margaret went to Miss Cramer's and Elizabeth to a 'Club Tea' given by Mrs. Lena K. Reed at her mother's.

Wrote to Margaret Peebles.

Sunday Feb. 22nd, 1903

Ther. 16° this morning and a bright clear day. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Attendance much better both morning and evening. Mr. Arnold preached in the morning upon the word of Peter, showing the character of the man.

In the evening his text was, -but God, showing how God is to be reckoned in the account always even though people forget Him.

Carl and Agnes were here to supper, and then went to C.E. they were at church in the morning.

Monday Feb. 23rd, 1903

Beautiful day. Ther 20° this morning but it grew warmer all day and was pleasant, except for the muddy streets. Was busy at home all forenoon. In the afternoon I went to Emma Dellert's, then called upon Mrs. Smith of the Washington Hotel. Went to Dr. Ruggles' + Mrs. Knittel's and paid bills. Called at Bertha Pursell's, it being one of her at home days.

Called upon Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Eggleston, then upon Dell Ramsey, who is sick.

Tuesday Feb. 24th, 1903

Weather moderately cold. Snowed again. Busy at home in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went to the Foreign Mis. Society. Only six present. From there Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Fred Schwartz and I went to the Kindergarten sale and social at the Jefferson St. K-G rooms.

Helen was here to tea and went with Elizabeth afterwards to the sale. They did well financially.

Wednesday Feb. 25th, 1903

Weather fair. Was over home awhile this afternoon and the Lizzie, Richard and Coles Peebles were here to supper. Coles has just come to take charge of the books at the Peebles Brick Plant.

We went to prayer-meeting as usual after supper. Lizzie went over home to pack her trunks.

Nettie went to Sciotoville to stay all night.

Mrs. Schwartz was here this afternoon.

Thursday Feb. 26th, 1903

Pleasant day. Indication of rain soon. Sister Lizzie and Richard left on early train for Cin, on their way home. Had a letter from Mary. Wrote to Will, and Maggie Peebles.

Great fire in Cin, starting in Pike's Opera House and burning nearly the entire block. Lizzie probably reached there when it was at its worst.

S.S. Canvass Cards (6.000) came today.

Nettie returned this morning.

Friday Feb. 27th, 1903

Cloudy with light rain through the day and heavy, steady rain in the evening. Foggy. Was busy at home all forenoon with S.S. work. After dinner Mrs. Milstead and I attended the patriotic exercises in the Second St. building in Miss Lewis' room. Afterwards I called to see Dell Ramsey, then went to Brunner's, later to see Carl at the office. Ida Stis was here to dinner. Elizabeth went to Agnes' to stay all night.

Was over home.

Saturday Feb. 28th, 1903

Cloudy with some rain. Busy all day, as usual, but with such things as make no show, or impression on my mind.

Sunday March 1st, 1903

Rather a pleasant day. A little snow but by noon it was clear. Ed is spending the day at his home in Columbus. We went to S.S. and church as usual.

Mr. Arnold preached two good sermons today from 1st Peter.

Monday March 2nd, 1903

Pleasant day but rather cold. Spent the day telephoning about Sunday School and Kindergarten work, and in ripping up my gray wool dress.

Did not write my usual letters as I was hoping to hear from Will before writing.

Agnes was here.

Jas was sick with cold and went early to bed.

Tuesday March 3rd, 1903

Bright and pleasant.

Home all forenoon. Mother and Mary were both here. Washed my gray wool skirt. Went to Home Mission Soc. Time for election of officers but none was held.

Small attendance. Went to Miss Bell's afterwards but she was not at home.

Wednesday March 4th, 1903

Damp and mild.

Busy all forenoon. In the afternoon the K.G. Board met here with an attendance of nine, all the gentlemen being present. Mr. Herson, Mr. Scudder, Dr. Alderson and Judge Holcomb.

Went to prayer-meeting and remained to Bible class.

Went to Aid Soc. Social at Mrs. Kline's but was the last person there.

Thursday March 5th, 1903

Pleasant, but umbrellas were needed, if one went out. Was busy at home all forenoon then went to W.C.T.U. in the afternoon and then came home to work. Mary Gibson came to say that she had decided to remain over the river this summer.

Letter from Dr. Clark in regard to Carnasser's Cards. Margaret received a letter from Mary.

Friday March 6th, 1903

Pleasant, though a little windy. Sewed on my dress skirt which Mary took to sew up and bind for me. Went out late to get the binding. Had a good letter from Will. Says he may be home soon for a day or two.

Elizabeth and Bessie Smith went to a C.E. Com. meeting at Mary Reutinger's in a hard rain, the E. stayed all night at Carl's. Ed was sick and did not go out anywhere.

Saturday March 7th, 1903

All sorts of weather, sunshine and with storm, with thunder and lightning after supper, but not so severe as in other places. Carl and Agnes were to Cin. Mr. Wilson went with Carl and they will not go to St. Louis tonight. Helen was here to supper. I finished my gray skirt which Mary helped me make over.

No letters today.

Sunday March 8th, 1903

Pleasant during the day. Rained in the night. Went to Sunday School as usual and attended the regular services.

Dr. Ruggles came home from church with us, to dinner. In the afternoon Mr. Powers called and stayed until church time where he went with us to church.

The girls went to C.E. meeting. Ed went up to Carl's to stay all night.

Monday March 9th, 1903

Pleasant. River very high and much uneasiness is felt. Waters high in other parts of the country.

Wrote to Will and Mary.

Ordinary household duties kept me busy all day. Took a table-cloth over home to darn. After supper, went to 2nd Pres ch. to the meeting of the Convention Entertainment Committee of which Mr. W.W. Gates is Chm. Arrangements are to be made to care for one thousand delegates, very few of whom can be place in hotels.

Tuesday March 10th, 1903

Rained some. Busy all day as usual. Carl came home from St. Louis on the afternoon C+O train and was here to supper. Elizabeth went to the Clover Club at Kate Anderson's and Margaret spent the evening studying with Miss Cramer then the girls came home together.

Jas and I sat up for Will who came on the midnight train. The rain was and moon shining brightly when he came. Wrote to Dr. Jane Gilliford.

Wednesday March 11th, 1903

Bright and pleasant. Will's visit was short as he left this afternoon on the N+W for Cleveland. Carl was here to dinner but Ed did not come.

Had letter from Mary this morning. She is well and happy, and very busy. Lottie was here for her lesson.

Went to prayer-meeting and remained to Normal Class as usual.

Wrote to Mrs. Curtiss of Painesville and Maggie Pebbles at the Hotel Biscayne, Miami, Fla.

Thursday March 12th, 1903

Pleasant day and I have been busy. At home in the forenoon. Out in the afternoon trying to find material to makeover my black waist. Finished off my gray dress. Went to Kindergarten Social at Jefferson St. for a little while, late in the afternoon. Wrote to Sister Virginia for her anniversary, and to Nan L. Sympson to thank her for a paper. Coles Peebles called in the evening.

Friday March 13th, 1903

Pleasant day. The river is beginning to fall having been dangerously high, 48 ft 8 inches. Have been at home all day, sewing in the afternoon. Spend the forenoon cleaning. Am making over a black serge waist. Mrs. Silcox came and made quite a visit, Janet calling for her, later Helen was her to get E. to show her about some work. Gertrude Moore was here also. Carl went to Cin.

Mr. Arnold bought the Harry Hibbs house on Glover St today, for a home. Will move soon.

Saturday March 14th, 1903

Fair. River falling. Have been home all day excepting when I went to Brunner's for some serge. Swept and dusted all forenoon. Sewed in the afternoon on my black waist. Had letter from Mrs. Collings which I answered by return mail.

Carl had not returned from Cin at supper time. Carl had not returned from Cin at supper time.

E. had letter from Agnes yesterday and telegram, so she is not expected home until next week.

Sunday March 15th, 1903

Pleasant. Went to Sunday School and church as usual. Spent most of the afternoon on my Normal Bible lesson.

Ed. went to dinner with Dr. Ruggles.

Monday March 16th, 1903

Rained. Nettie not feeling well and talks of going home. I decided to have E's room done over at once so she and I went and selected a pretty light blue paper with small flowers in it. I went to see about Mr. Gartner to do some painting.

Sewed a little on my black waist.

Tuesday March 17th, 1903

Weather rather pleasant for the season.

Began house-cleaning in E's room. Took everything out and Mr. Gartner painted the wood-work in the afternoon, ready for papering tomorrow.

Nettie went home after dinner so I have the kitchen work to do until she returns.

Wednesday March 18th, 1903

Pleasant. Bright and warm so we can have the doors and windows open.

Had Mrs. Lahm come and help clean the house. Nettie came back Justin time to get supper. Messrs Creekbaum + Gartner papered Elizabeth's room this morning then I bought new matting and put it down myself, which Mrs. L replaced the furniture. Went to prayer-meeting + remained to Normal Class, after prayer-meeting E + her father went to Curart + Ladies Musical, and I wrote letters to Will, Mary + Helen Ellis at Knoxville.

Thursday March 19th, 1903

Beautiful day and quite warm and pleasant. Closed up the fire-place in the sitting room and let the fires die in the stoves. Alex was here to dinner. Busy getting ready for the C.E. Social tonight, about forty-five persons here. Sallie came and helped me while in the forenoon.

Carl returned from Chicago this afternoon.

Aunt Betsey Ricker is 84 years old today.

Friday March 20th, 1903

Weather beautiful and mild. Ther. between 70° and 80°. Grass beautiful and flowers in bloom. Have been busy all day putting the house in order after the C.E. Social which was here last night. Stopped several times to rest as my week's work tired me out. Carl was here to dinner, also Harry Crossley. Margaret went to Cin with Mrs. Cramer and Agnes came home from Cin. Wrote to Edith Prichard. Also sent money to Mr. Goller for the last two sets of Normal books. Ed came one year ago tonight.

Rained this afternoon.

Saturday March 21st, 1903

Rained all night, and much of the day, turning colder so we started all the fires again. Was at home all day. Mrs. Legler came after dinner and I gave her a quantity of waists. Agnes and Carl were here to supper. Mr. Scudder came to get some information in regard to the coming S.S. Canvass. I had saved the plot of the 5th district the one visited 1st Pres. Ch. on previous occasions and it helped him make out the new visiting list.

Sunday March 22nd, 1903

Went to S.S. and church as usual, Margaret and Miss C. came home of the boat which was delayed and it was nearly eleven o'clock A.M. when they got home. She had to come without glasses and it was hard on her eyes. In the afternoon she slept and while before supper Carl got her glasses from the P.O. very unexpectedly, so she was much pleased and greatly relieved. She went to C.E. + church in the evening.

Monday March 23rd, 1903

Pleasant again today. Nettie did not attempt to wash so put in her time on something else.

I have sewed some.

Wrote to Will.

In the evening Jas. went with me to a Committee meeting at the Second Pres. Church but only three of the sixteen members were present so nothing could be done.

Tuesday March 24th, 1903

Pleasant.

Mrs. Lahm washed and it was a fine day for drying the clothes.

Elizabeth took her music lesson and then went to Lucy Moore's to the Clover Club program committee meeting.

She went to the Clover Club meeting at Margaret Fulton's in the evening.

Wednesday March 25th, 1903

Pleasant but getting dusty. Nothing special for today except that I sewed some, and studied some on my Normal lesson. Lumber was bought for a new fence and work on it will begin tomorrow.

Went to prayer meeting. Mr. Arnold was not well and we had no Normal class after church.

Thursday March 26th, 1903

Pleasant. I had a letter from Mary and one from Will. Sewed nearly all day finishing off the black waist I was making over. Elizabeth went to Agnes to a luncheon with Lucy and Edith Moore and Charlotte Alderson.

In the evening I went to the Second Pres. Ch. to a meeting of the General Com. and the Canvasser's Com. were brought in, 1896, the work being done this week anytime between Monday + Thursday.

Began making a new fence on east side.

Friday March 27th, 1903

Beautiful day. Fruit trees in full in some places. Have been home all day. Had a picture from Newtonville. A group of the four girls, Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles, Mary Ricker and Jean Alexander of Bellair, O. A fine picture of a fine set of girls.

Elizabeth was up at Mrs. Wilson's with Carl + Agnes, to supper, informally. Margaret went to Athens with Miss Ball + Miss Cramer to some educational meeting.

Saturday March 28th, 1903

Pleasant with indications of rain this morning. Carpenters are making a new fence on east side of the house. We have about abandoned hope of securing the lot east of us and perhaps would not be justified in investing mon in this location as the town is growing in the other direction all the time. Colder in the afternoon.

Jas + I went to the train at 8.03 and saw Margaret as she passed on her way to Wheelersburg, to spend a week.

Sent 20.00 to make M.'s last payment as the __. [The next two words is illegible]

Sunday March 29th, 1903

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. as usual and the usual church services. Carl was at Sunday School + both he + Agnes were at church.

Nothing special aside from the services.

Monday March 30th, 1903

Rained steadily all day. No one to wash which was fortunate. In the forenoon I was busy at home, sewed some. At 3.30 P.M. I went out and did my Home Dept. visiting, some calls and other errands.

Made fifteen stops and got home in time for supper. Went to get a wash-woman first, then called upon Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Chinn, Padan, Prescott and a number of others. Am also looking for places of entertainment for the S.S. Delegates.

Tuesday March 31st, 1903

Pleasant, in fact beautiful. Home all forenoon. Wrote to Will, and to Dr. Clark on S.S. business.

Went to Foreign Mis. meeting at 2 P.M. Eight present including two new members. Sickness + absence from city make small attendance. Had a good meeting. Came home and had a telephone call from Margaret so talked with her at Wheelersburg.

Mr. + Mrs. Arnold moved into their new home on Glover Street today.

Wednesday April 1st, 1903

Pleasant with indications of rain. Was home all forenoon and made some button holes for E. who was making waists. After dinner I did an errand for mother at Mrs. Gartner's then went to see Bessie Titus, it being my first visit to her in her new home. Received a fine new picture of Will from Cleveland, good as it can be and yet looking like his pictures when a little boy. Wrote him once yesterday and twice today. Went to prayer-meeting + remained to Normal Class, few present.

E. up at Carl's. Jas sold one of his Kirkwood lots. 2100.00

Thursday April 2nd, 1903

Pleasant, and warm with indications of rain. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting in the afternoon and from there went to see Mrs. Puntensery. Miss Comins and Mrs. Arnold in her new home. She was not in. Called to see Mrs. Morgan. In the forenoon went to make some calls on Convention business + Hospital work, and while out made Clara Pursell a visit.

Friday April 3rd, 1903

Heavy clouds in the west indicated a storm which came in the afternoon and clouds of dust swept into houses, a shutter blew into breaking nearly the whole window into M's room, three large panes being shattered. I closed the shutters to keep out the rain.

Went out so much yesterday that I was too tired to do much today. Finished the linen table cover I have been making.

Went to see Mrs. Hancock.

Saturday April 4th, 1903

Light snow on the roofs this morning, and little icicles some places. Cold all day and good fires are needed again. Was busy all forenoon getting the dust out of the house from the dust storm of yesterday. Wrote to Dr. Clark, Mary + Miss Crouse. Margaret came home from Wheelersburg. Mrs. Arnold's birthday. Mr. Arnold and Mr. Scudder went to Atlantic City last night on the midnight train, both needing a rest. Sent Mary three new shirt waists.

Sunday April 5th, 1903

Jas, Margaret, Elizabeth and I went to S. School. The day was pleasant but a little windy.

No service at our church so Jas + I went to Bigelow in the morning and the German Pres. in the evening to hear Mr. DeBeer. In the afternoon went to Manley Chapel to bi-monthly meeting of City S.S. Assoc. Mrs. Allen took me with her in her buggy.

Monday April 6th, 1903

Beautiful day and quite pleasant. Have been out most of the day and was quite tired out. Was at Mrs. Pratt's. She is just putting her home in order, having moved in when Mr. Arnold moved out. Called at Mrs. Knox's, Mrs. Kehoe's, Mrs. Helfenstein's and several places. E. spent the night at Carl's.

This is Margaret Tappan's birthday.

Tuesday April 7th, 1903

Cloudy, windy and some rain. Mrs. Haar came, however, and was here.

I was out on S.S. business and seeing the dress maker. Have given up all hope of getting my suit and have given my time to Elizabeth, or rather have exchanged with her. Called to see Margaret Johnson and went as far up 2nd St. as Mrs. John Reilley's. E. went to Clover Club meeting at Seel's.

Will's letter came today.

Wednesday April 8th, 1903

Cooler after an all night rain, and the fire had to be started in the sitting room. Was out this forenoon, went to see Mrs. Schomberger, who said she would take two delegates to S.S. Convention. Also went to see about a man to clean wall-paper. Did A little sewing. Wrote to sister Elizabeth and Mrs. Collings. Went to prayer-meeting. No leader came, so Capt. Miller filled the vacancy.

Thursday April 9th, 1903

Pleasant. Was busy all day, as usual. have been working on a paper for the Presbyterial Society at Manchester next week. Carl and Agnes were here to supper and stayed awhile afterwards.

Wrote to Mrs. Collings. Have been spending considerable time trying to find places for the S.S. delegates.

Friday April 10th, 1903

Mild with indications of rain, but a fine day for cleaning. Mrs. Lahm cleaned my bedroom and Nettie and I cleaned the sitting room which was very dirty from the soot and mortar which came down the chimney when the men built up the chimney which was blown over by the wind the other day.

Carl went to Detroit.

Saturday April 11th, 1903

Rain in the morning but bright and pleasant in the afternoon. Have not felt well today after yesterday's work. E. stayed with Agnes last night and did not come home until late. She and Agnes were both here to meals and will be until Carl comes home. Wrote to Will and sent Easter card to Mrs. Bond. Rec'd wedding cards from Mrs. Robins of Robins' Station Pa. her daughter Rachel is to be married soon. Eclipse of moon this evening.

Mrs. Spry was here.

Sunday April 12th, 1903

Beautiful morning for Easter and fair until in afternoon. Rain at night. Went to S.S. and had Easter exercises instead of regular lesson. Communion service in morning, three additions to church, George + Walter Weber and Scott Wear. Fine musical program in the evening. Carl was in Cleveland today and Agnes was here to meals. E. spent the night with her. Mr. Arnold seems better since his return from Atlantic City. Mary was sick again this evening.

Monday April 13th, 1903

Rainy all day, with slight intervals. Carl came home so Agnes was not here to dinner. Lengthened a skirt of mother's which she wants me to use. Went to see about my hat. Reported to Mr. Gates that I have about secured placed for 100 S.S. delegates.

Congregational meeting held this evening, and Sam Johnson + Carl re-elected as trustees for three years. Meeting was postponed from last Wednesday for good reasons. Church in excellent financial condition. No debt.

Tuesday April 14th, 1903

Cloudy and some rain. Mrs. John E. Miller and I went to Manchester on the afternoon train, with eighteen others to attend Presbytery + Presbyterian meeting. Mrs. M. + I were sent to Mrs. Dr. John Guthrie's for entertainment. Their home is beautiful and we are all very fortunate in being placed there, Mrs. Guthrie has two nieces, Miss Hattie Perrilland and Mrs. Carrie Tucker, with her. Went to opening meeting in the evening.

Wednesday April 15th, 1903

All day rain. Mrs. Miller and I attended the meetings all day, and I went in the evening but she did not. The sessions of the meeting were very interesting and no failures on the program. Mrs. Collings is an excellent President. In the evening Rev. W.C. Dodd from Siam gave an interesting talk upon the Laos people and a quartette, Dr. Ewalt, Revs DeBeer, Montgomery and Prugh sang "Will there be any stars on my crown".

Thursday April 16th, 1903

Cloudy with light rain all day. Not a ray of sunshine while I was in Manchester. The meeting closed at noon today, after re-electing all the officers excepting Mrs. Bill, Treasurer. Mrs. Plummer of West Union was elected in her place. Mrs. Miller + I accepted Mrs. Collings' invitation and spent part of the afternoon with her. I call with Mrs. Guthrie to see Mrs. Lightbody. Mrs. Collings served a nice lunch for us + Mrs. Evans, after which we left for home. Eleven of us in the party. Attended the concert at our church upon arrival.

Friday April 17th, 1903

Beautiful day. Mr. Smith came and cleaned the paper in the rooms so that it looks quite well. Have been busy all day preceding, and following him in his work. Enos went back to Chicago. Did not see him. Agnes returned from Cin. Carl was here to dinner, before she came.

Wrote to Will, Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Robbins.

Maggie Peebles returned from Chillicothe today with the remains of Mrs. Jane Ferrell who died there + was buried here.

Saturday April 18th, 1903

Rained. This has been an unusually wet, cloudy cold April.

Have been busy as usual with the Saturday work, and an accumulation of things which were awaiting my return. After supper Elizabeth and I went up to the Chinese Laundry, to Mrs. Moreland's and then stopped to make a short call upon Maggie Peebles who returned today with the remains of Mrs. Jennie Ferrell for burial here.

Sunday April 19th, 1903

Damp day. Went to S.S. as usual. Carl was out of town as he frequently is and Elizabeth, no he got home late last night and did not come to S.S. He and Agnes were here to supper. The Easter music was repeated this evening and although the evening was not pleasant there was a large congregation present.

Monday April 20th, 1903

Rather fair today but rained for a short time. Jas. went to Grayson this morning for the Oil C^o. in which Carl is interested. I went to Relief Corps meeting in the afternoon. Will come to Carl's last night and was here to dinner but his father had gone before dinner, and he left at 4.32 N+W. His stays are very brief. Mr. E.W. Seofield was here to supper and stayed all night with Ed.

Tuesday April 21st, 1903

Rained hard today.

Mr. Seofield left before breakfast, and Elizabeth left right after dinner to go to Cin. and attended the Opera of Siegfried with some of Miss Evans' music pupils.

Margaret and I are all that are left of the family.

Wednesday April 22nd, 1903

Weather cool and damp. Cannot go without an umbrella and be sure of not needing it before one returns home.

Mr. Arnold was here this afternoon to ask me to teach the lesson this evening but there was no time for a lesson as two deacons were elected, Messrs. Chinn and Lou Baker, after prayer meeting and that was followed by a surprise for Mr. Arnold, a new wheel presented him by some of the members. Mr. Scudder made the speech.

Elizabeth returned from Cin.

Thursday April 23rd, 1903

Cloudy with some rain. Nettie left this forenoon to go to Columbus, she said, and I am disappointed not to have help when I particularly asked her to say at first whether she would remain until after the S.S. Convention un June.

Have not been out anywhere excepting a few minutes over home this afternoon.

Letter from Mary.

Friday April 24th, 1903

Cloudy with some rain. Busy at home all day. About 3 o'clock James came home from Grayson Ky. Miss Perin came to Agnes'. Heard this morning of the drowning of Henry Davis Collings last evening at Manchester and wrote the table and talked with him, in his home. It seems to come very near me because of his mother and I feel very sorry for her.

Saturday April 25th, 1903

Weather variable, fires still necessary to comfort. Was up early and busy all day, and did not go out anywhere, not even over home.

Rained hard in the afternoon.

Ross and Billy Mahan came about two o'clk and I telephoned their mother for permission to keep them to supper which was granted. After supper Mr. + Mrs. Mahan came and remained until 9 o'clk. I appreciated their informality as I had not had time to call upon her.

Sunday April 26th, 1903

Rainy most of the day. All went to Sunday School and the usual services in the morning. Agnes took Grace Cotton's class at her sergeant request.

Elizabeth missed all the evening services and the new C.E. hymn books were used for the first time. Jas + I were the only members of the family at evening service. Mr. + Mrs. Downes sat with us, came with Mr. Bragdon.

Monday April 27th, 1903

Beautiful day and quite comfortable. Have been at home all day and very busy. No cook, and none in prospect. Letter from Sister Lizzie Peebles.

Telephone calls numerous.

Mother, Mrs. White, Mr. Corner and Mrs. Wilhelm were here.

This is the anniversary of Father Ricker's birthday, he would have been ninety years old today, but died Mch 4th, 1895.

Tuesday April 28th, 1903

Beautiful day.

Busy up to time for the Foreign Mis. meeting at 2 o'clock. Received a new member, Mrs. F.E. Hardy. Had report of delegate to Presbyterial Soc. Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Young were both back after being away several months. After the meeting Mrs. Hardy and I went to call upon Mrs. Mahan at the Hotel Washington.

Wednesday April 29th, 1903

Pleasant but rather dusty. Was busy all day at home excepting for a little time when Jas. took me for a drive over on the west side.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening and remained to normal class. Had a brief called meeting of the Foreign Mis. Society also to elect someone to take the greetings of our society to the Methodist meeting to be held next week or rather May 12th.

Thursday April 30th, 1903

Rather cold. Has been a cool month. Still keep fire in the sitting room. Was not out anywhere today. Helen was here to dinner and intended coming this evening to make us a visit but Enos came from Chicago on the evening train so she remained over home. Will came home on the 10.55 A.M. train and went back on the 4.32 P.M.

It rained hard just before he left the house. Jas took him out + Margaret went with them.

Friday May 1st, 1903

Cool enough for fire in the sitting room. Have been busy as usual but took time to go up to see Mrs. Warner about making my suit, and then went to the store for linings.

Came home and went to work again, sweeping the stairs and hall. Miss Pray was here for her lesson. Had a telephone message from Dr. Clark from Chil. Will be here in a day or two. Elizabeth went to the High School entertainment. Went to call upon Mrs. Ph. Luis but could not get to the house.

Saturday May 2nd, 1903

Beautiful day, much warmer. Very busy. John Belger left at noon so we have no help of any kind. Circus in town which stops nearly everything. Maggie Peebles and Harry Crossly were here in the afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Frederick died very suddenly this afternoon. Took carbolic acid. Has had cancer for five years and suffered greatly. Carl took me up to Mrs. Wilson's after supper.

Sunday May 3rd, 1903

Weather pleasant. Attended the usual Sunday services beginning with S.S. and ending with the evening sermon.

Carl, Agnes and Miss Perin here to supper.

Monday May 4th, 1903

Fine day. Mattie Biggs and Nettie Lewis began the housecleaning for this week in the sitting room, and I got Jackson to come and clean + put down the carpet which was done by supper time and the girls began on the library. Not having any cook I have all I can do in the kitchen.

Did not write any letters. Carey Johnson came today and began enlarging the bathroom. Went to 2nd church to Ent. Com. meeting.

Tuesday May 5th, 1903

Beautiful day, and fine for our work and the girls did well. Jackson began on the library carpet but did not get it done as he has other work.

I went to Home Mis. meeting this afternoon and a new set of officers were elected. Mrs. M.E. Young President, Mrs. Kline Vice P. Miss Lizzie McClain Treasurer and Mrs. Micklethwait Sec'y.

This is the anniversary of Father + Mother Ricker's marriage in 1840.

Wednesday May 6th, 1903

Fine weather.

House-cleaning with two women, and two men, the latter put down the velvet carpet in the library. One which Carl and Agnes gave us because they have a rug they want to use.

There was a K-G meeting at Miss Ross' but I could not go and leave the carpet to be fitted on the floor by Jackson and his helper. Went to prayer meeting + remained to Normal.

Jas went to Cin this afternoon.

Thursday May 7th, 1903

Still have a little fire in the sitting room.

Have been busy all day with the regular work. Did not get out to W.C.T.U. meeting. Mattie Biggs + Nettie Lewis finished the dining room and kitchen today and will come later and finish up after the bath-room is completed, and halls cleaned.

Jas returned from Cin this afternoon. Had a pleasant time at the Loyal Legion banquet. Miss Loper's class gave their recital for benefit of Free K-G.

Mothers Club of 6th street school.

Friday May 8th, 1903

Bright and pleasant.

The diggers finished their job today and we are now ready for plumbers. We have Mr. Ruhlman do the work. I ironed this afternoon to finish up what was left undone by the laundry. Helen and Elizabeth went to the High School entertainment which was given partly for the benefit of the kindergarten.

Saturday May 9th, 1903

Pleasant but getting dusty. Busy all day and went to bed early, at 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock a special delivery letter from Dr. Joseph Clark came saying he and Mrs. Crouse would be here at 10.30 to stay all night so I got up and dressed + with Elizabeth's help we made ready for them. Helen Moore had come to make a visit but she went over home so Dr. Clark could have Elizabeth's room.

Edith Richard came from Boston, enroute to Alaska.

Sunday May 10th, 1903

Beautiful day. Jas + I were up very early and had breakfast ready for D.C. + Mrs. Crouse before they went on to Manchester. We then got ready for S.S. which we attended as usual, and the other Sunday services. Heard after S.S. that Ina Peebles died yesterday at 4 P.M. of diphtheria at her home in Ashland. Jas + I went to see Maggie in the afternoon. Robert + Hattie lost their first boy, Robbie with the same disease when he was very young.

Monday May 11th, 1903

Warm, dry and dusty. Dr. Clark and Mrs. Crouse returned from Manchester at 11.50 A.M. Ed has his dinner first, then we ate with the guests. Dr. C. then went to a Committee meeting and Mrs. Crouse + I made a call over home, the she went with Agnes and Miss Albertson for a little drive, Jas driving. Miss Albertson was here calling. Our guests left on the 4.32 for Columbus and after I came home, Edith Prichard called. Helen Moore was here to supper + will stay all night.

Tuesday May 12th, 1903

Fine weather but dry and dusty.

The improvements over home are progressing and they will soon have their bath-room re-fitted.

Edith Prichard was here to tea and to stay all night. Helen is still here and Charis Powers called this evening. He is on his brother's route while the latter is in Colorado. I began a letter to Mary but did not get it finished.

Wednesday May 13th, 1903

The weather is favorable for building but not for house-cleaning as it is dry and dusty.

Had a busy day and was glad to go to prayer-meeting and get rested before bed time. Remained to Normal class which was small tonight.

Everyone is working hard to get ready for the Convention which is now so near.

Finished Mary's letter.

Thursday May 14th, 1903

Bright and warmer.

The house-cleaning was interrupted but will be resumed tomorrow and I am busy as I can be everyday with the kitchen and general house-work. Cannot do much elu.

Did not go to the W.C.T.U. meeting.

Friday May 15th, 1903

Dry and dusty.

Work is progressing on the extension to the porch and we hope to have it finished soon, but there is so much to be done before the place is in order again.

Has a woman here to iron.

Letter from Aunt Helen Ricker says she and Uncle Drew expect to be here.

Jackson came to scrub the pain in the halls and it will take him two days.

Saturday May 16th, 1903

Fair and pleasant. Very busy with regular work and overseeing the various workmen. Mr. Ruhlman, the plumber was here most of the day with his helper.

At 4 o'clock I left work and went to Mrs. Bannon's reception given for Mrs. Kate Robinson Willard. Was the last person to arrive, the others were just leaving but I saw Mrs. Willard who was looking well, dressed in white and her hair as white as her dress.

Sunday May 17th, 1903

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Carl and Agnes were there. Anti-Saloon man spoke in the morning, and Mr. Arnold's college mate Dr. Reed preached in the evening. Was over home in the afternoon.

Helen was here most of the day and all night.

Monday May 18th, 1903

Warm, dry, dusty. Mattie Biggs + Nettie Lewis worked all day at the house- cleaning in the back part of the house. The plumbers and plasters, in the bathroom. Painters measured in the house. I did the cooking. E. was at Kindergarten in the morning. Taught in the afternoon. She took tea at Carl's with Edith Prichard who leaves in the morning for Alaska. Mr. Arnold + MR. Reed called here. I attended W.R.C. and Kindergarten meetings in the afternoon. Went to 2nd Pres. Ch. to S.S. Com. Meeting at 7.30. Letter from sister Virginia.

Tuesday May 19th, 1903

Dry and dusty.

Busy all day and had called for an hour this forenoon. Mr. Arnold and Dr. Reed called to talk over mission work and plans. In the evening Mr. Brewster Kinney, a friend of Will's from Cleveland was here. Elizabeth had gone to the closing meeting of the Clover Club for this season, at Mary Pursell's. Helen was at Mrs. Scudder's but came before Mr. K. left.

Carl + Agnes was here.

Wednesday May 20th, 1903

No rain and the dust is very bad. No workmen, and no help in the house but I had a wash woman who washing bed-clothes and what was left from the laundry work.

Fred Schmidt called this afternoon. Is just recovering from a long illness and was in the Pres. Hospital for weeks, in Cin.

Went to prayer-meeting and remained to Normal class. Manes of delegates are coming in to be placed.

Thursday May 21st, 1903

A light sprinkle which did not even lay the dust. The promising cloud passed around us. Have been a hard, busy day. No workmen came to further the building. Annie came and finished the ironing and Elizabeth and I with a little help did what we could for the house. Helen was here to meals and after supper went with me in search of help for tomorrow. Mother and I went at 4.30 to Mrs. Pratts to a little company given for Mrs. Emanuel Miller. Expect Uncle Drew Ricker and Aunt Helen tonight at midnight.

Friday May 22nd, 1903

Have had a warm busy day. Got Mrs. Turner to come and help while our guests are here but she could not come until 5 P.M. Had Carl and Agnes, and Mr. Brewster Kinney of Cleveland here to tea besides Uncle Drew + Aunt Helen. Ed was not here have had a message from his Uncle William Gugin to meet him about supper time. Mr. Kinney is here to install some machinery at the Ports. Steel Mill.

Saturday May 23rd, 1903

Warm, dry, dusty. The girls home today I drove out to the Cemetery with Uncle Drew + Aunt Helen. Jas. being at the Pressed Steel works. We stayed there a long time while Uncle Drew went from lot to lot talking of his old friends there. We went later to Pressed Steel Works and saw them make railroad frogs, or replacers as they are called. We four took supper with Carl + Agnes and Mrs. Scheidemantel who is here.

Sunday May 24th, 1903

Pleasant. Went to S.S. and church as usual, in the morning. Uncle Drew remained at home but Aunt Helen went to church in the afternoon, both attended the Memorial services at our church when Mr. Arnold preached the sermon or rather delivered the address. Red. Fred Schmidt sang a solo, "One swiftly solemn thought." Our church is 86 years old today. Uncle Enos Moore was stricken with apoplexy after supper and I went over then with Jas. did not go to church.

Monday May 25th, 1903

Still dry and dusty. Was over at Uncle Enos' as much as I could be. He is failing, with no hope of recovering. The children all came this evening. Will and Carl went over the river to meet Fanny Geiger at 7.35 and Jas went over on the West Side this afternoon. I could do nothing for Uncle Enos and Uncle Drew wanted me to go with them.

Tuesday May 26th, 1903

Warm and dry. Arose very early and had breakfast over in time for me to dress and go over the river with Uncle Drew and Aunt Helen Ricker when they left on the 7.35 train. It will probably be Uncle's last visit. I afterwards went over to Uncle Enos' and was there when he died at about 9 o'clock. One of the best men I ever knew is gone now. All his children are here he never regained consciousness. Mary Peebles called here.

Mr. + Mrs. Prescott called.

Wednesday May 27th, 1903

Windy, dry and dusty. Went to see about a girl this morning and brought home Essie Matthews a young county girl who knows very little about out kind of housework, but may be able to help some. Was over at Uncle Enos' after dinner. Saw Fanny, Lucy and Edith + Ralph. Arrangements are made for the funeral tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Helen Moore left for Chicago on the early train this A.M.

Thursday May 28th, 1903

Warm and dry, but a little breeze stirring. There was nothing I could do at Uncle Enos' so I was home all forenoon and went to the house to the funeral at 4 P.M.

Dr. Alderson assisted Mr. Arnold in the service. The pall-bearers were Messers Scudder, Kehoe, Pursell, Dupre, Lee Smith and J.W. Ricker. The remarks were good +

appropriate and many beautiful flowers were sent. One of the best men I ever knew is gone + I loved him very much.

Friday, May 29th, 1903

Warm and dry until night when it rained a little. Was busy all day try to put the house in order and thinking cousin Will Young and Gergin might come but they did not. In the evening J.W. and I went to take a little drive and stopped at Arthur's (Moore) to see Uncle Sam, Will and Georgie Young but the latter had gone to see Lucy + Edith, with Ada + Gertrude Moore.

Wrote to Mrs. Crouse.

Saturday May 30th, 1903

Rainy most of the afternoon. After breakfast + morning work I went to the room next to the Ports. Nat'l Bank where the flowers were sent and helped fill the baskets until noon. After dinner took Mrs. J.E. Miller, Mrs. Milstead and Mrs. Allen to the cemetery.

Took Mrs. Johnson in when on 11th St. The exercises passed off nicely and Dr. Wilhelm had almost finished his address when it began to rain and we had to leave.

Sixteen ladies were out and Mrs. Johnson had six little girls recite verses and strew flowers on the waters of the new fountain in the Soldier's Circle in memory of the sailors. We came home in a hard rain and now at bedtime it is raining softly.

Ed went to Ironton. Elizabeth took supper at Carl's and Jas. + I were alone at supper. Letter from Aunt Helen Ricker and a beautiful handkerchief each for the four girls and myself.

Sunday May 31st, 1903

Beautiful day and we all attended S.S. and the usual church services. Nothing unusual to note today.

Monday June 1st, 1903

Pleasant. Busy all day but took time to go to the Kindergarten meeting at 3.30. We are deeply in debt but hope when the S.S. Convention is over to be able to give the matter attention and get in better financial condition. Mr. Henon, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Ires, Mrs. Hagar, Miss Ross and myself were the only ones present [for] Bessie Titus' birthday.

Tuesday June 2nd, 1903

Rained. Busy as usual and hard to get help in the house or out of it.

William Peebles birthday.

Fair in the afternoon. Julia Prichard went with me to the Home Mission Society and then came home and stayed to supper. After supper Elizabeth, Agnes + I went to the Mothers' K-G social at the Jefferson St. rooms.

Wednesday June 3rd, 1903

Rained last night and is delightful today. Everything growing finely.

Great floods out west in Kansas and other states. Terrific storm in Gainsboro N.C. and great loss of life and property.

Have been busy all day try to get something done. Went to prayer-meeting as usual. No Normal class this evening owing press of other affairs. Good letters from Mary. Wrote to her. K.G. picnic which is the formal ending of the year.

Thursday June 4th, 1903

Warm but pleasant.

Work progresses slowly. A little done by carpenters and a little by the plumbers but nothing finished. I went up the street and bought a few things sash curtain goods, ect. Fannie Moore Geiger was here to supper we drove a while. Mary Y. Moore was asked but she wanted to be excused since she does not feel like going anywhere.

Friday June 5th, 1903

Good weather. Still hard at work but the workmen cannot be hurried and we shall not be through. Have much to do outside as well as inside.

Lizzie Minego came today and swept + dusted the upstairs rooms. The Entertainment Com. met again this evening and must go again tomorrow night.

Saturday June 6th, 1903

Fine day. Had all the workmen, and women we could use, at work today trying to get the house ready but shall have to give up hope of having the bathroom done. Mr. Gartner put on a coat of paint and the bath tub connection has been made so it can be used. We shall just have to do the best we can.

Sunday June 7th, 1903

Beautiful day.

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

In the afternoon I went to German Pres. church to the bi-monthly of the S.S. Association. The chief topic was the coming Convention next Tuesday.

Went to church in the evening.

Monday June 8th, 1903

Fine weather. Had to rush in order to get the house ready for our guests and it was unfinished after all, but the four ladies got in on different trains this evening, Misses Graham have come from Wheeling at 4.32. Miss Stewart on B+O S.W. at 6.30 and Miss Ewalt at 8.30. Jas. + I with Mr. Gates. Miss Hermes + Mr. Roof remained at 6th St. ch. until after 1 A.M. to receive and assign delegates. It is a great undertaking. The new hall carpet was put down.

Tuesday June 9th, 1903

The weather is ideal. Guards came in today and those of us at Sixth St. ch. who received + placed the guests had our hands full. Very little of the meetings will I hear. It would take chapters to tell all that I want to remember about this conventions. We have four pleasant ladies and one gentleman, Carl Moulton of Ironton as guests. Our Com. was at church until we thought the last delegate was in tonight.

Wednesday June 10th, 1903

Weather fine. I did not get a whole program anywhere having to be about the conv. room frequently but I had the privilege of having a part of several talks and wish I could have heard all. Marion Lawrence is still popular as ever, Dr. Clark, Mr. Endaly, Rev. Spilman of North Carolina, Pearce of Chicago, Landis of Elgin Ill[inois]. Mrs. Mary F. Bryner of Chicago, or Peoria rather, Nannie Lee Frayer of Louisville, and other just pack the and audience rooms. Profs. Exell, Gabriel and Mr. Laundis sign.

Thursday June 11th, 1903

Fine weather. A full day and most delightful. Helen and Elizabeth Ricker of Ironton came down to attend the Convention and were here to dinner. In the evening they went home. Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, Miss Nannie Lee Frayser of Louisville, Maude Clark of Columbus + her friend R. Cocklin [?].

Olmstead were here to tea. We all went to Bigelow to the closing meeting and feel our hopes have been more than realized.

Carl Moulton went home this evening.

Friday June 12th, 1903

Beautiful day. Was up early and had breakfast in time for Miss Ewalt to go to Winchester on the early train. Jas + I then tried to find a cook for the day as we had ask Dr. Clark + family here to dinner but they decided to go on the 8.30 special so we did not use the cook. Miss Martha Stewart left on the B+O.S.W. at 9.30 and the Misses Martha + Jessie Graham left on the 11 o'clock train for Middleport to visit Miss Stewart. So the guests are all gone.

Saturday June 13th, 1903

Opened the fireplace and had fire all day in the sitting room. Busy all day. Worked at home in the forenoon and after dinner took Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gordon of Wooster for a drive and a cold rain set in before we had been out long, so I took them to Mrs. Peebles', from there they will go to Wooster in the morning. This is Fannie Moore Geiger's birthday. I see I have made a mistake, above for Friday as the ladies went home this morning.

Sunday June 14th, 1903

Cool, with hard rain in the afternoon. Children's Day exercises were held in the morning. It is three years today since Mr. Arnold held his first service in our church as the chosen pastor, having first spoke to the children. Julia Prichard came this afternoon from Arion having come to consult the Dr. as she has a bad boil on her eye. Will stay here awhile.

This is Flag Day.

Monday June 15th, 1903

Still rather cool and wraps are comfortable. Busy all forenoon at home. In the afternoon went to W.R.C. meeting. It was Memorial Day for the members but I did not go to the Country because Margaret was to leave at 4.32 P.M. with Miss Cramer for Columbus to take the State examinations so I came home + went to the train with them. It is Carl's birthday and we gave him two feet-rests.

J.W. + I took a drive after supper. Letters + papers tell of destructive floods in Kansas + on the Miss. River. Flag Day exercises were held today at W.R.C.

The wash-stand for bathroom came today.

Tuesday June 16th, 1903

Fine weather. Rain in the evening. Jas took Julia P. for a little drive. I took her to the doctor after dinner.

This is Philip Robinson's wedding day and Mary is to be one of Nina Eaton's assistants at the wedding.

I wrote to Sister Elizabeth + Mary. Had a letter from Mrs. Bond. Write to Miss Ewalt. Have been busy as usual.

Wednesday June 17th, 1903

Fine weather.

Nothing of importance to note. Worked all day and went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

Julia was with Elizabeth.

Thursday June 18th, 1903

Pleasant. Busy at home all forenoon. Went to W.C.T.U. at 2 P.M. and from there to call upon Maggie Mason and Emma Williams who are visiting Davy and John Jones their brothers. Sister Lizzie's birthday, and I wrote to her in time for it. Jas. + I waited until the 11 P.M. train went to meet Margaret + Miss Cramer. They both report the State examinations' very hard and they have little hope of passing. They are about sick from nervous strain and hard work.

Friday June 19th, 1903

Pleasant. Busy with house work and directing the efforts of Essie the inexperienced assistant. Mr. Gartner put another coat of paint on the bathroom, but it is not yet done.

Have had letters from all my Convention guests and acknowledged the receipt of them.

Wrote to Mary expecting her to get my letter before she leaves Newtonville on Tuesday next.

Saturday June 20th, 1903

Weather is pleasant.

Elizabeth had a letter from Mary giving the details of her trip home which she expects to being next Tuesday, coming via Philadelphia. Sister and Miss Cramer took the Lucasville drive this afternoon. Elizabeth, Lucy Moore, Eda Eisman + Mattie Padan went to Lucasville to spend the day with the Moulton girls. Returned at 8.03 P.M. Mr. Ruhlman pronounced his job done and handed in his bill for \$96.80 in addition to the fixtures in the bathroom which are very satisfactory.

Sunday June 21st, 1903

Beautiful day. Went to S.S. and the usual church services. Julia Prichard was in my class as a visitor.

The Royal Arcanum in a body attended service at our church, in the morning.

Monday June 22nd, 1903

Cloudy with considerable rain. One year ago today father died, and it will be four weeks tomorrow since Uncle Enos followed him.

Have been busy all day without doing much. After dinner went to Mrs. Howard's, then Hargett's, then to Agnes + lastly to see Mrs. Peebles. Carl left at 4.32 for Lorain, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and probably St. Louis.

Julia and Elizabeth went to stay all night with Agnes.

Tuesday June 23rd, 1903

An ideal day, clear, cool, delightful. Was out most of the day. Mrs. Chas. Wilhelin + I went to do some K-G collecting at Stove + Range Wrks and then to Class Day exercises at the High School. In the afternoon I drove again and took Mary + Mrs. Mason with me.

Wrote to Mary Ricker and Will. Mary is to leave Boston on the 'Indian' for Philadelphia this afternoon, having a little ocean voyage.

Wednesday June 24th, 1903

Beautiful weather, so cool for the season. Was out in the forenoon doing K-G work and in the afternoon went to the K-G Assion. meeting at All Saints Chapel. Did not have election of officers but took steps to finish up the work for the year before electing new officers.

Elizabeth went to Miss Evan's recital after church and both Elizabeth and Julia went to stay all night with Agnes.

Thursday June 25th, 1903

Rained in the night. Pleasant today. I went early to drive and took sister Mary, Mr. + Mrs. S.B. Riggs, who came to the Hotel Washington last night, and spent most of the forenoon showing them around town, and the cemetery. Went to W.C.T.U. at 2 P.M. and heard Mrs. Bailey of N.J. talk. Had Mr. + Mrs. Riggs here to supper and they had several callers, Mr. S.R. Ross, Miss Bell + Mrs. Graham. Had a pleasant visit with them.

Friday June 26th, 1903

Fine weather with a very light sprinkle of rain in the evening. A great emotion was created today by the disclosure of the defalcation of Jno. K. Duke as Sec'y + Treas. of the Royal B + L Assion. He told the director of his having borrowed several thousands of dollars for his own use, and found himself unable to pay. The Alumni Reunion was held at the Washington this evening. J.W. + I went with Julia Prichard as our only other representation. Neither Sister nor Elizabeth able to go + Mary not here. Mr. + Mrs. S.B. Riggs were present.

Saturday June 27th, 1903

Fine day. Sister worked in the yard all forenoon and then went to Miss Cramer's with the horse + buggy but they did not drive after all.

E. had letters from Mary at Phila, and Will at Cleveland. Mary is having a fine visit in Philadelphia with Jean Alexander's friends. Mrs. Sam'; R. Shipley + family. The affairs of the Royal B+L Ass'n are still the topic of the day. Am so sorry that Mr. Duke is in such trouble.

Elizabeth went to stay all night with Agnes. Carl is away, gone to St. Louis. Went to the train to see Mr. + Mrs. Riggs off this morning.

Sunday June 28th, 1903

Weather very pleasant for the season.

The usual services were attended though Margaret did not feel like going to any of them.

It has been nineteen years today since I sailed from New York for a trip to Europe and met Mrs. Bond as a roommate.

We usually exchange letters at this time of the year.

Monday June 29th, 1903

Rather warm.

Margaret is getting ready to go away for the summer and we are all getting things ready for Mary's home-coming tomorrow evening, so sweeping and dusting has been the order of the day.

Letter from Miss Clara Ewalt saying she would be here tomorrow forenoon for a brief visit.

Tuesday June 30th, 1903

Pleasant day and I have been on the go continually. After early breakfast I took Jas to the train to attend the S.S. picnic at Dugan's Grove, the first time he ever went alone but I could not go for several reasons. Went to meet Miss Ewalt at 10.50 and brought her here to dinner. Took her to the 4.32 train then met Jas at 6.30 and then met Jas at 6.30 and together we met Mary who came on the 8.03 train from Phila where she has been since Thursday. Five times I have driven to the station today.

Wednesday July 1st, 1903

Weather fine for the time of year. Now much done today but visiting with Mary as she has gone so long. We are so glad to have her with us again. Agnes has two guests so the girls spend much of the time up there.

Jas + I went to prayer-meeting as usual.

Thursday July 2nd, 1903

Very warm.

Margaret packed for her trip to Boston, today and I did some dewing for her, lengthened her linen dress. Miss Cramer brought her things down here and put them in M's truck. The expect to spend the summer together in New Hampshire.

Lucy and Edith Moore was here.

Went to bed as soon as I had the chance.

Friday July 3rd, 1903

Very, very warm.

We were up early to get Margaret started. Papa got the horse read and I, with Mary took her to the 5.20 train and it was late, + kept getting later so we did not get home until nearly eight o'clock. Miss Ball went with them to Boston but does not expect to stay all summer with them. The girls spent the day preparing for the picnic tomorrow.

Saturday July 4th, 1903

An ideal day for our usual family picnic at Turkey Creek. We missed sister but there were sixteen of us. Papa + I went in the surrey with Mike, the others had a big picnic wagon and the big grays from the Shop. Carl + Agnes, Miss Perin of Cin, Elizabeth and Mary, Bus Pixley, Winifred Smith, Mr. Oscar Adams, Mr. Mahan, the two Messrs Powers of Cin, Mr. Bragdon was called to Lexington on business + missed it. Rained after we came home.

Sunday July 5th, 1903

The usual Sunday services were held and we attended as usual. I asked Miss Myers to take charge of Margaret's class which she did for today.

Monday July 6th, 1903

Warm. Essie left today and I cannot say I regret it as she was not much help. Miss Lavina Perin came to spend the week with Elizabeth.

These days are so much alike that the record is not very interesting, all busy for me.

Tuesday July 7th, 1903

Warm. Carl and Agnes here to supper with Miss Perin. I went to a double Missionary meeting, the Foreign having been postponed from the regular date because S.S. picnic was held on that day. After the Home Society was over the Foreign held a session and then I came home + dressed to go with Mother to Mrs. Scudder's reception. C+A did not come to supper after all but drove to Crichton Inn and spent the evening, our girls, Miss Perin + Mr. Mahan going.

Wednesday July 8th, 1903

Very warm. Rise early and am very busy all day except when I stop for a nap, or rest. Breakfast is not all out of the way until about 8 o'clock.

Jas + I went to prayer-meeting as usual.

Thursday July 9th, 1903

Very warm, close and no breeze stirring.

Have been busy and tired. Went to W.C.T.U. meeting and afterwards came home. Jas + I went on the ferry boat excursion given by the C.E. society of our church but there was'nt a breeze even on the boat until we were coming home. The night was beautiful but I was too tired for enjoying anything. Attended reception at Mrs. Barr's.

Friday July 10th, 1903

Quite warm with rain threatening. Hot during the day. Mrs. Lyman Perin came up from Cin on the afternoon train to visit Agnes and look after her lot in the Cemetery here, where her mother is buried. I called on here in the afternoon. She and several other planned to go on a boat excursion in the evening but no one got off. Elizabeth + I went to preparatory lectures and then to Front St to join the party but all missed the boat.

Saturday July 11th, 1903

Weather quite warm during the day. Rained a little. Agnes, Mrs. and Miss Perin came to call upon us and Agnes invited Jas + me to supper with Mrs. Perin. We went. Mr. Mahan was there also. Mrs. Perin lived on 4th St in what is now known as the Lodwick house from her birth until she was eleven years old, and is much interested in seeing the place and people.

Sunday July 12th, 1903

Fine day. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Has communion service in the morning and several new members were rec'd. Among them were Miss Lining, Mr. + Mrs. Kenyon, Mr. + Mrs. Albertson and a son, or daughter, Mr. Fred Baker from 2nd St. Pres. Ch. and a Mr. Hill from some other church. Took charge of Margaret's S.S. class this morning as there was no one else to do it.

Monday July 13th, 1903

Pleasant. It is forty years today since the Union army come to Yazoo City by land and water and bombarded the place until it surrendered and our family came away with the army + have since lived in Ohio. We had Carl + Agnes, Mrs. + Miss Perin + Mr. Mahon here to tea after which Carl took Mrs. P for a drive and the I went with her to call upon Mrs. J.K. Lodwick, Mr. Miss Ross and the Misses Firmstone. We had a pleasant time. spent the forenoon visit in the Cemetery. Mr. + Miss P, sister Mary + I drove out.

Tuesday July 14th, 1903

Cooler and very delightful. After breakfast the girls were helping Agnes get her errands done preparatory to leaving for the summer. I went to say good-bye to her and her guests, Mrs. and Miss Perin, they all left on the afternoon C+O for Cin. Agnes will go on to Cleveland. Carl was here to supper and will be with us for meals when in town. After

supper J.W. + I took a drive and called upon Mrs. Kenyon and her daughters. Bess Pixley was here.

Wednesday July 15th, 1903

Weather delightfully cool. We needed extra covers at night. This is Jas' birthday and I have him an extra pair of sleeve bottoms. Had a fine letter from Margaret who was still in Cambridge Mass. Mary had a letter from sister Virginia. Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Wrote to Margaret after coming home.

Thursday July 16th, 1903

Still delightfully cool. Have been home most of the forenoon, and out all of the afternoon. Went to a called meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Auxiliary at Mrs. Kline's to discuss the advisability of appropriating the funds of the society to the introduction of manual training in the public schools. Matter was left in the hand of a Committee consisting of Mrs. Kline Pres. Miss Lloyd Treas. and Mrs. Duduit. Went to see Miss Lloyd after supper. Carl + Mr. Mahan here to supper.

Friday July 17th, 1903

Warmer again.

Have been out most of the day. Was doing K-G work in the forenoon and after dinner I went to see Mrs. Duduit and Mrs. Sappington, and did some other things. Was all through Mrs. Grant Williams' new home this morning and it is very beautiful.

Saturday July 18th, 1903

Very warm. Worked in the yard quite a good deal today. Carl went to St. Louis. Had another good letter from Margaret. Wrote to Will.

Called upon Mrs. Pritchard of Indianapolis, also Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Pepper and Mrs. Peel this afternoon.

Carl had word Charlie Ricker today to go at once to St. Louis as Frank has been missing since Thursday and so he left on the 4.32 train, but requested that nothing be said at present.

Sunday July 19th, 1903

Warm in the sun but a dine breeze make the day delightful.

Went to S.S. and church as usual. Secured Mrs. Young to take charge of Margaret's class for today. I had a new pupil in my class, Miss Rebecca Kenyon who united with our church last Sunday with her brother. Clara Kenyon + a younger brother came to church.

Monday July 20th, 1903

Warm, but breezy and so, pleasant. Busy all day. Washed my black serge skirt, and pressed it. Jas talk me of Frank Ricker's mysterious disappearance from the train in St. Louis Union depot last Thursday, when he told a friend he was going to see the doctor, but it was found he did not go there and no one who knows him has seen him since. The affair is very sad, and we are glad to know that his business affairs are all right. Went to M.R.C. meeting. Frank + Mary Ricker's daughter Helen was here.

Tuesday July 21st, 1903

Warm but a fine breeze all day. No letters except one from Carl saying was still no law to Frank's whereabouts.

We are all very anxious and Carl writes and telegraphs every day. News came today of the death by railroad accident of John McGrath who used to live next door to us.

Have been busy at home all day. Mrs. Coles Peebles called here this afternoon.

Wednesday July 22nd, 1903

Warm. Was out and paid some bills today, one at Haas + Schwartz for the extra material for my suit. One at Mrs. Moreland's.

Decided to take up the dining room carpet + put down matting. Went to prayer-meeting as usual.

Carl came home from Chicago this afternoon, having gone there from St. Louis to follow a possible clue to Frank's whereabouts.

I wrote to sister about it.

Thursday July 23rd, 1903

Rained very little. Had Jackson come and take up the carpet in the dining room + put down the matting that had been in the library. Had to get a new strip. The Peebles girls will be here the last of the week to visit at their Grandmother Peebles.

Carl had a telegraph from Will Lang Ricker this afternoon saying Frank had had sent a message to Charlie from Portland Oregon but it gave no explanation, and we can only surmise that his mind was affected in some way. Elizabeth + Mary went to Millbrook with Lucy + her S.S. class.

Friday July 24th, 1903

Rained a little. I was today that the dining room was cleaned again + the matting put down. Alex Ricker was here to dinner. I got a set of silver studs for sister Virginia's birthday and sent them in a letter to her, or got it ready to send tomorrow to be there for the 29th.

Saturday July 25th, 1903

A very warm day. Letter from Margaret tell of cold weather when she is at Bath N. Hampshire. Elizabeth and Mary went over to visit with Lucy + Edith and before they returned Robert Pebbles came, having arrived this afternoon with Elizabeth and Margaret from Ashland, to visit at their Grandmother Peebles'.

Have had news of Frank in a letter from Will L. to Carl saying Frank had wondered off without realizing what he was doing.

Mary Green's birthday.

Sunday July 26th, 1903

Weather still delightful. Edith Moore has consented to take charge of Margaret's class until she returns which is a relief to me. This being the last Sunday in the month we had special music both morning and evening and larger congregations. The catholic world is in a state of excitement over the death of Pope Leo 13th and the election of a new man to succeed him.

Monday July 27th, 1903

Fine weather.

Elizabeth had a letter from Miss Perin asking her to go Wednesday to spend a week with her. I advised her to go so Mary will work and try to finish a waist for her.

Ed came home about 10 o'clk and went to bed sick. I did all I could for him and called the doctor at his request. His father came on his usual trip not knowing Ed was sick + stayed all night with him.

Tuesday July 28th, 1903

Weather fine. Arose early this morning and had Mr. Scofield's breakfast ready for him but he slipped out quietly and was gone before I knew it. Ed though he was better today and would not need his father so he went on as he had intended. Ed thought he was better today and would not need his father so he went on as he had intended. Ed has been in bed all day and Dr. Hall came to see him twice I think. Went to Foreign Mis. Society this afternoon. Had a good meeting.

Letter from Margaret.

Wednesday July 29th, 1903

Pleasant. Elizabeth's birthday and she made hurried preparations and went to Cin to visit Miss Perin, leaving on the C+O afternoon train but did not know about Maude. Mary and her Papa went to the train but missed Stanley, who had gone to look for his baggage. Ed is not so well and asked us to telegraph Stanley this morning + he came at once.

I gave Elizabeth a gold hat pin made of one of my ear rings.

Thursday July 30th, 1903

A little cloudy but no rain since yesterday so Mrs. Fulton thought the day would be right for the lawn-fite and the event proved her surmise correct. Some of us were busy all day, with the preparations and the attendance was good in the evening. We all had supper excepting Stanley who could not leave Ed as he was quite sick. I was home at supper time to do what I could, then, went back to Mrs. Fulton's.

Friday July 31st, 1903

A gentle rain fell nearly all day but we took the carriage and went to Mrs. Fulton's to help put things in order again, and returned the borrowed articles. The proceeds were quite satisfactory, but receipts are not all in nor bills all paid. Net proceeds will amount 35.00. When I came home at noon there were eleven gallons of blackberries waiting to be put up. Mrs. Fulton was glad to take three gallons and I worked until bed time straining the juices and making seedless jam.

Mr. Mahan was here to supper and spent the evening her with Carl.

Postal form Margaret at Bath N.H.

Saturday August 1st, 1903

Pleasant after the rain. Busy as I could be all day. Ed is still unable to sit up and Dr. Hall comes once or twice daily to see him.

With no help in the kitchen and company all the time there is little chance for writing, but I manage to get a letter off to Margaret two or three times a week. Finished up the black-berries but did not get them put away. Letters from Sister Virginia + Margaret + Aunt Helen Ricker.

Sunday August 2nd, 1903

Hot in the middle of the day but a breeze most of the time makes it pleasant. Had to find teachers for both Margaret's + Elizabeth's classes.

Mr. Arnold announced that after today he would take his vacation and the church would be closed for three Sundays. Had a fine congregation this evening.

Monday August 3rd, 1903

Still have fine weather. Rained a very little. Will came to Carl's last night, or early this A.M. and washer to breakfast after all the others had finished. Was only here a few hours, left to talk business and will go on tomorrow. MR. Mahan was here to supper so we had a table full.

Tuesday August 4th, 1903

Beautiful weather.

Busy at home all the forenoon. At 2 o'clock P.M. went to the Home Mis. Soc. at the church, had charge of the program the subject being Foreigners in America. Mrs. C.G. Young is Pres. of the Society and we had a good meeting.

Will left on the 9.20 train for Wellston.

Wednesday August 5th, 1903

A very warm day. Lucy Moore's birthday and telephoned her, Edith and Mary, + Ada Moore to come + spend the afternoon. Also asked Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles and as Julia Pritchard came in to call I asked her to go + get her work and come back, which she did. Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Mr. Arnold and family left for Cleveland today and Tom Patterson had charge of the prayer-meeting.

Thursday August 6th, 1903

Pleasant though pretty warm. Margaret's birthday and I wrote her again also sister Virginia who wanted some recipes.

Have letters from Margaret nearly every day. After supper we drove up to see Mr. Arnold's mother who is there alone with the girl, the family being gone to Cleveland. After our call, sister E. with us, we took Mrs. Morgan for a drive.

Friday August 7th, 1903

Weather pleasant for the season. Hot in the sun but night cool enough for a cover.

Sister Elizabeth spent the day with us but went with Mrs. Taylor to drive before supper. Ed not yet able to sit up and Stanley still with him constantly. I wrote to Margaret and Darline Scofield and also to Julia Tappan Langdorf as it is her birthday and she is in Japan.

Saturday August 8th, 1903

Cloudy with light rain at times. Very busy at home nearly all day. In the afternoon took Mother and sister Elizabeth to do some errands, they went to see Mrs. Young. Maude Clark has not felt well today but went with the girls to take a drive on the west side, + took their suppers. Elizabeth and Margaret Peebles came to stay a few days with our girls. Mr. Mahan was here to supper as he was last night, with Carl. Mailed Julia's letter.

Sunday August 9th, 1903

Pleasant. All went to Sunday School as usual but we had no service so no one went except Maude, Elizabeth and Margaret who went to Ger. Meth. to hear the sermon in German.

I am too tired to enjoy anything. In the evening Jas. + I went to Ger. Pres.

Rec'd letters today from Margaret, and Julia Tappan Langsdorf, now in Hiroshima Japan. Julia Pritchard was here. Cart was here.

Monday August 10th, 1903

Beautiful day, cloudy but no rain. Uncle Drew Ricker's birthday. Wrote to him and to May Ricker of Kirkwood. The five girls drive to Crichton Inn this forenoon, taking their dinners. Returned about 4 P.M. Ed much better today. Miss Ball returned today + telephoned me this evening. Mrs. Selby, Winifred Smith and their mother called her this evening. Mr. Mahan here to supper.

Tuesday August 11th, 1903

Beautiful day. Light sprinkle but no rain. Father + Mother's anniversary, married in 1847. Elizabeth + Margaret Peebles returned to their Grandma Peebles' today. Letter from Darline Scofield. Elizabeth Peebles + I made calls this afternoon upon Mary Ellen Moore + the girls, Mrs. Kehoe, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Scudder + Mrs. Draper + Mrs. Graham. Mrs. K. Mrs. S. + Mrs. D. were not at home, or could'nt be seen. Ed came down stairs for the first time today but not to eat meals.

Wednesday August 12th, 1903

Cooler and very delightful. Have been busy as usual. Cooked half-ripe grapes and made some nice jelly.

Had a fine letter from Margaret. Went out in the surrey with Mother + Lizzie to do errands in the morning. Just before supper I drove up to see Mrs. Arnold and took her some cottage cheese. Went to prayer-meeting as usual and afterwards stopped at Miss Anna Ross' to leave the K-G money \$7.60 with her to add to the 32.50 she had.

Thursday August 13th, 1903

Beautiful day. Soon after breakfast Jas, mother, sister Lizzie and I went out to Bessie Titus' and the cemetery. Mother stopping at Bessie's. Did errands also and were gone nearly all forenoon. This is Mary Y. Moore's birthday and L + I went to speak to her and take her a few flowers. The Peebles Family all took supper at Mrs. Jno. G Peebles and bide us good-bye this evening at they leave early in the morning.

Friday August 14th, 1903

Fine day. Letter from Margaret to her father., Sister L. and her four children with Jackson as a man of all work, left this morning all going direct to Wooster excepting Elizabeth + Margaret who will visit in Bellair before going to Wooster. Marie Clark came this evening to spend a few days.

Ed is able to come down stairs today.

Julia Pritchard left for Boston this morning.

Saturday August 15th, 1903

Beautiful day. The four girls drove around the "Flag" today, taking their dinner. I was at Dr. Ruggles' until 11.20 and had my work finished. Came home and got dinner.

Carl was here to supper. Wrote to Margaret.

Mrs. Wire Uge called to see the girls this morning.

Sunday August 16th, 1903

Fine day, warm but a good breeze was felt most of the day.

Went to Sunday School then came home and got dinner as I wanted all the girls to go to church, they went to Bigelow with Jas. In the evening he + I went there, Carl + Elizabeth went to C.E. + afterwards to Bigelow. Stanley Scofield went home this afternoon.

Monday August 17th, 1903

Warm, dry and dusty. Was out about half an hour and home all the rest of the day except while at Relief Corp's meeting in the afternoon.

Have had a busy day as usual.

Our old neighbor Mrs. Schwab is breaking up housekeeping and going to move to Columbus.

Janet Silcox was here this morning. Carl was here to breakfast and supper. Ed went to work again this morning.

Tuesday August 18th, 1903

Warm and bright. Was out in the buggy a few minutes this morning and while out Mr. York gave me 10.00 for the Free Kindergarten. Gentry's pony + dog show is in town but I did not so much as see the parade. The four girls went to see the show in the afternoon. Dr. Ruggles and Mabel Drew were married this evening. I took Mother and Macy to the wedding and Jas + I called for them later.

Wednesday August 19th, 1903

Still warm, dry and dusty. Carl here to breakfast, dinner, and supper today. Mr. Mahan here also. Was up to see Mrs. Arnold this forenoon, also Mrs. Dudit about the Y.M.C.A. Aux. work.

Went to prayer-meeting after supper. Small attendance. Dr. Dennis led the meeting.

Thursday August 20th, 1903

Warm and dry. Spent much of the day helping celebrate Mrs. Jno. Schwartz' birthday and we all enjoyed it. I gave her a silver teaspoon, some flowers and other things. It is brother Enos' birthday also. Wrote him last night. This first of the series of yacht race

was tried today and called off on account of adverse winds, with the American vessel, the Reliance in the lead. Mr. Mahan here to tea. David Tappan called after supper, he came today.

Friday August 21st, 1903

Warm, dry, dusty. Rained needed. Was out most of the day. IN the forenoon went to see Maggie Lloyd, miss Ball, Mrs., Labold + others. After dinner I + Mrs. Wilhelm did some K- G work and took Miss Ross \$ 31.40 after supper. The girls sewed some + Miss Clicher ironed. Mr. Mahan was here to supper. Had letters from Will and Margaret. Wrote to each, sending M's letter to Boston.

Kathleen Murray was buried this morning. Her mother died in Dec. last.

Saturday August 22nd, 1903

Warm, dry, dusty. This is Will's birthday and I wrote him a letter yesterday. he is now thirty years old but still seems like a boy in some ways. Have been very busy at home and in trying to get some records straightened out and finished up.

David Tappan and Mr. Mahan, as well as Carl were here to tea. David will be in two or three weeks canvassing for some firm.

The cup defender Reliance won the first of the trail races over the Shamrock 3rd Olive Iselin against Thos. Lipton.

Sunday August 23rd, 1903

Warm, dry, and dusty. Went to S.S. as usual, Carl + I going part way together then he went home before going to S.S. He was here to dinner after we had been to Bigelow for service. We went again in the evening. It is too far to go to the 2nd Pres. church after we get through with the evening work. I was out over home today, took a nap and then read + studied my lesson.

Monday August 24th, 1903

Very warm and dusty. 9 years ago today at 4 o'clock Mother Ricker died, leaving precious memories in the hearts of her children and friends. We have been busy as usual and it seems too warm and close to do anything.

Carl and Mr. Mahan were here to supper, after which Jas + I drove up street taking them to Mr. Glidden's, while I stopped at Mrs. Dudit's. Salle came home to Carl's.

Tuesday August 25th, 1903

Very, very warm and dusty. Some clouds and a few sprinkles of rain but it all passed by and everything is suffering.

Was home all forenoon. Mary Peebles + Mrs. Kline were here on errands. Went to Foreign Mis. Soc, in afternoon. Carl and Mr. Mahan were here to tea. No letters from

anywhere today. Cut some beautiful roses and sweet peas which have been well watered and done well.

Wednesday August 26th, 1903

Hot and dusty. Went over to Mother's after breakfast to look over Father's old books and papers and remained all day, did not come home to dinner. The letters have been kept since 1833 and have been all carefully tied up in packages and marked with the year. His diaries and account books were all complete and in going over them I feel as though I had spent the day with him. Dr. Clark of Col. called us up about 11 P.M. to say Mrs. Pearce was coming to P. Miss Cramer came home. M. stopped in Col.

Thursday August 27th, 1903

Warm dry and dusty as it has been for some time. Busy at home all morning. Went to W.C.T.U. in afternoon and in election of officers and Supts, managed to get Mrs. Taubman chosen to fill my place as Supt of Anti- Tobacco + Narcotics. Went to notify her before supper when I took Miss Cramer home. She had come to call and tell us about Margaret who remained in Columbus to visit Mrs. Richards a few days. Dr. Cotton is very low. Grace came home on the same train with M + Miss Cramer.

Wm. C. Pearce of Chicago took dinner with us.

Friday August 28th, 1903

Very hot. Signs of rains failed and it has been a hard day. I was busy all forenoon with crab-apples and in the afternoon divided my time between my time between the jelly and the old library over at Mother's when I have been going over letters and papers and bringing home the odds and ends which Mother gave me from the library and Father's old books + papers. She gave me Father's silver spoon which he had used for several years. Edith Moore was here. Wrote to Helen and Margaret.

Saturday August 29th, 1903

A fine rainstorm this afternoon which prevented our driving to Wheelersburg, but did a great deal of good. Helen Moore's birthday, I wrote her yesterday for it. Have been at home all day hard at work. Finished making twenty jars of crab-apple jelly. Mrs. Criccher came and did some sweeping + dusting. Carl went to St. Louis. Mr. Mahan was here to supper. The girls are interested in bead work which is a present fad.

Sunday August 30th, 1903

Pleasant after the rain. Went to Sunday School as usual. Mr. Arnold was back in his place, brought the children, but left Mrs. Arnold in Cleveland. We enjoyed having service in our own church again, but I was too tired to fully enjoy anything.

Was over home a little while. Carl was not at home.

Monday August 31st, 1903

Fine day. Was busy as usual all forenoon in the afternoon. Jas ad I drove up to Wheelersburg to see Carl's house.

This is Edward Green's birthday and sister Elizabeth's anniversary.

Dr. D.B. Cotton died last evening about 10 o'clk. I went down this evening but did not see any of the family.

Have thought some of going to Decatur to Presbyterial meeting Wednesday but may not go.

Agnes came home from Cleveland at 8.03 and Carl came from St. Louis at midnight. Elizabeth was staying all night with Agnes. Agnes brought us all some nice presents.

Tuesday Sept. 1st, 1903

Quite cool this morning. Was down to Mrs. Cotton's this morning, and then spent the afternoon there with Mrs. Amann, to attend the door and see the callers.

Home Mis. Society met this afternoon but I could not go, having promised to stay at Mrs. Cotton's. Went to Annual W.C.T.U. meeting at our church in the evening. Mrs. Annie W. Clark of Columbus gave an address.

Wednesday Sept. 2nd, 1903

Fine day but cool in the morning. Dr. Cotton's funeral was held at the church this morning. Dr. Tappan, now of Circleville came to assist in the services, with Mr. Arnold. Jas was one of the pall-bearers. Maggie Peebles + Mrs. Young went to Presbyterial but I gave it up because I felt too tired to get ready for the trip. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Mr. Morgan led and Dr. Tappan made a good talk.

Margaret came home from New Hampshire.

Thursday Sept. 3rd, 1903

Warm again. Have been at home and very busy. Did not go to W.C.T.U. meeting. Was so tired I went to my room and slept.

Friday Sept. 4th, 1903

Pleasant but warm.

Letter from Will containing check for 25.00 for me. Wrote him at once. Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Jamison called here. The girls went to make a few calls and I stayed home. We all attended a S.S. Teachers' meeting at Mr. Scudder's house this evening. Dr. Tappan and David was here.

Finished stringing some beads for the girls.

Saturday Sept. 5th, 1903

Cloudy with a little rain in the evening and at night.

Dr. Tappan and David were here to supper, as was Agnes also. Was out on K-G work and collected 5.00 from Excelsior Shoe Co., and Dr. F.H. Williams.

Sunday Sept. 6th, 1903

Warm. Went to S.S. as usual and the other services. Slept awhile in the afternoon being very tired.

Then went over to see Mother + Mary awhile in the afternoon.

Monday Sept. 7th, 1903

Warm and dry. It is 40 years since we moved to Portsmouth and I have only moved twice in all that time. When we moved from Gallia St to Court & Sixth, and in 1872 two years later I moved from there to 5th St into my own home where I have been ever since.

Margaret + I went to Ironton today to see Aunt Ad Ricker so M. could tell her about her New Hampshire relations with whom M. boarded this summer.

Tuesday Sept. 8th, 1903

Weather dry and warm. My birthday was well remembered. I had a letter + check from Will last week then Carl + Agnes gave me a beautiful large mirror which came yesterday. Each of the others gave me something, May a silver thimble, E. a belt, Margaret paper, Jas shows and Helen M sent me a letter.

Miss Nannie Lee Frayser of Louisville came today to speak at the S.S. Con. and will stay at Carl's.

Wednesday Sept. 9th, 1903

The weather is pleasant but the dust is very deep and disagreeable.

The Scioto Co. Sunday School Convention opened in the Second Pres. church this morning with a very good attendance. Rev Stevenson is the President, Mrs. Jesse Allen Sec'y.

This is Mrs. Charlotte Smith's birthday. I did not have time to call upon her as I had intended. We had no prayer-meeting as the S.S. Convention was in session + we went there.

Thursday Sept. 10th, 1903

Warm and very dusty. The wind has been blowing and covered everything with dust.

I went to the Sunday School Convention in the forenoon and evening but was too tired to go in the afternoon. Miss Frayser spoke twice today and has had the closest attention every time she appeared. She has a wonderful gift, I forgot that she addressed a children's meeting at our church this afternoon.

The Convention closed this evening.

Friday Sept. 11th, 1903

Warm and showery so that we could sweep the house, which we did, with the help of Ethel Sernons. The girls spend as much time as they can with Miss Frayser at Agnes'. Had birthday letters from Sister Virginia and Aunt Helen Ricker.

Was very tired and went early to bed.

Went to see Mrs. Spry in her trouble. Her son has been arrested for robbing the mail, he being one of the carries.

Saturday Sept. 12th, 1903

Warm again. Rain last night settled the dust and today has been more pleasant. Drove out to do errands this morning. Made a few calls in the afternoon. Mrs. Dr. Ruggles, Mrs. Cole Peebles, Mrs. McClain + Miss McClain, Mrs. Will Pursell has a grandson who arrived last night at the home of Mr. + Mrs. Earl Pursell.

The girls with Carl, Agnes + Miss Frayser to spend the evening with Mr. + Mrs. Mahan.

Wrote to Will and Aunt Helen R.

Sunday Sept. 13th, 1903

Very warm. All went to Sunday School as usual. Miss Frayser went with Agnes and Mr. Arnold asked both of them to help him with a class of little waifs he had gathered in his study. Miss Frayser consented to speak for him in the morning and told the story of God's wonderful gift to man. In the evening she told the story of the Prodigal Son for Dr. Alderson. She is a most charming talker and holds her audiences spellbound.

Monday Sept. 14th, 1903

Very warm again.

After breakfast I drove up to Mr. Stevenson's and got a text card which I gave to Miss Frayser as a souvenir of the Scioto Co S.S. Convention of last week. She left for her home in Louisville on the afternoon C+O train and Carl left for Paducah so May will stay with Agnes. A. was here to supper. I wrote a letter of thanks to David Tappan for his photo. Jas and Margaret drove to Wheelersburg to see Maud and her colt.

Tuesday Sept. 15th, 1903

Very hot dusty and oppressive. This is the double birthday Mother's and Mary's.

I drove out and did some errands and a little Kindergarten work. The work seems to be pretty well established now grows in favor all the time. I was over home a while this afternoon. Mr. + Mrs. F.S. Arnold were there to dinner as it is their anniversary and they celebrate it with the double birthday.

Mr. Arnold's father died one year ago today.

Wednesday Sept. 16th, 1903

Very warm all day but late in the evening heavy cloud indicated rain which did not come and let in the night indications of storms grew stronger.

Mother and John left on the 7.55 train for Wooster to visit Lizzie Peebles. Jamison+ I took Mother to the train. Went to prayer-meeting. Dr. Ruggles opened the meeting for Mr. Arnold who had two weddings on hand and could only come in time to give the lesson. Mr. Knox led the mgt + Lillie Raypole played.

Uncle Sam's anniversary.

Thursday Sept. 17th, 1903

Began growing cooler in the morning and by afternoon people were wearing wraps and overcoats and some had fires. I was out in the forenoon to do some errands and in the afternoon attended Mabel Drew Ruggles' "At Home" at her Mother's. Made calls at Mrs. Esselbom's, Mrs. W.W. Gates' + Mrs. Haldeman's. The newspapers report hard rainstorms on the coast and snow in the north west.

Friday Sept. 18th, 1903

Opened the grate and started a fire in the sitting room this morning. Anderson Lee, a colored man from N. Carolina cam try the work and says he has a wife who will come later and may suit us for a cook.

Expected to have a S.S. class meeting this evening but no one came except Lillie Raypole.

Saturday Sept. 19th, 1903

Still cool and chilly. Agnes here to dinner and supper and Elizabeth went to stay all night with her. The American S.S. Union man was here in the interest of the work and I gave some time and money to the cause.

Feel the change in the weather and went early to bed.

Sunday Sept. 20th, 1903

Very cool. The change in the weather has given me a cold. Wore a jacket to S.S. and church. This is Mary's birthday, twenty-three and a dear, capable girl.

Mr. Arnold gave us two excellent sermons today, the evening one being the second in the series on the Bible. Was over home to sit a while with Mary.

Monday Sept. 21st, 1903

Bright and cool. Have fire in the sitting room Mrs. Crichen was here to sweep and dust. I put up fresh curtains. At 4.32 P.M. Darline Scofield came to spend a few days with us. Miss Dever and Mr. Sprague came to spend the evening.

I spent most of the afternoon at Relief Corps meeting getting ready for inspection.

Letter from Will. Got an Automatic machine on trial.

Tuesday Sept. 22nd, 1903

Not so cool as yesterday but we still have fire in the sitting room. Have been at home all day and busy as usual. Put new binding on my luster dress. Mary and Mrs. Arnold came over and heard Darline sing a few songs. Her voice is fine and she has improved since we last heard her, a year and half ago. Carl came home from Birmingham, Ala. this afternoon.

Wednesday Sept. 23rd, 1903

Weather quite cool and I have taken a severe cold, was unable to go prayer-meeting.

Our conference delegates came this evening, Rev. H.E. Wright, the other one will be here in the morning.

Thursday Sept. 24th, 1903

Weather fine but too dry. The Ohio Conference met in Sixth St. M.E. church this morning and we have two delegates, Rev. H.E. Wright of Bremen and layman Mr. Bowman of Athens Co. I have taken such a severe cold that I am unfit for work of any kind and spent part of the afternoon in bed. The three girls. E.V. M.H. + Agnes went to Mabel Drew Ruggles' "At Home" today.

Friday Sept. 25th, 1903

Dry and dusty but no so cool as it was. Busy with the conference guest and regular work. Mrs. Cricher was here to iron and help. We do not get to any of the meetings.

I went to Ethel Cotton's to a committee meeting to help arrange a course of talks + entertainments for the benefit of the K-G.

Mrs. Ores and Mr. Herain are on the Com. with Mrs. Schwartz. Cold better but still bad enough.

Saturday Sept. 26th, 1903

Warm, very dry + dusty. Some indications of rain at night. Busy all forenoon preparing for company to dinner and Dr. Clark's Conference Class reunion at our house in the afternoon. Dr. Clark arrived on the 10.55 train from Chicago and was here with two delegates from Carl's, in addition to our own two. Messrs Smith + Criglete. The reunion was at two P.M. where ten of the classes were here. We set the table and had a piece of salvia + clematis, with rose buds at the places. Served ice cream + coffee. D.C. left at 4.32. Wrote to Miss Frayser.

Sunday Sept. 27th, 1903

Fair weather.

Went to S.S. and the usual church services though I did not feel much like it. Had review lesson, Mr. Scudder being absent; Jas conducted exercises. Rev. Guilford Dickinson, once a boy in our school talked to the school. Had three visiting minister's in the morning, rev. Mr. Courtney preached in the morning and Rev. Mr. Elson in the evening.

Monday Sept. 28th, 1903

Fine full weather but I have too bad a cold to enjoy it very much.

Conference is still in session and cannot close before tomorrow sometime.

We have had a very pleasant guests. Cannot do much but the regular work.

Tuesday Sept. 29th, 1903

Fine day but I am not feeling well enough to enjoy it. Mother and Lizzie Peebles came from Chicago at noon.

Our guests left today. Mr. Bowman left for Chester Hill on the morning B+O and rev. H.E. Wright left on the 4.32 for his home in Bremen but will go to New Holland next week, having a new change. I went to the Forgan Mis Society this afternoon. Margaret came home to sleep after being gone three weeks or more, ever since Mrs. Behrens' went for her visit.

Letter from Nannie Lee Frayser.

Wednesday Sept. 30th, 1903

Pleasant. My cold is better but not all gone. Lizzie Peebles left on the early morning train for Cin. and then home. I was busy all day as usual and not feeling well. Went to see Mrs. Schwartz and do a few errands.

Went to prayer-meeting. Had a letter from Will.

Thursday Oct. 1st, 1903

Warmer, cloudy but no rain, except sprinkles. Was home all forenoon and got dinner as Mary was helping Mr. Arnold get out some circulars, and Elizabeth had gone to look over the Kindergarten material. After dinner I went to Ethel Schwartz's to go over the K-G Entertainment Course program before giving it to the printer. Went to W.C.T.U. and then made a call upon Mrs. Titus.

Wrote to Will.

Rec'd cards to Mr. + Mrs. Riggs' fifteenth anniversary for Oct. 12th.

Friday Oct. 2nd, 1903

Pleasant. Busy as usual. Elizabeth spent the forenoon at the Jefferson St. K-G room preparing to open Monday. Edith Moore did the same at Sixth St. room.

Saturday Oct. 3rd, 1903

Bright and pleasant. Busy as usual all day. The ladies have furnished the study at the church for a house for Dr. Daniel Shepardson and his wife during their week's stay here, as he being paralyzed in his lower limbs cannot live elsewhere very conveniently having to be carried up and down the stairs. They arrive on the noon train today.

Sunday Oct. 4th, 1903

A fine day. All went to S.S. as usual excepting Agnes who is still sick, having tonsillitis. Dr. Shepardson appeared first in S.S. and at all the other meetings during the day, holding a 3.30 service each afternoon. He and his wife are fine musicians, she playing and he singing. We are hoping for a most interesting time the coming two weeks.

The two Kindergartens opened today. Elizabeth + Edith Moore in charge. [This line was above the following date.]

Monday Oct. 5th, 1903

The new girl came this morning early, but has never been in town before, never was on a train until yesterday when she came to town from Pike Co. Had never seen a colored person in her life until she got off the train. Has much to learn. Went to hear Dr. Shepardson begin his lectures on the minor prophets this afternoon and his lectures in Paul's prison letters in the evening.

Tuesday Oct. 6th, 1903

Cloudy with some rain. A full day at home in the morning and in the afternoon we had meeting of the Home Mis. Society, the Aid Society and then Dr. Shepardson's lecture on Amos.

Mary bring note books and copy the black board for analysis.

Went again in the evening when he talked on Paul's letters. Mrs. Shepardson is getting the children's choir well drilled.

Wednesday Oct. 7th, 1903

Rained. Was busy at home in the forenoon. Went to the lecture upon Hosea in the afternoon and in the evening heard Dr. Shepardson's lecture upon a part of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Attendance small owing to the stormy weather. The rain this evening was very hard.

Carl left on a business trip and both E + M stayed with Agnes.

Thursday Oct. 8th, 1903

Cool after the rains of yesterday and last night, which were very heavy. We were awaked last night after midnight by the doorbell and it proved that sister Virginia Greene from Kansas had come unexpectedly to make us a visit, or rather to visit at Mother's and call on the rest of us.

Father would have been 88 had he lived until today.

Attended bother afternoon and evening services. The new girl left today.

Friday Oct. 9th, 1903

Cool and clear. Busy at home all forenoon then went to church to hear the lecture upon Joel. Then attendance was very good and the lecture was fine.

In the evening the subject was the close of the spirit to the Colossians. Mother was out to the afternoon lecture but it seemed rather imprudent as the air was rather cool.

Saturday Oct. 10th, 1903

Clear and cool with considerable wind. Was busy at home all morning.

After dinner I went down to see Dr + Mrs. Shepardson a few minutes then to Brunner's and home again. Wrote to Will. Drove sister and Miss Cramer up street and made a call upon Mrs. Wilhelm then came home and went over to Mother's to see Virginia Greene.

Elizabeth got her dress home from Miss Knourles'.

Dr. Jane Nye + Miss Anna called.

Sunday Oct. 11th, 1903

Beautiful day and we have enjoyed its many privileges to the fullest extent from Sunday School in the morning to the closing conference after the evening meeting.

Monday Oct. 12th, 1903

This was the most beautiful day and at 9 o'clock Jas and Mary called to take Dr + Mrs. Shepardson for a long drive. They were gone until about 11 o'clock.

This is German Day and there was a large procession of floats and so on. We attended the afternoon and evening meetings and enjoyed it very much. The Minor Prophets in the afternoon + Prison letters of Paul in the evening. Mr. + Mrs. Stephen B Riggs' fifteenth anniversary.

Tuesday Oct. 13th, 1903

Fine weather.

Usual routine of work in the forenoon and Bible lectures in the afternoon and evening. Sister Virginia makes a little visit every day and goes to the meetings as often as she can. Sometimes Mother goes.

Wednesday Oct. 14th, 1903

Pleasant. Busy at home in the forenoon and at 2 o'clock P.M. went to Kindergarten meeting at Miss Ross' after which I went to the Bible Class at our church. In the evening there was a large attendance. The meetings are very interesting and helpful. We are not trying to do much aside from the necessary work and attending the meetings. Mr. + Mrs. Arnold were here to supper.

Thursday Oct. 15th, 1903

Pleasant. The morning work occupied my time in the forenoon and I went to church in the afternoon. Before the hour for the meeting I drove up to Mrs. Gillilan 's with sister Virginia, getting Mr. + Mrs. Arnold on the way. Mrs. Gillian is very ill and Mrs. Willson is with her. After the lecture Mrs. Shepardson + the Dr. held an informal reception in their room in the church. May, Elizabeth + Agnes assisted Mrs. Shepardson, Winifred was there part of the time.

Friday Oct. 16th, 1903

Pleasant all day but it rained hard after we went to bed. It was the closing day of the Bible lectures and the attendance was large. I have had the privilege of attending every meeting and feel very thankful for it had been a rare treat. The Dr. made no contact but several free will offerings were taken by Mr. Arnold and the total was \$239.50. I hope much good will result. Margaret went to the Bannon farm.

Saturday Oct. 17th, 1903

Beautiful day but quite cool and windy. Dr + Mrs. Shepardson + Mr. Arnold took breakfast over at Mother's after which Dr + Mrs. S. and sister Virginia left for Cleveland. Margaret came home from the Bannon farm this afternoon and Jas and I drove up to

Wheelersburg to see Maud and her little colt, which is a beauty. Ethel Schwartz + I were out distributing tickets to be sold for the lecture course for the Kindergarten.

Sunday Oct. 18th, 1903

Fine day. Rally day exercises at S.S. in the morning opened the services. Then we had communion at 10.30 when four persons were received into the church. Mabel Drew Ruggles and Ed. Poffenberger being among the number. After dinner Jas, Mary + I went to the dedication services of the new chapel, which is called Calvary Pres. Chapel located at the corner of New Fifth and Rayner Sts. Mr. Arnold, Dr. Alderson and Mr. Debeer officiated.

Monday Oct. 19th, 1903

Fine weather but rather windy. Busy at home in the forenoon. After dinner went to Relief Corps meeting and was there until 4 o'clock.

Carl and Agnes returned from Detroit at noon. I received an Emporia paper giving an account of Mr. + Mrs. Stephen Riggs' fifteenth anniversary celebration.

Tuesday Oct. 20th, 1903

Beautiful weather, flowers still untouched by frost. Have been very busy all day about the house until after dinner when I made several calls in the neighborhood. Went over home to Mrs. Harwood's and Mrs. Milstead's. The girls went to Clover Club at Margaret Fulton's. Carl and Agnes were here to supper. I had a letter from Will + wrote to Alice Hosford, Margaret paid for the new sewing machine a Singer Automatic, 35.00 and the old Singer.

Mrs. Hermas + Lillian were here.

Wednesday Oct. 21st, 1903

Beautiful weather. I was out quite a while this evening, or afternoon and must have taken cold for I had such severe neuralgic pain that I went to bed before supper. Had taken mother for a drive, picking up Mrs. Kehoe and little Helen Rardin on the way. Later I went to Mrs. Drew's after the girls who were there at a little party given for Charlotte Alderson. I missed prayer-meeting, the first time in months.

Thursday Oct. 22nd, 1903

Beautiful day and rather warm. I was home most of the day. Mended Elizabeth's torn dresses and will have cover the place with braid. J.W., Agnes, Mrs. Harry Miller and I went to Charlotte Anderson's wedding at the Second Pres. Church at 8.30. George D. Moffett was the fortunate man. It was a very pretty wedding. Elizabeth and Mary went with the Clover Club and had reserved seats. Carl was not well and was too tired to go.

Friday Oct. 23rd, 1903

A little cloudy, turned quite cool in the afternoon.

Had the hall stove set up and the drum put up in the room over the kitchen. Did some errands and a little K-G collecting in the forenoon. Home all afternoon until late when I went to Mother's, Mrs. Spry's, Mrs. Cole Peebles', Mrs. Silcox's and Carl's. He left for Cin on the 4.32 train and Agnes was here to supper. Virginia Greene came back from Wooster. I was out to Helen Peebles' + Mrs. Silcox's.

Saturday Oct. 24th, 1903

The first snow of the season was in little rifts on the roofs this morning, and it has been very raw and cold all day. I have been very busy all day cleaning and putting things in order. Mrs. Cricher came after dinner + cleaned up the kitchen and Mr. Will did some carpenter work on the kitchen table and the windows. Wrote to Will. Mary Peebles + Dell Ramsey were here. I was over to Mrs. Losh's.

Sunday Oct. 25th, 1903

Just after midnight last night, Dr. Williams came for me to go down to Ethel Schwartz' as their little Pricilla had just died. It was a great shock. I dressed quickly and went and found them waiting for me. After Ethel had bathed the baby she went upstairs and Grace + I stayed with the undertaker, a new man named Morehead + Mr. Lynn who brought him here. It is very sad.

Monday Oct. 26th, 1903

Fair and bright. I was at Ethel's this forenoon and then after dinner the relief Corps was inspected by Mrs. Neff of Chillicothe and I had to be at the meeting all afternoon. Went to bed a little while before supper then went to the meeting at the church before going to sit up all night at Ethel's with Mrs. Felix Haas. The family are very deeply grieved but are bearing up well under the affliction.

Tuesday Oct. 27th, 1903

Beautiful day but very dusty. I came from Ethel's at 6 o'clock and after a little breakfast, went to bed to sleep while. Went to the funeral very early and remained at the house until everything was in order again. Only the family went to the cemetery. Mr. Arnold made very beautiful + comforting remarks. After the service the friends all left and Ethel placed little Pricilla in the in the casket herself, then with only Mr. Arnold, Dr. Ruggles + Harry Miller and the family went to the cemetery.

Wednesday Oct. 28th, 1903

Dry and dusty. Virginia came over this morning + I gave her a lot of things to take home. She took dinner with us, and then she, Jas + I took supper with Carl and Agnes.

Jas + I went to prayer-meeting. Alex and Mary were here to dinner. After church I went over home to say good-bye to Virginia who leaves early in the morning.

Thursday Oct. 29th, 1903

Dry and dusty. Busy at home in forenoon. After dinner I went to W.C.T.U. and left my report then went to Sixth St. K-G when Edith Moore was to meet the mothers of the upper Kindergarten and organize for the winter. From there I went to the Jefferson St K-G and they were almost through with their meeting. After supper Jas + I called at Capt. Littles'. Mrs. Gillilan's funeral was at 3 P.M. but I could not go.

Virginia Greene left for home.

Thursday Oct. 30th, 1903

Very hazy, smoky, dusty and warmer than it has been. Letter from Will. Carl and Agnes went to Cin, he will go on to Cleveland. Wrote to Will. Was busy at home most of the day. Just before supper I went to call upon Mrs. Towne and Alice Neal at Mrs. Peebles'.

Fire at supper time that burned a warehouse full of baled hay just below Market Street.

Friday Oct. 31st, 1903

Pleasant except that it is very dusty, and rain is badly needed.

I was out in the buggy with Mother, and did errands for the K-G. Went a dozen places.

After dinner I went to see Ethel Schwartz and tell her good-bye as she left with Mr. S. on the afternoon train for West Virginia to spend a couple of weeks. A change will benefit her, but she will miss little Priscilla whenever she goes, for she was a most devoted mother. Miss Peebles, Mrs. Towne and Miss Neal of Ironton called this afternoon.

Sunday Nov. 1st, 1903

Very pleasant except that rain is badly needed.

Went to S. School as usual and attended the regular church services but was too tired and sleepy to enjoy it much.

In the morning Mr. Arnold's friend, Dr. E.E. Reed of Storm Lake Iowa occupied the pulpit. He was here in May last in the interest of his college, Buena Vista, College, Iowa.

Monday Nov. 2nd, 1903

Warm and cloudy but only a slight sprinkle of rain. Was busy at home all day. Did some washing, some mending, and a little of everything.

Mrs. Mahan was away today expecting to return but missed the train or was detained in some way and telephone her boys to ask Elizabeth to go and stay all night with them so both she + Mary went. Jas went to Port meeting and Margaret + I are here alone.

Tuesday Nov. 3rd, 1903

Beautiful day and a little rain last night settled the dust here so Jas + I drove to Wheelersburg in the afternoon but the rain had not extended beyond Offnere Street so we had a dusty drive.

It being our anniversary the girls had a good supper when we returned with a chicken-pie made by sister Mary. I had some presents. Nut picks from Mr. Bragdon, a silver oyster fork from Virginia.

Wednesday Nov. 4th, 1903

Rained. Elizabeth took her music lesson and afterwards sister Mary asked me to invite her to take dinner with Jas and me over at Mother's this evening which we did and had a pleasant time.

Thursday Nov. 5th, 1903

Rained some and was cold. Mrs. Lahm came and cleaned Margaret's room thoroughly.

I went to W.C.T.U. meeting and stopped on my way home to see Mrs. Cotton a few minutes. She and Grace are alone while Ethel is with Mr. Schwartz in West Va.

Friday Nov. 6th, 1903

Fine day but rather cold. Mrs. Lahm came about 9 o'clock and worked until after. I became so utterly used up that I wanted her to quit and go home but she stayed until she had finished. A new girl came this evening but I could not sit up until she arrived, went to bed sick.

Wrote to Ethel Schwartz.

Saturday Nov. 7th, 1903

Bright and quite cold. I have been laid up all day and called in Dr. Margaret Fulton just before supper.

The new girl, Agnes Dancer began today and I have been trying to show her around a little, but could not do much in that line.

Carl went to Cincinnati to spend Sunday with Agnes. Magazine Arb met at Mrs. Cotton's but I was unable to go. The girls went to Bess Pixley's to supper.

Sunday Nov. 8th, 1903

In day all day with a sharp attack of an old trouble. The rest of the family went to Sunday School and church as usual. Mother and Mary were over to see me. Carl is in Cin with Agnes.

Monday Nov. 9th, 1903

Fine weather but rather cool. I did not rise until after 9 o'clock, felt better then but grew worse later. Margaret Fulton came to see me and I paid her for one visit, all she asked. Carl came home from Cin, reported Agnes no better. Sallie returned from her visit and found the house in great disorder from putting in a bare-burner, and a new tile hearth. Letter from Will which I answered sending to New York.

Tuesday Nov. 10th, 1903

Beautiful, mild weather, genuine Indian summer. Have been up and down all day, trying to keep up but not succeeding.

Carl was here to dinner but left again for Cin before supper as Mrs. Scheidemantel told him over the telephone that Agnes was not so well. She is suffering very much. I wrote to her at noon. Mr. Scofield was here to supper and will stay all night. Mrs. Glidden + friend Miss Carey called, also Miss Bell.

Wednesday Nov. 11th, 1903

Was better today but not able to be up all day. Have been quite disabled for several days. It rained hard in the evening and interfered with the prayer-meeting. I was sorry not to be able to go when Mr. Arnold had specially asked the ladies to prepare a missionary program, as he was to be absent in Winchester.

Thursday Nov. 12th, 1903

Rather damp after the rain yesterday, I was not out of the house though I wanted to see Ethel Schwartz a few minutes, the family objected.

The girls + Carl went to the supper at the church and after that was over they came home bringing Bessie Pixley + Miss Florence Clark. Mr. + Mrs. Mahan came to call, and Carl was here also.

We do not get good news from Agnes, she is having a severe attack of rheumatism.

Friday Nov. 13th, 1903

Pleasant all day but it rained hard during the night. Was home all morning, and in the afternoon went to a meeting of the Women's Literacy Club as a guest, being a member of the Kindergarten Asso'n. the program was upon different phases of K-G work and Elizabeth was asking to take some of her K-G pupils to sing for the ladies. She did so and ten of the little folks went + behaved beautifully.

Saturday Nov. 14th, 1903

Beautiful day, and mild. Busy at home all forenoon. Carl was here to dinner. No news from Agnes. After dinner Jas, Mary, Margaret + Miss Cramer took a long drive, going over Feurt's hill. Elizabeth and I went to the meeting of the Federated Clubs, E. is one of the vice presidents, as Pres of the Clover Club and I as a member of two societies.

Judge Milner delivered a fine address upon what privileges and responsibilities women have under the laws of Ohio.

Sunday Nov. 15th, 1903

Cloudy with rain late in the evening. Went to S.S. and morning service, then Bi-monthly meeting of the S.S. Association at our church in the afternoon, and church in the evening.

We were shocked this A.M. to hear that Mrs. Labold died in Philadelphia at the hospital where she was operated upon last Wednesday. She had not anticipated any serious result. We dined with Carl today, all but Ed. Carl afterwards went to see Agnes.

Mrs. Jas. G. Peebles was at church.

Monday Nov. 16th, 1903

A dark rainy day and the cloudy seemed to shorten the day at both ends.

I was busy at home in the forenoon, and in the afternoon went to W.R.C. meeting. Rec'd two applications for membership. Mary E. Pursell and Emma Barker.

The Labold family came from Philadelphia this afternoon bringing the remains of Mrs. Labold. It is a very sad case.

Tuesday Nov. 17th, 1903

Still cloudy, and very damp after the rain of yesterday and last night. Miss Anna Ross + I went to Mrs. Labold's late home this forenoon and I looked upon her face for the last time. In the afternoon J.W. and I attended the funeral at her home. The house was crowded, and the front room had a small wagon load of flowers, most beautiful ones. The services were more like our own that I had supposed excepting only the mission of all recognition of Christ.

Wednesday Nov. 18th, 1903

Quite cold. Freezing. Has cleared after the rain. Have done a good deal of telephoning about the Kindergarten work. did a little sewing but not much.

Went to prayer-meeting as usual. Mr. Arnold told of deep interest in the meetings down at Winchester where he has been for more than a week.

Wrote to Agnes.

Agnes' Birthday- Thursday Nov. 19th, 1903

Clear and cold. Ther. 18°. The morning paper gave the verdict of the jury in the trial of J.K. Duke, finding him guilty. It is a very sad case. A man who has always stood high in the community to be convicted of embezzlement.

I was busy at home all forenoon then went to W.C.T.U. in the afternoon, called to see Miss Ross, and Ethel Schwartz/ Bess Pixley and Florence Clark from Chicago were here to tea + spent the evening. Letter from Will + wrote him. Brought Agnes some little baking dishes, individual.

Friday Nov. 20th, 1903

Still cold and bright, but cloudy in the afternoon.

Went with Mrs. Mahan to call upon Mrs. Hardy after which Ethel Schwartz and I were out awhile together and helped Mr. Arnold get his arrangement made for the stereopticon exhibition in the evening. The first of the series for the Free Kindergarten to be given at All Saints Chapel.

The programs was good and fair.

Saturday Nov. 21st, 1903

Bright and not so cold. Busy all day sweeping, cleaning, washing windows and so on. Carl came home on the midnight train last night and was here to supper. Agnes is improving but is not able to be up yet. Ethel Schwartz was here this afternoon to return a book and make a little call.

Sunday Nov. 22nd, 1903

Rather pleasant.

Went to S.S. and church as usual, and was over home in the afternoon.

Monday Nov. 23rd, 1903

Rained most of the day. Have been busy as usual but nothing of special interest to note.

Tuesday Nov. 24th, 1903

Cold but bright. Was busy at home all forenoon. Having heard Mrs. Peebles was seriously ill I went there about 12.30 and talked with Maggie while she ate dinner.

From there I went to see Ethel Schwartz until time for the Foreign Mis Soc. meeting, only six present but we had the regular program.

Mr. + Mrs. Mahan, Bess + Maris Pixley and Miss Florence Clark, also Carl spent the evening here.

Wednesday Nov. 25th, 1903

Clear and cold. I went up to the Peebles home this morning where Venetia Ramsey + I were to stay until noon. Both Maggie and Mary have bad colds and headaches, Mrs. Peebles died about 11.30 last night after a few days of serious illness, ending a long life of usefulness. Robert + Hattie are here but John and his family, excepting Miriam, are in

California. Jas + I went to prayer-meeting. Mr. Arnold was holding a meeting at Calvary Chapel.

Thursday Nov. 26th, 1903

Cold and clear. Thanksgiving has been a sad day in some homes today. Only Margaret went to church. Had a telegram saying Will would be here for dinner so his father went to visit him, taking both the girls. I went to see Maggie Peebles and explain to her why Elizabeth Peebles could not go up to see them. She and Lillian came late last night and is too much exhausted to go out. She went up in the evening. Mattie Dover + Hattie Peebles came to see her after dinner. Lillian was out only guest outside the family.

Friday Nov. 27th, 1903

Clear and cold. Ther. about 12° at breakfast time. Was up early and gave Will his breakfast in time for the 6.30 N + W train to Cin. Ed ate when he did and went to the shop. At 9.30 I went to the Peebles home and from there attended the funeral of Mrs. Jno. G. Peebles going in a carriage with Mrs. Voorheis, to the church and later to the cemetery. J.W. was one of the pall-bearers, as he was at the funeral of Mr. Peebles in Nov. 1901. He died Oct. 30th.

Jennie Adams, Mame + Hattie Crossley + Mrs. O'Brien took dinner with us after the funeral. Jno. K. Duke shot himself.

Saturday Nov. 28th, 1903

The first snow fall of the season which remained on the ground. Was at home all day until late in the afternoon when I took some work and went over to sit with Sister Elizabeth awhile. She came here after supper. The two girls went to call on Carl, and then are to stay all night at Carl's.

Sunday Nov. 29th, 1903

Rained went to S.S. and the usual services. Did not go over home as they had Elizabeth with them for company. She is not at all well. Is nervous and weak.

Monday Nov. 30th, 1903

Home all forenoon. Sister E. went to spend the day with Maggie + Mary Peebles and I was to meet her there at 2 P.M. which I did. She then went to Dr. Ruggles' and I stayed to talk over some matters with the sisters but was interrupted before we were through and went again at 4 P.M. Decided to go to Wooster on the early morning train with Lizzie. She came home + stayed all night with me, the girls being up at Carl's.

Wooster, O. - Tuesday Dec. 1st, 1903

Very cold. I asked Jas to go with us to Wooster and we started in time for the early train. It was late so we went out of our way to upper Sandusky and spent six hours there in a small station. It was bitterly cold and while we were warm enough in the station we were

worn out waiting. Did not reach Wooster until 3 o'clock in the morning and then it was hard to waken the children and get into the house. It was a hard trip.

Wooster, O.- Wednesday Dec. 2nd, 1903

Very cold. Slept late this morning, Was in the house all day. Met Jean Alexander and was glad to make her acquaintance as she + Mary are such good friends.

John's wife was with the children but John had gone to New York. Richard is just up from a siege of typhoid fever.

Did not go anywhere.

Wooster, O.- Thursday Dec. 3rd, 1903

Very cold and clear.

Snow enough for sledding. This is Elizabeth's birthday and she had some nice presents. A watch, seal ring, seal hat-pin and other things. She is twenty-one. Mrs. Boigegrain came to bring the watch which was sent from Portsmouth in care of Miss Gill, her cousin who lives with her. Elizabeth had some beautiful flowers among her presents. Mr. + Mrs. Albert + Sheepe called this evening.

Wooster, O.- Friday Dec. 4th, 1903

Still very cold and clear. J.W. went home on the 7.12 train and Lillian left for New York at 3 P.M.

Margaret, Jean, and Robert have been in school all week.

Elizabeth has been withdrawn on account of her health.

Wooster, O.- Saturday Dec. 5th, 1903

Clear and cold. Ground covered with snow and they say it has been for weeks here. Busy all day. Mr. Gaston of Cleveland was here to see Lizzie on business and later Judge Taggart called with Mr. G.

The children have been home all day, of course. I was out only once and then only to make a short call upon Mrs. M. on the next square.

Dr. Lowry was here and I had forgotten that I was at Mrs. Lowry's a few minutes.

Wooster, O.- Sunday Dec. 6th, 1903

Cold and unpleasant. I was not out of the house. Miss Harrison, Miss Gill and Mrs. Boigegrain called this evening. Lizzie did not go out at all today. We spend a very quiet day in the house.

Robert's friend John D. Overholt was in and out a time or two.

Dr. Lowry was here without Mrs. Lowry, after church.

Wooster, O.- Monday Dec. 7th, 1903

Weather moderating a little. Wrote and received letters. Sister Lizzie, Elizabeth and Richard left on the early train for Portsmouth, I went to the station to see them off then started out to attend to the work of settling up the business and breaking up house-keeping for Lizzie, it having been decided that it was the only thing to be done. Being a stranger will make it rather difficult but I hope to accomplish it. Mrs. Smith called + Miss Gill came + stayed all night with me.

Virginia Green was here.

Tuesday Dec. 8th, 1903

Weather milder, thawing in the sun. Mr. Lawhead, a packer came and worked four hours on the furniture and floors then Dr. Lowry came and said Margaret + Robert were to continue going to school, L. had telephoned him to me. Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Dr. Hills and Mrs. Boigegrain called this afternoon.

I was down town again on business.

Wooster, O.- Wednesday Dec. 9th, 1903

Not quite so cold. Busy all day, putting things in order a little. No packing done today as I am waiting for a letter of instructions. Had two or three applicants for the home and was glad it had been straightened up a little before the people were shown through. Mrs. Lowry was here in the afternoon and Miss Gordon came and went to prayer-meeting with us.

Had letters from home + wrote to L. + J.W. Went to game of basket-ball with the young people after church.

Thursday Dec. 10th, 1903

Snowed steadily, but not hard all day. Packer worked four hours today.

Was down street again doing errands.

Miss Gill came to tea and stayed all night. Mrs. Lowry was here and I was at her house. She is a very lovely woman and both she and the Dr. are as kind as they can be.

Wooster, O.- Friday Dec. 11th, 1903

Beautiful snowy day, dry and crisp. Mrs. Dr. Hills invited me to one o'clock lunch to meet Mrs. Sheridan of Phila. a singer, but I was busy with the packers, two sets of them and could not leave. Mrs. Lowry called for me + took my regrets. Was down town again on business. Jas came about 5 o'clock. We went to the Anniversary Concert at the College Chapel in the evening. Had several letters from home.

Saturday Dec. 12th, 1903

Moderating. Had a regular rain storm with high wind which blew the hatch door off the top of the house. Man packed furniture all day. No guest evening. Chas Alexander was here to supper. Girls selected wheat they wanted to furnish a room at the boarding house.

Have had Mrs. Miller all the time for several days.

Wooster, O. - Sunday Dec. 13th, 1903

Beautifully clear and very cold. Snowed again. Went to church in the morning and heard Rev. Frank G. Cran of Persia make an interested address.

In the evening all of us but Margaret went and Heard Dr. Lowry.

It was bitterly cold at night and the walk seemed long.

Had a letter from Lizzie P. and sent one to M.T.R. that was written last night.

Monday Dec. 14th, 1903

Still very cold. Was busy all day with the packing which is a great job.

Wrote to Sallie Knorles a letter of condolence upon the death of her sister Lydia Lorey who died last week.

Wrote two letters to Mrs. Folsom of Cleveland. John D. Overholt and Chas. Alexander were here.

Wooster, O.- Tuesday Dec. 15th, 1903

Very cold. Snows more or less every day and the ground has been covered here for weeks, they say. Busy all day with the packing and seeing people on business.

Had letters and wrote letters. Hear from Lizzie Peebles every day.

We all went up to the College Gymnasium in the evening to see a game of basketball in which Jean played. It was bitterly cold going up the hill.

Wednesday Dec. 16th, 1903

Snowed again and was bitterly cold. Busy with the packing all day. Had letters from home. Mrs. Boigegrain was here and helped pack the cedar chest.

Dr. Lowry was here.

Robert and the girls taking examinations. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

Sent two large loads of goods to the warehouse and the piano to Mrs. Boigegrain's.

Thursday Dec. 17th, 1903

Frosty fog which cleaned up and it was very cold. Fine sleighing. Letters from sister Lizzie, Will, Margaret. Wrote to Will + Lizzie. Worked all day. Packer sprained his wrist in the afternoon and had to quit work.

Letters from Mrs. Folsom in Cleveland.

Had the telephone put in again because I need it so much. Have about sixty pieces packed besides trunks, boxes of books ect.

Friday Dec. 18th, 1903

Moderating a little.

Busy all day with packing in all day but in the evening Jas + I went to call upon Mr. + Mrs. Shope and Dr. + Mrs. Lowry.

Bitterly cold when we came home.

Letters from home as usual.

Wooster, O. - Saturday Dec. 19th, 1903

First cold, then milder and finally changed to rain, sleet and wind at night.

Jas went home at noon. I shall not get through here for several days. Mrs. Miller who has been here for a week part, could not come today. Girls have been busy getting things together for their room at the boarding home when they will go after Christmas.

Sunday Dec. 20th, 1903

A stormy, dismal, rainy windy day. John D. Overholt was here early and late. Jean and I went to church in the morning but none of us went in the evening for it stormed so hard and the walking was dangerous. Margaret had no high shoes and Jean was not well. I miss my home church and S.S.

Monday Dec. 21st, 1903

Cold, snowy and icy. Put in a hard day packing and getting ready to move out of the house. Mr. Glenn came for me with the carriage and I took supper with his family Mrs. Glenn, Misses Mary and Frances, + brother Richard. Mr. Brewer, Miss Miriam Hills, Miss Edna Riggs, Miss Alice Brown. Spent a delightful evening. Mr. Glenn took me home and just carped for the night, our last in the house on N. Buckeye.

Dr. + Mrs. Lowry invited us there for tomorrow night.

Tuesday Dec. 22nd, 1903

Clear and cold. Arose early and put in a full day's work it being our last in Wooster. Dr. Keer's family have been moving in as we were moving out and I had a final trip to make down town, late in the day to make final settlements at various stores and when all was done, Jean, Marg't and I took our girls and walked to Dr. Lowry's where we were entertained for supper and the night. We were very tired + I went to bed early. Rob't stayed with Jno. D. Overholt.

Wednesday Dec. 23rd, 1903

Very clear and cold. We were up early and Mrs. Lowry gave us a good breakfast after which I rod to the station and the others, Rob't + Margaret Peebles + Edith Thackwell walked. Rob't had stayed all night with John D. and he was there to see us off.

We had a comfortable trip. Saw Dr. Clark + Marie in Col. and reached home half an hour late. Found all well.

Thursday Dec. 24th, 1903

Quite cold. Was over home early to see Mother + Mary and was very busy all day. Elizabeth had her Kindergarten closing exercises, and Mary was busy with a Christmas dinner given the par children at our church by the C.E. Society. The S.S. Celebration in the evening was very good but the best of it was the surprise for Mr. Arnold, a ticket to the Holy Land with the S.S. International Association. Ed was home by X'Mas.

Friday Dec. 25th, 1903

A rather mild Christmas day until evening when it changed to a wild wind and rain storm.

We had a very pleasant Christmas time but missed having Will at home. We all dined at Carl's with Mrs. Clyde + Mrs. Goddard. Barton was with us. Carl only came home last night from Ala. Had a letter from Alice Smith.

Albert T. Johnson died this afternoon after a rather brief illness.

Saturday Dec. 26th, 1903

Very cold. Busy at home all the early morning then Jas + I went up to Margaret Johnson's but did not see Margaret or any of the family. The Peebles girls and Edith Thackwell were here most of the day. I had a busy day of it. Mary Peebles, also Mrs. Lins who has been very ill but is better.

Sunday Dec. 27th, 1903

A quiet pleasant day, but pretty cold. Ther. about .04° before day, not so cold later. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Bessie Titus came in the afternoon and when she left Jas + I went to Margaret Johnson's but did not see her.

Saw Mr. Russell Tewksbury. Church in the evening with a large congregation.

Monday Dec. 28th, 1903

Clear and not quite so cold. Ther. 14° or near it.

Was busy all day and company coming + going most of the day. Mrs. Allen came early. Then the Peebles girls + Edith Thackwell, Ada Moore, Mrs. Ethel Schwartz and others. Albert Johnson's funeral was held this afternoon. Adelle + Venitia Ramsey left this afternoon for California, also Jamie Stewart but they did not go together.

Tuesday Dec. 29th, 1903

Very cold. There have been comings and goings today. Barton Green left this afternoon for his home in Kansas. Carl went to Toledo. Edith Frayser of Louisville came at 10.45 A.M. and Jean Alexander came from Bellaire at 7.55.

I attended the Woman's For. Mis. meeting at 2 P.M.

Wednesday Dec. 30th, 1903

Very cold. Company and no help but we are having a very pleasant time. Jean Alexander has been out with the Peebles girls who are in and out here every day, with Edith Thackwell, who seems to be enjoying her visit very much. We went to prayer-meeting as usual.

Terrible disaster in Chicago today. Iroquois Theatre burned and hundreds of lives lost.

Thursday Dec. 31st, 1903

Weather very cold and we have been getting ready for our guests. J.W. and the girls, four of the, went out to meet Nannie Lee Frayser and her train was late so they had to wait. Carl returned from Toledo at the same time.

The papers are filled with accounts of the dreadful disaster which occurred in Chicago yesterday when the Iroquois Theatre being and some where near a thousand persons were crushed in the panic, burned in the fire or injured in trying to escape. It was the worst cast of the kind on record.

I went to W.C.T.U. meeting at Miss Peebles' this afternoon, as the Reading Rooms are closed for three months

Later I called to see Margaret Johnson and Julia T. Johnson but they were asleep. Saw Ruth and George.