

Louisiana Moore Ricker Diary 1874

January

Thursday, January 1st, 1874- This is a new book and yet it is not new, being dated Jan. 1871 but I think it will answer my purpose better than buying a new one. It was used for a few days by my sister Mary but I think none of it or that account. This has been a very disagreeable day and Mr. Lacy was the only real caller that I had. Dr. McDowell was there as was Maggie. Pa was in a few minutes.

Friday, January 2nd, 1872- Miss Fanny Switzer came this morning to spend a few days with us and await the return of the bridal couple and then decide what her future movements might be. She and I made some little bibs for Willie today or rather finished some that I began yesterday.

Saturday January 3rd, 1874- Miss Helen was here all day waiting for John to fix a wooden cross which he was going to make as the foundation for a velvet one she promised to make and arrange my bridal flowers upon. He did not get it done until evening and then it was too late to do her part. During the afternoon Mcleanolley and Gussie Halderman called and then Mcfarland and Ella Bonsall called.

Sunday January 4th, 1874- This has been one of the loveliest days I ever saw and yet I have not enjoyed it. Jennie and Lizzie and Uncle Enos returned from the city and then all three houses set to commotion as Sunday arrivals always do. After dinner we all went around to see and welcome our new arrival at his new house. Jimmie and I had the pleasure of attending twice today together. Aunt Jennie Ricker had another daughter today, they now have five sons and three daughters.

Monday, January 6th, 1874- The lovely day was succeeded by an extremely disagreeable one, rainy and cold but still I had the washing done and the clothes dried by the fire as the prospect for better weather was very flattering. Miss Helen leatna (sp) was here wearily all day concerning the cross with velvet. She and Mary had to go and take dinner with Miss Emma Bell and after that Miss Helen came back here. Carrie Jones came back today just as Dos a s (sp) their weeks were up. In the evening Ma stayed with the children and gave Jimmie and mean opportunity of going to prayer meeting together, something we have not done for some time. Miss Fanny went with us. Lizzie was already there and Mary came in soon after with Miss Helen. A few minutes after Jimmie came in with Miss Sheldon, Aunt Mary and Fannie Moore. The

boys were there with another little boy and if we and our company had all been together we would have made quite a little congregation ourselves. (*note: this date should be 5th, but 6th was written on both Monday & Tuesday*)

Tuesday, January 6th, 1874- Maggie is two years and five months old today. Miss Helen leatna (sp) and Ma came over this afternoon and put the flowers on the cross. It is very beautifully arranged and the white flowers show very well against the black velvet background. Miss Fannie came back again tonight to stay one more night with us before taking her final departure. I have been busy all day doing some mending which was very much needed. It has rained steadily all day and I have not been out at all. We did not go to prayer meeting this evening. Jimmie thought he would like to learn to play chess so he went and got my set of men and we practiced a little. It was not for that however that we remained at home. We weighed the baby this morning and he weighs 18 pounds.

Wednesday, January. 7th, 1874- Miss Helen left us on the Hudson this morning bound for Wheeling. We have had her so long that we will miss her very much. She came before we came home from Missouri and has been here just 7 weeks. Miss Fanny had intended going to the Furnace this morning but changed her mind and is going to stay awhile with her sister. It was raining and snowing and is about as disagreeable as it can be. I have written to the folks this afternoon and have written for several days in this book and now will do something else for a while.

Thursday, January. 8th, 1874- Mary came over to take care of the baby for me this afternoon while I went out to do a few errands and make a call or two. I took Maggie in her buggy and we went to Miss Connolly's first and from there to see Mary Peebles and return Maggie Peebles little locket which Maggie has been promising to take back since last summer. We made a nice little visit there and then to Miss Emma Bell's for a few minutes. On my way home from there I began thinking about Mrs. Spry and decided to go there although it was late. Found her at home but there was sad air. Mrs. Spry's grief was as fresh and deep as though Emma had died only yesterday and it has been just six months today. Mrs. Spry gave me one of Emma's pictures, I have never

had one before. When I came home I found that Mary had pasted all the pieces in my song book, the baby had been good and she had spent the afternoon working on the book. I was very glad to have it done as I have very little time for this work myself.

Friday, January. 9th, 1874- I made a resolution this morning that I would have my teeth attended to and for fear of procrastinating indefinitely I went at once this forenoon. Mary went with me and by dinner time there was a fair beginning made upon what is going to prove quite a serious undertaking. The sun came out beautifully after dinner and I was almost ready to go back and put in the afternoon the same way when Ma sent me word that she would call for me with a buggy and we would go out to call on Mrs. Salisbury. I got ready and after waiting some time I concluded to go around to Uncle Eamos' and visit there and so use the time profitably in making

a call on my relatives who call that home. It rained a little while we were going out and the roads were simply terrible. Ma left me at Miss Emma Bell's and from there I came home. Lizzie had come to take care of the baby but he slept all the time I was gone. Miss Hamilton fell into Ma's clutches again today, she was on her way home from a visit to Scioto Mill but there is no telling when she will get home.

Saturday, January. 10th, 1874- If the memory of this day is to be as unpleasant as my experience has been, it would be better to leave it unwritten but I am thankful now that the work is done. As soon as I could get ready this morning I took Maggie as far as Mr. Publics' and left her there to make a little visit while I went on up to Dr. Dennis' and spent the forenoon having my front tooth filled. It was a long tedious operation. He filled them from the underside so that it does not show from the outside at all and I consider it a good price work but it came near ruining my left jaw bone. I couldn't open my mouth wide enough to take a bite of bread for either dinner or supper. I stopped for Maggie on my way home but Maggie P. said she was having such a nice time that she would like to have her stay and as it was raining and I had an umbrella to carry I left

her and her Papa went after her before supper time. Mrs. Hamilton and Jennie have been sewing here all day, Miss Fanny was here this afternoon.

Sunday, January. 11th, 1874- The sun came out bright and warm this morning and soon thawed the pavements into very disagreeable condition for pedestrians. It was lovely overhead but not so lovely under foot. Jimmie succeeded in getting to Sabbath school but he would not answer very well at an example of punctuality. He had a severe headache and so returned from Sabbath school and took care of the babies while I went to church. Mr. Ketchum preached a good sermon but I unfortunately neglected to hear the text. It was the regular time for a collection to be made for the H.Miss. cause and I subscribed at \$2.00 towards the \$105.00 which was the sum assigned our church. Lizzie was here to dinner with us. In the evening Jennie and the boys stayed with the children and Jimmie and I had the pleasure of going together to hear a sermon from Rev. S.A. Clark who has been doing missionary work in Kansas and Missouri for the past eight years. He preached a very earnest sermon from the text "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

Monday, January. 12th, 1874- It has been bright and pleasant out of doors today but pretty cold so folks say who have been out. John was the only member of the family who looked in upon us during the whole day. Fortunately I have a few other friends and in the afternoon Mrs. E.E. Miller and Mrs. Glover, Hattie Damarin, and Maggie Shackelford, Mrs. Draper and Ettie called.

I was busy all the forenoon with household duties and had some sewing that I would have been glad to do after dinner but the baby has been more fretful than usual all day long so that I have not done much that will not have to be done over again tomorrow. Jimmie went to church this evening and after getting the children asleep I read the evening paper and have written five pages in this book. I am tired tonight and hope soon to be asleep myself soon.

Tuesday, January. 13th, 1874- I was to have gone to Dr. Dennis again this morning to have some more work done but I did not get off. In the first place there was no one to leave the children with and I thought the day too dark anyway. Before we were up this morning Mary and Mattie Kendall called. Mattie came on the train last night and we did not know of her arrival until I peeked outside the dining room this morning and saw her. It has been threatening snow all day. The services at our church continue every evening but I do not attend as I can not leave the children with anyone but ma and I think she does more good going there than I could. Mary Switzer Moore and Fannie were here a few minutes this evening, unpleasant as the evening was. It was snowing when they left.

Wednesday, January. 14th, 1874- Fannie Switzer and little Arthur Moore were here all the afternoon. I had finished up my morning work and was hoping to accomplish a good deal on my dress which I am trying to renovate a little. After dinner I got Willie to sleep and Mary took Maggie over home with her but soon after Miss Fannie and Arthur came so I had to go after Maggie and then I did not get much more sewing done. Mrs. Tewksbury called a little while during the afternoon. I haven't been up there for a long time but it seems impossible for me to get so far away unless absolutely necessary and then I must hurry back.

Thursday, January. 15th, 1874- It has been freezing cold all day and I was not out until evening. Mary had visited Ella Greene and her brothers Barton, Charlie and Dwight and Mrs. Sol Churchill also Mattie Gaylord and Nell Waddell and our little family to take tea at Pa's this evening. It's quite an undertaking for us to get ready to take the children any place and I always feel as though it would be easier to stay at home but still I enjoy going. Ma was over and sat nearly all the afternoon and we had a real good talk and when she was ready to go home I dressed Maggie and sent her over too. I then got the baby ready and after that began my own preparations. Before I was ready Jimmie came home and before either of us were through Missus Darwain and Shackleford called. It was cold in the parlor and our room did not look as orderly as usual but I invited them in and received their call in my room. We succeeded in getting over in time for tea which was more than Mr. Churchill did as he had neuralgia and was not out at all.

Friday, January 16th, 1874- It is still very cold but bright and clear. Mary came over quite early this morning as she and Mattie Kendall were on their way down street. She had been up to Uncle Enos' and there heard of the death of Mr. Chas. P. Tracy. It was very sudden and was a great shock to everyone. There have been an unusual number of deaths recorded in the papers lately, several of which occurred in church. This one was not in church but it was in a little prayer meeting in the lower end of town and the messenger came to him while on his knees praying for the out pouring of the Spirit in this place. There was a small dinner party at his house yesterday and he seemed unusually well and happy and after tea he and two of the other gentlemen went to hold a prayer meeting at a friends' house and the last conscious words he uttered was that unfinished prayer. He was a good man, one whom everybody respected and loved and now he is in Heaven to witness the result of that prayer. Ella Overturf and Sallie Peebles came here this afternoon.

Saturday, January 17th, 1874- This has been a grand day for the lovers of skating. Jimmie and our boys and girls started for the ice as soon after breakfast as they could get ready and came home about 11 o'clock but as soon as dinner was over they went again and stayed all the afternoon. Jimmie thinks he never saw finer ice or more amusement than they had on the Scioto today. I am sorry that I can't skate and enjoy it as some folks do. Poor Emma Spry used to take so much pleasure in it and learned to skate so nicely. I have thought of her a great many times today.

Sunday, January 18th, 1874- This has been a lovely day, the weather having moderated a good deal since yesterday. Jimmie and I went to church in the forenoon and he went again in the evening. Mr. Ketchum preached in the morning from Luke 18.37th taking the words "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by" as his text.

Monday, January 19th, 1874- It began to rain last evening and has continued up to this evening the weather being almost warm enough for open doors and windows. Mr. C.P. Tracy was buried this afternoon and it was a gloomy day for a funeral. I was not out at all. Jimmie went to the church and from there to the cemetery in Mr. Peebles carriage. I am taking cold this evening and feel very stupid and uncomfortable. The

baby has one tooth almost through and he's not quite five months old, we can feel one corner of the tooth.

Tuesday, January 20th, 1874- Willie's first tooth is visible and unmistakably through and he is not quite five months old yet. He is growing splendidly and I hope he is going to be a large man if he is spared to us. This has been a very disagreeable day and I have felt badly all day from the

cold which I have been taking ever since yesterday. I have managed to sew a little today but my progress is so slow that it is quite discouraging. Ma came over this morning in time to let me go to evening prayer meeting but I was not ready so I did not go. There was a union meeting at noon in the Meth. Church and tonight the folks are all gone to our church, Jimmie included. Today for dinner we had some venison which we think must have come from Pa Ricker. It was sent to Pa Moore but Ma sent some of it over to us.

*No entries for January 21 & 22

Friday, January 23rd, 1874- I have been engaged for some time past in the reconstruction of my every day dress and today I had the satisfaction of finishing the last chapter. It is in three parts, lower skirt, upper skirt, and waist and the waist was the last undertaking. The suit is now presentable and I feel very comfortable and well in it. Neither of us were out tonight until an alarm of fire was sounded and then of course Jimmie went and found the alarm cause from the watch house back of the Mayor's office. It was about ruined and if the wind had been blowing the fire and would not have ended there as it was in the midst of quite a block of houses and it would have been impossible to have kept it from spreading as the steamer was disabled before throwing any water and could not do anything.

Saturday, January 24th, 1874- Mattie Kendall and Mary came over before we had eaten breakfast this morning as Mattie was going on the morning train and wanted to bid us good bye before leaving. She and Mary played with Willie while we breakfasted and then Jimmie went to the train with them. Mary went from there to prayer meeting and when the family gathered home again they found Aunt Hamilton settled back in

hand for the day. It was quite cold and windy and considering her state of health. Ma did not think it prudent for her to go out again and told her she had better remain a day or two and she, watching both consented. Maggie was to have gone to the Society with Ma and as Ma did not go, I took her over to visit there and she concluded to stay all night.

Sunday, January 25th, 1874- Bright and pleasant. I was not out in the forenoon as there was no one to stay with the children. Jimmie went to S. L. and church and brought Jennie home to dinner with him. In the evening Ma came and stayed with the children and Jimmie and I went to church. Mr. Ketchum was very earnest in his efforts to awaken an interest in Christians as well as sincere and is working very hard, too hard to hold out very long without assistance.

Monday, January 26th, 1874- This has been one of the lovely days of which we have had so many this winter. I never saw such a pleasant winter in this country before. The grass is still green in our yard and we have had several days that were warm enough to sit with open doors

and windows. I had several callers today. Ma, Mary, Jennie, Lizzie, Flo McConnell, Fanny Switzer, Marie Gibbs, and Sallie Gilbert. I was cutting and basting a new blue dress for Maggie but under the circumstances did not accomplish a great deal. Fanny Switzer was here all the afternoon and took care of the baby for me so while we were alone I did very well. Our folks are not doing much now but attending prayer meetings at 8 o'clock in our church. The prayer meeting is held in the churches alternately and services every evening except Saturday in our church.

Tuesday, January 27th, 1874- It was raining when I opened my eyes this morning and "latest advices from the front" (door) say that it is still raining. Maggie had an invitation to spend the day at Uncle Enos' providing it was as pleasant today as yesterday but such not being the case, I had her company entire day as she did not go out of the house at all. Ma came over while we were at the breakfast table and sat the greater part of the forenoon. Oh how I do enjoy visits from her and especially such nice long ones as that one. I do not go out often and she is out a great deal and consequently when she comes to stay any length of time we have a great deal to talk about. I have

lately been much amused with her numerous train of confidants. I could name a dozen persons young and old, grave and gay, protestant and catholic and all sorts who go to her with their griefs and trials and she has the happy faculty of saying just the right thing to everybody. Jimmie has gone to church tonight and I am alone, both the children are asleep. Sister Mary and Mary Ellen Moore were here today.

Wednesday, January 28th, 1874- I was home all the pleasant part of the day but late in the afternoon I put on my things and then "Wisconsin like" sat here and waited for something to turn up or rather somebody to come in. Finally Enos came and I left him to watch the children while I went out to hunt somebody who was more competent to leave them with. I was unsuccessful and came back and waited until Jimmie came and then I dropped the baby into his arms and went to the store to get a few things and pass there I went to see Mary Peebles a few minutes. She seemed much better than she did the last time I saw her. After supper I finished the letter which I began writing to the folks when waiting.

Thursday, January 29th, 1874- Maggie does not seem to grow very fast still I find it almost impossible to keep her covered, her dresses are continually getting too short and her sleeves have a tendency to creep upwards towards her elbows instead of covering her wrists. I have been trying this week to get at least one dress an apron in condition to wear so that we might go out and spend a day with Sallie but I make very slow progress. This afternoon, late, Mrs. Clive Tracy

called, I've not seen her for a long time. She has not been out much for three years past and I am almost "bottled" I might almost stay hermetically sealed and seldom get beyond the shadow of my own vine and fig tree.

Friday, January 30th, 1874- I cut out and began making a linen apron for Maggie today. Sent word to Sallie this morning that a train of five of us would be out to spend

the day with her tomorrow and at noon received an answer that it would be all right as her girl chose this particular afternoon to show her independence and so there was a split in the household which rendered it necessary to postpone our visit for the present. During the afternoon I had several calls. First came from Fannie Switzer and then Mrs. Elden and Libbie Pratt. Mrs. Elden has undertaken the praise worthy task of going with Libbie to call upon congregation denoting one evening in each week to it and I think she deserves credit for it is no easy task. Mrs. John Kapps and her sister Mrs. Lu Murphy also called.

Saturday, January 31st, 1874- This forenoon was not as bright and pleasant as yesterday still I felt anxious to go out in the afternoon and make some calls that I should have made long ago. It has been so long since I was out calling that I'm owing nearly every friend I have in town. Ma was over in the forenoon to sit a few minutes and offered to let me go and see Julia Young while she stayed with the children. I found her in bed and after sitting there awhile I went to see Emma Voorheis. Ma proposed our taking the children and going over to dinner with them and then leave them there while Mary and I went out. We went to see Clara Pursell first and then Carrie Donham and Aurelia Thompson, Mrs. T. J. Pursell, Jens Dugan, Mrs Overturf, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Glenn, and Kati, Mrs. Hutchins, Bertha Glidden, and Nora Franklin, Katie, and finally Mrs. Collins and Ada White. After stopping at home a few minutes I went alone to call on Mrs. Cunningham and Frank, Mrs. Lodwick, Mrs. B.P. Hoover and Florence, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Connolly making truly six in all. I am going to keep account of all I see and pay. I forgot Mrs. C. G. Young. I was there with Mary.

February

Sunday, February 1st, 1874- This has been a lovely day. Jimmie and I enjoyed the privilege of attending church together this morning through the kindness of Mary who came home and stayed with the children. We kept her to dinner and she went home soon after with Maggie who is always delighted when she can go over to Ma's. Rev. Mr. Childers the great Sunday School man preached a very earnest sermon from the words "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." 2 Cor. 9th-15th verse.

Monday, February 2nd, 1874- This has been rather a gloomy day and I hardly expected anyone to come in at all but after dinner Ma and Aunt Hamilton took off her things and got out her work. She seemed to enjoy her visit very much and has now gone to church with Ma. Jennie went also when the second bell rang. Jimmie and Lizzie were each a few minutes, but neither stayed long and Mary has not been over at all. It's not often that she allows a whole day to pass without coming in at all. I finished the white apron today and after tea put the buttons on the blue dress which is all there was to be done on that.

Tuesday, February 3rd, 1874- It has been rainy and gloomy all day and while yesterday was bright and pleasant the water works failed us and this washing had to be postponed until today and the consequences is that the clothes must be dried in the house and the dining room is like a hot house and the windows are dripping. I am engaged on linen aprons for Maggie now and by faithfully using all my spare moments hope to accomplish a good deal myself before time for the regular spring sewing. Ma came over and stayed with the children while Jimmie and I went to church. Mr. Ketchum preached a very earnest sermon and among those who asked the prayers of the church was Judge Crane. John and Sallie Peebles went to the city this evening to consult Dr. Williams about her eyes. They have been troubling her ever since she had the problem. Maggie Jones was here this afternoon.

Wednesday, February 4th, 1874- Mary was in a little while this morning and then went up and spent the day with Mrs. Ketchum. I spent the day with Mrs. Ketchum. I spent all my spare time in the forenoon writing to Pa and Ma Ricker. I wrote eight pages full. Jimmie wrote Monday as usual and I think they can't complain of neglect on our part. In the afternoon I devoted myself to the aprons again. Carrie Douham, one of my most faithful and loved friends called to see me or rather the baby a few minutes. She put him to sleep as she usually does when she comes and then went on down the street to fulfill an engagement. Carrie deserves more than a passing notice, she is a young girl about the age of Jennie, I should think, but she is very faithful in visiting me. Comes more often than any one else outside our own family. Since the death of her step mother which occurred about three months ago, she has come in possession of a very handsome set of diamonds, pin and ear rings. She had them on the last time she was here. She is wearing black now as nearly all the family are since Mr. Tracy's death.

Thursday, February 5th, 1874- Jimmie went up to Portland today noon and returned on the 7 o'clock train. During the day I had flying visits from several members of the family but none of them tarried very long. Pa stopped at the window to leave a letter from Aunt Betsy Ricker, Mary

came in with her sewing and used the machine awhile. Before she left Mary Switzer Moore and her daughter Mary came for a short call and then Ma came for a shorter one as Aunt Hamilton was over at their house for tea. Jennie and Lizzie took tea with me and then went to church but John came and stayed with me until Jimmie came home. I finished the second white apron by utmost persistence in my purpose to do so and had the satisfaction of putting it away completed.

Friday, February 6th, 1874- Maggie is two and a half years old today, is well and happy and as good if not better than most little girls of her age. Today I did a little mending on my dress, made a pin cushion for Carrie, fixed the ruffles and made the sleeves for a third white apron for Maggie and have not idled away much time. Jimmie has gone to church and I have managed to get both children to sleep. This morning we looked out upon snow and it continued to snow at intervals all day until quite a heavy fall covered the ground but it is very soft condition now and I doubt if there is any left by morning. It looks as though it was about half and half snow and soot.

Saturday, February 7th, 1874- After my usual forenoon work I sat down to sew and having done all that I could to Maggie's apron until I had more linen, I took up the sleeve to baby's sack and began scalloping that. At noon Jimmie brought the linen and after dinner I finished the third white apron for Maggie.

Sunday, February, 8th, 1874- Jimmie stayed with the children while I went to church this forenoon. Uncle Jimmie Wood came out to dine with us. It was a bright pleasant day. I stayed at home alone in the evening and Jimmie went to church.

Monday, February 9th, 1874- The water works failed us Friday evening and today we are still without water so that the washing had to be postponed. Mary came over this morning to help me sew but she had to take care of the children first while I went down the street to get some gingham for aprons. I cut out one and she began on it but I had to go again after dinner and get a little more. She is going to help me make Maggie some longer aprons, something she is sadly in need of. I went first to see Grandma this morning and then to see Mary Peebles who seems to be improving a little.

Tuesday, February 10th, 1874- No water yet and we are beginning to show as well as feel the need of its cleansing element. Mary came over early this morning and went to work. Mary and Julia Tewksbury and Addie Lowell were here this afternoon with Mattie Peebles.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1874- This afternoon while we were in the midst of things Sallie and Mattie Peebles and Jennie Tewksbury came. Sallie is having a serious time with her eyes. She is putting Belladonna in them and at times is perfectly blind. Esther Draper was here to visit Maggie this afternoon and Maggie enjoyed her company very much.

Thursday, February 12th, 1874- Mary and I both worked hard and faithfully today until 4 ½ o'clock when Jimmie comes home and we went out for an hour. Mary had to go to the upper end of town to see a S.S. scholar and I offered to go with her for the walk and while we were out we called on Lucy Rifenberick and Ella Bousall but they were both down street. We stopped at Anna Sanford's but she was not at home so we stopped at Mrs. Peebles being sure of finding Mary there. Lizzie had taken Maggie up there to call and Mrs. Peebles and Mary had a good deal to say about her.

Friday, February 13th, 1874- This has been a rainy gloomy day and Mary and I have made the most of it as no one came in to interrupt the sewing. We finished off one dozen garments and making the last button hole about bedtime in one of baby's nappers. We have made him two nappers, and four gingham aprons and six pairs of drawers for Maggie. I've made 79 button holes in the last two weeks. Mary has been

taking care of the children today while I worked on button holes. Pa made us a present of 16 vols of the "Atlantic Monthly" bound for our library.

Saturday, February 14th, 1874- It has been delightful out of doors today and after spending the forenoon in house work I accepted Mary's offer to take care of the children while I went out to make a few calls. Maggie went over this morning and after dinner Jimmie took the baby over. I went up to see Maggie Jones and her mother and then up to Mrs. Tewksbury to see Sallie and her mother, then to see Mrs. Jones, then Mrs. Dronilland and then Mary Peebles and after that Mrs. Draper. I next called on my baby and having a few minutes to spare before supper went to see Mrs. Nichols and her mother and Mrs. Gibbs and Mame and Mrs. Lowe and her mother and niece Miss Nye. We all stayed to teas at Pa's.

Sunday, February 15th, 1874- This has been a bright beautiful day and this forenoon Ma stayed with the children and gave Jimmie and me our opportunity of going to church together. Mr. Ketchum preached and gave out among other notices that Rev. O. A. Hills of Cin would be here tomorrow to preach their sermons, one Monday evening and this Tuesday. We both stayed at home in the evening. I would enjoy going every time the bell rings as I used to do but I can not do so now and try to feel it is all for the best.

Monday, February 16th, 1874- This has been another beautiful day and I have enjoyed it very much. Mary insisted that I ought to go out and I as rather we have spent nearly the whole day away from home. In the forenoon we took baby down and had his first picture taken, he will soon be six months old and has never had one taken before. We think it will prove to be a good one. After dinner we took him to the little buggy and went up to Mrs. Sherman Johnson's to call

upon her and her sister Mrs. Savage. We made them quite a visit and then went to call on Lucy R and Mrs. Hambleton of Ironton but they were not in. Stopped to see Mary Peebles on our way home and found her looking and feeling quite bright and cheerful. Rev. O. A. Hills preached this evening but neither of us were out. Jimmie was not well enough to go and the family were all gone so I could not go alone. Emma Dowilland and her aunt Mrs. Morgan called before we went out this afternoon.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1874- Another pleasant day to add to the list, we have had many such this winter, the cold disagreeable days seem to be the exceptions and not the rule. It was pretty cool late in the afternoon however Mrs. Hambleton and Lucy Rifemberrick called and found us at home, we were at home all day. I asked them to come down to tea tomorrow afternoon. This is Mardis Gras Day and from the papers we see that it is to be more generally celebrated than usual this year. Extensive preparations have been made in New Orleans and Memphis. Mr. Hills preached this morning and Mary stayed with the children while I went. Jennie went with me and Jimmie came in soon after we got there. Mr. H. preached a beautiful and powerful sermon from the text "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children how much more will our Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those that ask him."

Wednesday, February 18th, 1874- Nature smiles again today and we are blessed with floods of sunshine. I was busy all the forenoon cleaning up the house and getting things in order for the company this evening. Ma was over a few minutes but not very long. Mary my dear old reliable standby was here nearly all day. After dinner I dressed myself and the children and was ready when the ladies came. Jimmie was sick all day and did not eat either breakfast or dinner but was better by evening. Ma offered to come and stay with the children and let me go to church but I preferred going when Jimmie felt better and told her she had better go

Thursday, February 19th, 1874- We have had another lovely day and I improved it by going out after dinner. Mary was over in the morning and took Maggie home with her and after dinner she came to say that she would keep both her and Willie if I wanted to go out. I concluded to take baby with me and so as soon as I could get ready I went out to sit a while with Carrie Swim. I had not been there for a long time and enjoyed my visit very much. I next called on Mrs. Kappo but she was not at home. I then went and made Clara Pursell quite a long visit and from there I went to see Libbie Pratt and ask her to come up tomorrow to spend the day. It was sprinkling a little when I started down there but it did not rain.

Friday, February 20th, 1874- Today has been rather gloomy and dismal. It has rained a little but not much. Libbie came about 10 ½ o'clock and soon after Ma came over and they had a game of

parlor croquet together, Jennie was over to dinner but was not feeling well and did not eat much. The day was spent in efforts, on the part of Mary and myself, to entertain Libbie. In the afternoon Carrie, the faithful, came to see after her baby as she calls Willie. None of us, or rather neither of us, went to church but the folks from the other house went and brought home good news. Mrs. Cadot, Rick Peebles and Bert Greene arose for prayers this evening. I wish I had been there to see them. I have been watching the first two for years with a great deal of interest.

Saturday, February 21st, 1874- It has been warm and spring like but cloudy all day. I took baby this afternoon and went out for a walk. Concluded to call for Theresa Spry and see if she wouldn't go with me. She was glad to go and so we went and made little visits first at Maggie Jones' then Mary Peebles and lastly at Mrs. Tewksbury's to see Sallie. It began to rain just as I got home but Ma and Pa were not so fortunate in reaching shelter. They had gone down to the farm and were caught in a very hard rain storm down on the pike.

Sunday, February 22nd, 1874- Willie is six months old today and very well and happy. Has two teeth safely through. It rained hard all the forenoon. Jimmie went to church and I stayed at home. In the afternoon I attended the funeral of Geo Davis an old schoolmate of mine who died away from home last Thursday night or Friday. Geo was a general favorite among his acquaintances and a member of the S.S. and church. The church was quite full and the service very solemn. Uncle Enos, Mary and Fannie Switzer were here after church in the evening.

Monday, February 23rd, 1874- I have taken cold and am almost sick today, have not felt like doing anything. Ma went to Cin this morning with Aunt Hamilton and then two hired girls left them so the girls are quite alone. Mary was over with me nearly all the afternoon. Mrs. Tewksbury was here to see me.

Tuesday, February 24th, 1874- My cold has been growing worse all day and I have been about as miserable as cold in the head can make anyone. Lizzie was over a part of the afternoon and after she left, Hattie Suten came with a kitten to see Maggie. She took charge of both of the children being fond of children and capable of taking care of them. A while before she left Mary Moore and Mattie Gaylord came in and stayed a

little while and after that I was alone. Jimmie had been talking of going to Cin tonight but after supper he went down street and spoke to Maj. Lloyd saying he would be there Thursday as I was very glad to have this trip postponed one night feeling as I do.

Wednesday, February 25th, 1874- I am not better still but hoping for a more favorable turn today. Jimmie stayed at home with me until almost time for the boat to leave and then took his departure. After dinner I devoted my time and attention to my nose and the children. There was

quite a heavy snow on the ground this morning and it has continued to fall ever since. Mary came over to stay all night with me and we had a good visit together. The girls each had a beau out from church. Rich was with Lizzie and Bart with Jennie. Mary and I did not get to sleep until late. I was sorry I was not feeling better so we could have enjoyed our talk more.

Thursday, February 26th, 1874- Mary went home before breakfast here and just missed breakfast at the other house. Lizzie came over to dinner and then spent half the afternoon with me at the expense of her lessons which she should have been studying but I was glad to have her stay as we had such a good talk and seemed to get better acquainted than we were before. She seems to have grown all at once since I left home and I do not feel that I know her as well as the others. We were giving experiences and enjoyed it very much. John came over about 3 o'clock and stayed with me until after the church when Jennie came to stay all night. Baby seemed delighted to see her, he does not see her as often as he used to do. If I was only feeling well I would enjoy these visits very much more than I do now and I enjoy them as it is.

Friday, February 27th, 1874- Before any of us were up this morning Jimmie came home. I opened the side door for him and he built a fire in the dining room while Jennie was dressing Jennie was wise enough to stay to breakfast and did not miss hers as Mary did. Ma came home on the Potomac and did not get here until after daylight. Jimmie was a little too late for the Potomac yesterday and so came home on the Bostonia. I was glad to have him home again if it has only been two nights that he has been away. I am very thankful that he's not obliged to spend a large part of his time

away from home as some men are. He went to church in the evening and I was home alone until his return.

Saturday, February 28th, 1874- My cold is not much better. I feel very little like doing anything, not even taking care of the children. I was hardly well enough to go to preparation lecture in the afternoon but Jimmie came home to stay with the children and I thought I would venture out. It was quite a large attendance and Mr. Ketchum delivered a good lecture. After the service was over Lizzie asked me to go to Miss Emma Bell's with her and I went. It is the first place I've been this week except over to tell Ida good bye last Monday morning. I saw Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Rob Peebles in church. Maggie just returned this noon from Washington City while she has been spending a few weeks from Miss Bell's I came directly home and do not know that I felt any worse for going out a while.

March

Sunday, March 1st, 1874- This is as lovely a day as it could be. I did not go out in the forenoon however but stayed with the children and then left them with Carrie while I went in the afternoon. This is the first time Mr. Ketchum has had entire charge of the communion service. I think there were 55 who united on profession of the faith besides ten or a dozen by letter. I can't remember all the names but will note down as many as I can.

R. R. Green, Allie Buskink, Lucy Knowles, C. S. Cadot, Lucy White, H. Lowser, Bart Greene, Lucy White, H. Lowser, Bart Greene, Lucy Miles, Ella Peebles, Lea Smith, Willie Adair Lucy Peebles, J. Chandler Swiger, Aimie Apples, C. E. Ivans, Judge Ceraine, Sam Williams, Carrie Davidson, Minnie Williams, Fanny Switzer, Wm Bratt, Geo Watkins, Milton Kennedy, Mrs. Mary S. Moon, Mrs. M. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Boal, Mattie Kennedy, Dr. & Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Lizzie Steadman, Miss Belle Cole, Mrs. Welsh, Sallie

Adams, Miss Mary Welsh, Alice Black, Dr. J. W. Fulton, Miss Lizzie Duvall, Mrs. Mary Bouton, Sallie Knowles.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 1874- Mary and I went out this afternoon with the baby. Fanny Switzer and little Mary Moore were here before dinner and took Maggie home with them to spend the rest of the day. Mary and I went to see Julia and Anna Young and then called to see Lizzie Chochran a few minutes. Were going to stop to see Mrs. Tracy and Belle Aukery but met Miss Lucy just going to church and she said Belle was at Mrs. McClain's as we went there and saw Belle, Carrie, and Clara Pursell and Mrs. McClain. From there we went out to the greenhouse and I got some violets and ivy after leaving there we went to see Mrs. Buskink and Alice found Maggie, Sallie and Hattie Peebles there but was not introduced to Mrs. Hattie Peebles. Stopped at Mrs. Tewksbury's to see Mrs. Ellison but she was not in. Stopped at Mrs. Peebles and there we again met Mrs. Hattie Peebles and from there we came home.

Wednesday, March 4th, 1874- I always think of this as being John Peebles birth day, he is twenty-six today, just six months older than I am. I wrote too, so I should have written to the folks today but just before I was ready to begin writing, Jimmie proposed a game of chess and I actually forgot all about the letter. Julia and Anna Young were here a few minutes this afternoon. Josie Smith and Orin Murfin were married this morning and left on the train for Washington.

Thursday, March 5th, 1874- Mary and Jennie were both over before we were dressed this morning and upon learning the state of affairs they retreated but not until Mary had asked us over to tea in the evening. Jennie came back and spent nearly all day with me and then took Maggie

over but I waited for Jimmie and got there just as supper was ready. After supper Bart Greene in and soon afterwards, Dan McFarland made his appearance. We did not stay very late but enjoyed the visit very much.

Friday, March 6th, 1874- Maggie is two years and seven months old today. It rained quite hard last night and has been cloudy and wet all day. I have been at home all day sewing when I could get a chance. I cut out a couple of night shirts and began making one of them. After supper I put the baby to sleep and while Jimmie was down street I got out the machine and went to sewing. I succeeded in getting it almost finished, only a little hand work about the sleeves and the fastenings which I can easily put on tomorrow.

Saturday, March 7th, 1874- Just as we were sitting down to dinner we heard a knock at the door and it proved to be Carrie Donham and her sister Belle Aukerry coming to return our call. Belle always was pretty but now she is very fine looking, one that a person never tires of looking at. I was not away from home all day, in fact I am not feeling well enough to be out. The cold in my head affected my hearing and I do not enjoy talking. Mary was over a little while in the afternoon, also Ma but the girls were neither of them here at all. Lizzie has been sick for two or three days but is better today. Just before dark I went over home a few minutes and saw all the family, they seemed very cheerful and happy and I would have enjoyed spending the evening with them but could not spare the time from our own family. Jennie and I had a few minutes and thus I had to throw my shawl over my head and run home.

Sunday, March 8th, 1874- This has been a bright beautiful day but quite windy as we expect it to be during this month. Jimmie stayed at home with the children in the forenoon and I went to church. In the afternoon there was a children's sermon and the regular household consecration service. We took our baby and had him baptized, calling him William Wood. I hope and trust he may indeed be consecrated to God and His work. I want to see him an earnest, devoted, Christian worker in some part of the world and where he will accomplish great good. Maggie went with Aunt Mary but she did not behave very well. She wanted to walk from Mary to Ma and then promenade around generally and could not understand that she must not make her remarks aloud so Ma had to take her home.

Monday, March 9th, 1874- Ma came over this morning and gave me an errand up to Mrs. Peebles to get me out. She stayed with the children while I went. It was quite

windy out, but I was glad of the chance to take a walk and when I was once there I stayed longer than I had intended doing. Mr. & Mrs. Peebles went up to Greenfield last Friday to attend some of the

Temperance meetings there and get ideas and additional enthusiasm upon the subject as the time seems to be at hand where the great crusade must be begun here. I have never written a word about it before in my book but it has assumed vast proportions and has become a great power, not only in Ohio, but in other states, and it will be a part of the history of our country. It's called The Women's Crusade Against In Temperance. (*this has been written over Feb.5, 1929)

Tuesday, March 10th, 1874- This has been a lovely day and I have enjoyed it throughout. I felt unusually well this morning and so gave my room a thorough sweeping and cleaning myself, dressed the children and then myself and about dinner time commenced on the other nightshirt but did not do very much of it. After dinner Ma came over and soon after, Lizzie brought her work to spend the afternoon with me but Ma thought we both ought to be out so our plans were changed. Lizzie went home to consider and decided that she would not go so Jimmie and I went to Reilly's to look at wallpaper and while we were there Pa and Jimmie came in so we had quite a delegation to attend to the business. After leaving then I made Maggie Jones and her mother quite a visit and there finished up with Mary Peebles as usual. Missed a call from Maggie. After tea Jimmie, baby and I went over and spent part of the evening at home. Maggie went before diner with the intention of staying all night.

Wednesday, March 11th, 1874- Maggie is still staying at Ma's and is very much afraid every time she sees any one from our house she is afraid she will have to come home. It was very bright and tempting this afternoon but I resolutely stayed by my machine and sewed as long as the baby would let me and when I could do so no longer, I took him and went to our home. Thee they soon persuaded me to leave him with them and go down street. Jennie was ready and anxious for the trip so we went to Dell Ramsey's where I got their pink roses for my hat and then we walked down our part to Pursell Ewing's and then went back to Ma's where we stayed for tea.

*Separate note left between pages: 1st Info meeting at All Saints P.E. ch led by Mrs. J. S. Peebles.

Thursday, March 12th, 1874- It is nine years today since our dear little sister Annie Died. It has been quite cold, windy and disagreeable all day, I have not been out except to run over home once or twice. I finished the shirt I was at work on, made the sleeves and sewed them in without taking a needle in my fingers. I am learning to gather and sew on at the same time. After that was done I amused the baby until Jimmie came home which was about 4 o'clock. A man came and

plowed the side lot after dinner and hope there will soon be something growing there. Macy was over to dinner, we sent for her after we were seated at the table. After Jimmie came home I left him in charge of the baby and went over home to get some red gloss from Jennie with which to commence chain stitching my pillow covers. There was a mass Temperance meeting at All Saints Church led by Mrs. John G. Peebles, a Presbyterian woman leading a mass meeting in and Episcopal Church surely this is a progressive era.

Friday, March 13th, 1874- The principled event of this day has been an all day prayer meeting, the first ever held in this place. It has opened with a business men's prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church and from there it was moved to Bigelow M E Church and continued all day with different leaders for each hour, ladies and gentlemen attending. I was not out during the day but went to the mass meeting held there in the evening. Jennie, Mrs. McConnell, Flo and I went together. Mrs. Chas Smith, of All Saints led. The house was crowded and there seems to be a good deal of enthusiasm on the subject. Jimmie took care of Willie and Maggie is still staying over home.

Saturday, March 14th, 1874- I went to the ladies morning meeting at Bigelow and Jimmie stayed with the children. Maggie came over after breakfast. I did not get back until after ten, almost eleven o'clock. The ladies are proceeding slowly and surely. I think when they do open the active campaign it will be with the deliberate

determination to carry it through to a successful issue if such a thing is possible. After dinner I was just dressing to go out when Carrie Donham and Janie Kinney called. They wanted to take the baby out but as Mary and I were intending to take him up to call on Martha Swan, Carrie said she would come another day. We went down to Reilly's, we had agreed to meet Jimmie so that we might decide on the paper for the parlor. We decided on a pale, plain green with a heavy green velvet and brown border for top and bottom. After that Mary and I went up to Mrs. J. G. Roads where we saw her, Martha Swan and Miss Ella Roads of Burlington, Iowa. We called to see Camile Robinson. But no one was home.

Sunday, March 15th, 1874 - Jimmie did not get ready in time for Sabbath school this morning. I went over after Maggie so I could wash and dress her in clean clothes and after getting things all in order, I dressed myself for church. Lizzie having volunteered to stay with the children and gave Jimmie and me a chance to go together. Uncle Jimmie came to dinner so we had three guests to dinner counting Maggie who has not eaten a meal with us since before Tuesday morning. Jimmie went in the evening and I stayed with baby.

Monday, March 16th, 1874 - The paper hangers were here early this morning and while they were putting on the paper, I trimmed the border and I was half a day at work on it. They finished

in time for Carrie to sweep and clean up after them. She did not wash today as it was rainy in the morning. There was a Temperance Mass meeting at our church in the evening. Jimmie went at the ringing of the second bell and the church was so full that he came home again. We had a game of chess in which he came off victorious as usual and then we looked over the papers and so closed the day. I came very near overlooking one item which I should not forget. Aunt Hamilton came in a while before tea time and when I asked her to lay aside her things and stay she did so at once. She is daily expecting to return to the Rock and at her age and in her state of health we never know that we will see her again when she goes away.

Tuesday, March 17th, 1874 - This forenoon Jimmie and I began to put up the parlor furniture and replace it. We had to go down street about the middle of the forenoon but I continued my labors as the baby gave me opportunity. Ma, Mrs. Tewksbury, Carrie Swim and Mrs. Daniels called here for a pencil as they were on the first round of visiting saloons to present the pledge. They went out in committees of four, today, to try to obtain signers to the dealer's pledge. Mrs. Dunlap and Camille Bigleo called at the gate in the carriage but did not have time to come in. They were looking for Kate Willard on the train. Just as I got the parlor all in order and was dressing myself, Mr. Salsbury and his wife came to call and made quite a call. They are going home this week but promised to come and take tea with us tomorrow evening. After they left I went up to Clara Pursell's where Carrie Donham met me with her baby, she had him up to Mr. Gaylord's. From Clara's I went to ask Maggie Jones to come to tea tomorrow and after a short call at Mrs. Peebles I came home.

Wednesday, March 18th, 1874 - This forenoon I swept, dusted, hung a large picture that Ma gave me the other day and put up a couple of brackets, arranged a few pot flowers and with the assistance of my neighbor, Mr. Boyant, put out a few flowers in the ground. I brought over a pair of landscapes yesterday that Pa gave me a few days ago and brought them in the parlor. To me that little parlor has a very attractive appearance now, the pale green paper makes a pretty background for pictures, wax and flower crosses, mantel ornaments and the dark green furniture and borders make a very pretty contrast. The book case, almost full of books, which was a present from Pa, is an important addition. Murt and his wife and Maggie came and tea was served as soon as they were all here. Mary and Maggie came too as we had a delightful little tea party. When supper was over we spent a pleasant evening until after ten o'clock. *The landscapes were painted on copper and pinned under.

Thursday, March 19th, 1874- I wrote to the folks this forenoon with seven pages to atone for not writing yesterday which was the usual time. In the afternoon I took the children over home a while. Aunt Hamilton came about the middle of the afternoon and stayed there to tea.

Friday, March 20th, 1874- This had been a lovely day and I was in doubt as to what I had better do in the afternoon. I wanted to go up to Mr. Gaylord's to see Hattie Norton and her baby and I wanted to go to the Temperance prayer meeting at Bigelow Chapel. Jimmie rather insisted that I ought to go up to see Hattie as I needed the exercise so I took baby and went.

Saturday, March 21st, 1874 - This has been a remarkably pleasant month so far scarcely any wind but still we have had a good deal of dust. I have been busy all day doing up little jobs of mending, cleaning, and such things. After dinner I took the children, or rather the baby over home and also a skirt that I was sewing edging on. The folks were just finishing up their Saturday's work, everything looks as clean and nice where they do their own work but they get very tired. While I was there Mrs. Buskirk and Allie called, they had already been over to our house. Jimmie took Maggie up to set his Uncle Jimmie Wood and she enjoyed the ride in his little carriage very much. Rich was over home to tea this evening, he seems to feel very much at home among the folks already. Yesterday Bennie gave me his dates and I saved the seeds and planted them in a flower pot to see if they would grow. If they do I told Maggie she might have them and several times she has asked.

Sunday, March 22nd, 1874- Ma stayed with the children this forenoon and Jimmie and I both went to church. Mr. Ketchum preached an excellent sermon on the keeping of the Sabbath. I was glad to hear it and wish he would continue the subject for another Sabbath or two. There was a Mass Prayer meeting in the afternoon at our church but I was not out, either to that or the evening service.

Monday, March 23rd, 1874 - I began this week's work by going to the ladies' prayer meeting at Bigelow, MEU. The temptation is strong within me to go with the League when they go out. I do not want to go against Jimmie's wishes but it's very hard to be left behind when they go. It has been quite cold today. I went out to Mrs. Kennedy's this evening and engaged milk from her, we do not like that which we get from the milk man. I had the children over home a while today.

Tuesday, March 24th, 1874 - I was at the church nearly all day today when I went in the forenoon I stayed until late and after dinner was intending to remain at home but Mary said "no", I must take the children over home and leave them and go. I did so and

stayed until between 3 and 4 o'clock and then, after going home for a few minutes to see after baby, I went back and stayed until the return of the League which was after 6 o'clock. We began taking milk from Mrs. Kennedy.

Wednesday, March 25th, 1874 – Children's Home Contemplated. Shane Miller, Geo Brown, and Murray Shipley are here today from Cin having come to address the people on the subject of the Children's Home. They were at the Business Men's prayer meeting and Jimmie saw them to speak with them after the services were over. I went up to Bigelow about 10 o'clock and he and Mr. Shipley teach a bible lesson after the manner of Miss Smiley who has been teaching or preaching in Cin this winter. It was over the story of Ruth's trust being the main point. The lesson was continued in the afternoon again at which time both Jimmie and I were present. In the evening there was a large meeting at our church but I did not go I kept the children and let Jimmie go. Mary Peebles was out a while this afternoon and it has only been one week since she was so very sick.

Thursday, March 26th, 1874 – I spent all the time I could spare at the prayer meeting today, at times there were very few present, the people do not seem fully alive to the importance of this branch of the "movement". I have spent nearly all of three days there this week and do not go anywhere else scarcely. There is not much visiting done at this time. I feel that when I go any place it should be there though many times where I have to take care of the children I could take them out to walk easier than I could stay at home. Mary and I were down to see Eva Voorheis and her little son a few minutes this evening. The little stranger arrived on the 16th of this month and consequently is about ten days old.

Friday, March 27th, 1874 – I only spent one hour at the prayer meeting this forenoon, or a very little more. I got there just as the ladies were about ready to start, and was called upon to take the chair myself and lead for that hour. I never did anything of the kind before but thought I must do the best I could, so I did. I felt that it was a very weak attempt but I got through with it and the hour passed more quickly than I had expected it would. When it was up, I had to come home but I went first to see if Mame

Gibbs wouldn't go and take someone with her this afternoon. It rained quite hard for a while but the ladies went out anyway. I was intending to go to the meeting but baby fell off the bed and got a severe bruise on his head so I felt that I must stay with him.

Saturday, March 28th, 1874 – I was not at the church at all today. I could not go in the morning and felt it my duty to take the children up to see Grandma Moore after dinner. I go so seldom that the baby does not get acquainted with the family at all. Miss Mary Davison came in while I was there and I had a pleasant visit with her. Ma was here a while to see after some bread which she asked us to start for her after ours had risen. She came to make it up when it was ready but I wouldn't let her, I did it myself.

Sunday, March 29th, 1874– I was out to church this evening and heard a good sermon from Mr. Ketchum. He drew a comparison between the fall of Babylon and the probable fall of King Alcohol at this time. Compared the changing of the course of the risen Euphrates to the change that is now taking place in the public sentiment in regard to temperance. Mrs. Voorheis was up a while in the afternoon to see the children. It has been a lonely day. We heard today of the death of Mr. Ankerry, Belle Donham's husband. He died last night at the Carlisle House in Cin.

Monday, March 30th, 1874 – I did not go out to prayer meeting today at all. After dinner I felt as though I might go out to see Carrie Donham if she was at home and offer my services and sympathies. I was going to prayer meeting at 11 o'clock but Willie did not wake up until too late. By this time I had I had him ready to take over home and then go to the church it was almost noon. After dinner Mary and I took baby and went up to Mrs. Mclelain's but she and Carrie had gone to Belle's Saturday night and as Mrs. Hall said there was nothing we could do, we did not go in. I went to sit a while with Mary Peebles and "while" lasted until supper time. Mary went to see Eva Voorheis.

Tuesday, March 31st, 1874 – This is one of the gloomiest days for a funeral, even worse than the day Mr. Tracy was buried, Jimmie was one of the pall bearers and was waiting for the arrival of the Ohio all the forenoon, came home and hurriedly ate his dinner and went down street again. Mary and I went out to Mrs. McClelain's about 2 o'clock but the services did not commence until about 3 o'clock. There were a good many present notwithstanding the drenching rain which fell the whole afternoon. The coffin was covered with greenhouse flowers, a cross, a crown, a harp, and an anchor. The pall bearers were A. B. Voorheis, W.H. Bowsall, Edgar F. Draper, J. W. Overturf, J. Peebles and J.W. Ricker. It has rained drearily all day.

April

Wednesday, April 1st, 1874 – I have been at home all day, wrote the usual letter to the folks only wrote more than I usually do. The "occupations" of my "retired life" are so monotonous that I am at my wits ends often for something with which to fill up my book. I have commenced gathering together plants and flowers and today received the first members of the Floral Cabinet for which I subscribed in Mrs. Purdum's club. I want to devote a part of my time to the study of the culture of flowers. I am not very old yet and very fond of flowers and with some attention I may yet become quite successful.

Thursday, April 2nd, 1874 The events of this day has been a tea party over home in honor of. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Peebles of Cin. Ma visited them, also Mr. & Mrs. Jan G. Peebles, Maggie & Rich and Capt. & Mrs. Jms Lodwick and our little family. Carrie and I helped the girls make their preparations. After tea there was a general exodus for the Mass meeting which was to be held at our church and which Mrs. Peebles was to lead. My black ink is useless and I shall be obliged to use what I have until I can get better. Jimmie and I went to the Mass meeting leaving the children with Mary who did not go.

Friday, April 3rd, 1874 - This forenoon Jimmie saw Dr. Dennis and promised him that he would tell me to go and have some more work done that was necessary to be done. After dinner he stayed with the children and I went to the dentist and spent a miserable afternoon, not pleasant but profitable both to the Dr. and myself. Jimmie got along nicely with the children Lucy Collins gone and spent two hours with them. I was very tired when I came home.

Saturday, April 4th, 1874 – I spent the forenoon in doing up Saturday work and getting myself washed and dressed. After dinner I got the children ready and took them up to Uncle Enos' as I promised to spend the afternoon and take tea with the folks. Miss Sheldon has been spending a part of his vacation with them yet she and Miss Fannie were out with the League this afternoon as they have been several times before. We spent a very pleasant afternoon but had to come home soon after tea as the children were both sleepy. Grandma seemed to enjoy our visit very much.

Sunday, April 5th, 1874 - This is Easter Sunday and according to the adage about the weather, we need and look for a pleasant Sunday for six weeks or seven Sundays. It rained very hard this afternoon. I have not been away from the house today. Lizzie came home from church with Jimmie at noon and was here all the rest of the day except while she was at church in the afternoon.

Monday, April 6th, 1874 – This is election day and a sorry one it will be I suppose. The tickets are for Temperance and Anti-Temperance issues and I am afraid the Anti's will gain the day as they will leave no stone unturned to secure that end. I was to have gone to Dr. Dennis this morning but he sent me word not to come, Jimmie went in the afternoon. Ma spent the afternoon with me and I wrote their letters for her, over to Dr. McKinsie one to Mrs. Haydan and one to Miss Fitz. Anti Temperance ticket elected with very low exceptions.

Tuesday April 7th, 1874 – This afternoon Mary, the children and I got ready and went down to see Mr. Nichols about a flower table and then out to see Carrie Donham and Belle Ankry if she was seeing company. It was a lovely afternoon and quite warm. Belle was lying down trying to

sleep so we did not disturb her, saw Carrie and her grandmother, it is just one week today since we were out there. Mary went to the prayer meeting and I went to return a shawl to Mary Switzer, made a call there and then came home quite tired.

Wednesday, April 8th, 1874 – Jimmie wanted to go to Portland this afternoon but as I had an engagement with Dr. Dennis he stayed with the children while I fulfilled it. I spent the greatest part of the afternoon in the dental chair which tired me very much. My teeth surely to be badly in need of attention for a set which has had so much care as mine have had. I wrote the usual letter to the folks tonight though I did not feel much like it. I have not been attending the Temperance meetings much lately as I feel that I must have my teeth fixed before it is too late.

Thursday, April 9th, 1874 – This morning while we were at breakfast we heard a knock and Jimmie went to the door and found John Peebles, he ushered him into the dining room passing through our bedroom which was in all the confusion usual at such a time in the morning. Baby was lying on the floor in an old faded ragged napper but even the rags could not drive the brightness of his eyes or smile and I guess his papa was only too glad to get a chance to show him off even under such adverse circumstances. John's errand was to tell us that Sallie wanted us to go out tomorrow to spend the day with her. I had some little preparations to make and this I attended to in the forenoon as I had an engagement with Dr. Dennis for Friday or today and so chose this afternoon to go to him. It was very rainy and dark but I went and he was not expecting me and was not there. I visited a while with his wife and then changed the appointment to Saturday. I took some material to Miss Nickells to make a cap for baby which he will need tomorrow.

Friday, April 10th, 1874 – After breakfast I began preparations for going out to Sallie's, Jimmie promised to come and go out with me and just as I was ready he came and we started. I stopped on the way to get some red floss for my pillow case. We spent a very pleasant day, were kept busy with the three children, part of the time Bertha Overturf was there too and it quite filled the room, four babies with their playthings. We stayed until after tea and then came home the children were tired and went to sleep pretty soon, in fact were asleep when we reached home but had to be undressed. Jimmie thinks he is in the way now to his castles in Spain as G.W. Curtiss says in "Pride and I." The road lays through the lumber region of Michigan and he expects to start next week to see what the prospect is.

Saturday, April 11th, 1874 – This forenoon I did what Saturday work I could in order to get off soon after dinner to fulfill any final engagement with Dr. Dennis. It was a lovely afternoon, too lovely to be spent in the dental chair but I was anxious to get through with the disagreeable

business. I was disappointed in that it was decided to put in an amalgam filling instead of gold with the tooth which is far gone. It did not take very long to do that and I was home much sooner than I expected to be. Jimmie was just finishing the potatoe patch when I returned. He planted some early rose potatoes today and we hope to have the pleasure of eating some of our own. After the children were put to bed, we sat reading and soon heard a knock which was the announcement of the arrival of Jennie and Lizzie Zolland by Wes Lodwick, Joe Dunlap and Chandler Singer. They stayed until a little after 11 o'clock and we all enjoyed the evening very much.

Sunday, April 12th, 1874 – I went to church in the morning and Jimmie kept the children, he had a headache which kept growing worse until he was obliged to go to bed before supper time and was quite sick all night. Ma came in before church time and poured some water on his head which felt good at the time but he did not know if it relieved him much or not.

Monday, April 13th, 1874 – Jimmie left us this morning on his trip to Michigan. It has been very warm all day quite like a summer morning. I was down street before the boat left and saw Jimmie again after I had told him goodbye. I shall be very lonely without him. Mary came to stay with me at night and we shall enjoy our visit together I know. The Berger family are here and very much to my surprise I found myself in the audience this morning. Pa wanted Ma to go and she did not feel well enough and wanted me to go in her place which the idea seemed to please Pa very much and though I did not want to go on account of the prayer meeting I couldn't disappoint Pa and so we went and he seemed quite pleased.

Tuesday, April 14th, 1874 – This has been a pleasant day but quite warm for the season. I have tried to sew a little and read a little but did not accomplish much. Mrs. Charles Green came in with her baby of about the middle of the afternoon and made quite a little visit after which I went to The Valley Book Store and got a few flower seeds and bulbs and then went up to Mrs. Nickell's where I stopped to let her and Mrs. Gates see the children. We went to see Mary Peebles and when I was ready to come home, Maggie was not ready and insisted so upon staying that the folks said let her stay and send one of the boys after her after supper and as my hands were full with baby, I did so and Evan went after her with the little carriage after tea. Mary came to stay all night with me. Mrs. Charles Greene and her baby Willis were here before we went out.

Wednesday, April 15th, 1874 – It has been wet and rainy all day. I have been at home all day and Mary has stayed with me most of the time. Lillie Johnson, Ella Greene's cousin is here and we want to go to see her but do not see any chance, the weather is so wet. I wrote to the folks as

usual today. This afternoon I planted some seeds, white and red cypress, morning glory and balloon vine in the front yard by the fences and around the porch. Where the shot plant was last summer. I went out to Mrs. Bell's to see about some grape vines but the gardener was not there and I had my trip for nothing, just as the bus stopped at Pa's back gate when I wanted to get the baby to bring him home Mrs. Weber saw the gardener across the street and called him so I accomplished it all after all.

Thursday, April 16th, 1874 – Another rainy day, from morning until night with very short cessations. I went up to Mrs. Carrolls to get some things. I got sixteen yards of muslinto make waists and skirts and such things at 10 cts a yard. Mary and I began to get all the old dresses and skirts fixed up before Miss Hamilton comes as I will know just what we need when she is ready to go to work. I got three long dresses cut off and fixed today. I've been reading this evening aloud to Mary and finished the book. Have enjoyed it very much particularly the last chapter "Our cousin the curato". Had a letter from Jimmie this evening which he wrote Tuesday evening after getting to Detroit.

Friday, April 17th, 1874 – It has been dreary and gloomy today but did not rain. I was awakened this morning by hard knocking at the door which proved to be Jimmie, it

was a very agreeable surprise as I was hardly looking for him this morning. Mary stopped until after breakfast and then went home for a while. She was back several times during the day. After dinner she and Ma came over and Ma cut my hair off short. We have been talking about it a long time but I couldn't quite make up my mind to it and Jimmie is quite opposed to it. The gardener brought thirteen grape vines and eight currant bushes, the latter Jimmie set out after supper. I fixed another little slip and two skirts today.

Saturday, April 18th, 1874- A bright sunny day the first one since Sunday. I spent this forenoon cleaning up and getting ready to sew but did not sew until after dinner. Lizzie was here to dinner and about half the afternoon. Jimmie came home early and worked until dark. Fannie Switzer and Fannie Moore called while we were at work and Lizzie Burr Cochran was here just before supper. This afternoon Jimmie set out 13 grape vines, we forced the strawberry plants having a good many buds on them. He brought the two Oleanders and the shot plant up from the cellar. The Oleanders look as fresh and green as if they had been growing all winter, there are some sprouts which I think have grown from the bottom of the trees this winter. He set them and the shot plant in the front of the larger lot. I went over home and got my fuschia which was almost all dead, only the roots and one little twig living, I carefully repotted it and hope it will grow. The Miguoerette seed I planted Wednesday seems to be sprouting already. Jimmie sowed a little blue grass seed on the other part of the lot.

Sunday, April 19th, 1874 - Ma stayed with the children and Jimmie and I went to church together. Lizzie came to dinner but as I had asked the boys she went home promising to come another time. Jimmie came over after dinner and we sang a while together just as she was leaving Lizzie and Uncle Sam came in, it was raining and continued to rain all the afternoon and evening. Lizzie stayed to tea. Jimmie went down street after supper and did not come home until after church.

Monday, April 20th, 1874- Today I made a short skirt for Willie and one for Maggie out of Willie's long one. That was all the sewing I did. Miss Hamilton came to see me about making up my hair but she can not do it for a long time however I want her as I

can't trust anybody else with it. I loosened the earth around the plant pots and put some charcoal around them to see if that would do them any good they seem to be rather droopy and do not bloom at all. The moss seed which I sowed in the soup plate has come up beautifully. The verbena seems to be worthless.

Tuesday, April 21st, 1874 – Mary gave me trimming for a dress for baby this morning and then went and got the goods for me which I proceeded to cut out and in both spent the afternoon working on the dress. Just before supper Uncle Enos and Aunt Mary came in to call. He was sick yesterday and remained at home. After tea Jimmie, baby and I went to return the call. Maggie stayed all night with Mary. Ma is not all well, has some throat and headache. Aunt Maria is at Uncle Enos' but not gone to the Temperance meeting when we were there.

Wednesday, April 22nd, 1874 – Willie is eight months old today. I took him over home a while after dinner while I was working in the button holes in his new dress. Aunt Maria was here a few minutes before dinner but went to dine with Pa. I wrote the usual letter to the folks although we have had none from them since Saturday. Ma is not at all well, was in bed all day yesterday but was down stairs today. After tea Jimmie and I took baby and went up to Conolley's and from there to Uncle Jimmie's where I got a few more flower seeds and a flower pot for my amaryllis. From there we walked down to Maggie Jones' where Willie and I waited until Jimmie went after the mail and a pad lock.

Thursday, April 23rd, 1874 - This morning I planted my amaryllis bulb and some yellow moss seed, the latter in the moss bed under the northeast window of my room. I finished the baby's white dress and made a little flannel skirt for Maggie which was all the sewing I accomplished. Mary and Lizzie were here at supper time. Lizzie ate with us but Mary insisted upon holding the baby instead as he was very fretful. Maggie stayed over home all night tonight. I planted some four o'clock and touch-me-not seeds, some fancy beans and other vines in the back yard if they all come up thee will be a good many vines and flowers on the place.

Friday, April 24th, 1874 – I was busy all the forenoon sweeping and cleaning my room and the parlor and after dinner Jimmie and I took the baby in the buggy and went

down to look at wall paper we did not find any to suit us at Geo Watkins so we went to Mr. Reilly's and made a selection. Came home and took another start. Maggie went over home and I went up to the high school to hear Lizzie read her essay on "Brown Studies." Jimmie took the baby down street and kept him until supper time. After the exercises were over, Mary and I went out to the greenhouse and got some flowers. She got a pink and I got two pinks and five roses which Mr. Woodyly brought after dark. After supper Jimmie set out a caladium bulb or root that Ma gave me and then planted some eggplant and cucumber seed in a little hot bed. I paid Mrs. Kennedy \$2.56 for milk and Mr. Woodyly \$2.05 for flowers. Ma gave Maggie a baby buggy for her doll.

Saturday, April 25th, 1874 – It was raining when we got up this morning and hardly ceased for a moment all day. I have been in the house all day getting things in order for Sabbath and our expected guest whom we look for this evening. Ma has made me two nice visits today. Mary has been here twice and John was here twice, stayed to dinner. The clouds began to break a little but the prospect is that we will have a rainy Sabbath. Everything was in readiness when the train came and Mr. Gibson came as we had expected. Maggie was delighted to see him. She seems to think Judge Evans has a special care over Mr. Gibson and when Ma asked her if she might not take him home with her she objected saying that Judge Evans wouldn't like it if he went away from here.

Sunday, April 26th, 1874 – Contrary to our expectations this has been a lovely day, bright, sunny and warm. Jennie came over to stay with the children and let me go to church but as she had never heard Mr. Gibson preach, I wanted her to go. Jimmie stayed and I went with her. The different members of the family were in and out all day. Late in the afternoon we all adjourned to the parlor over home and spent about an hour in singing hymns. We enjoyed it very much (in the evening there was a mass Temperance meeting at our church which we attended. Mrs. Chas Smith led the meeting which we attended and Miss Read & Mrs. McKensie of Alma addressed the audience. There was a meeting at 6th Street M. E. church also at which the ladies spoke.)

Monday, April 27th, 1874- Pa Ricker is 61 years old today. Mrs. Leete mother of Mrs. H. Leete was buried this forenoon from All Spirits Church and Mrs. Gibson waited until the afternoon train in order to attend the funeral. After dinner Mrs. Ketchum called to see Mrs. Gibson and made quite a little visit before train time. After they had gone Ma

and I went down street to look at paper for my room. I decided to take the kind I had selected last week from Mr. Reilly's. No one went in the morning and then in the afternoon the paper was sent up, not my selection however but a very handsome and expensive paper which Ma admired very much and was so

anxious that we should have it that she wanted to pay the difference herself. We would not agree to it and were going to send it back when Pa came in and handed me \$10.00 which he said he would give me if we would use it. Jimmie worked a little in the garden this evening. I put some seed corn and peas in water tonight to soak, we want to plant them tomorrow. Jennie Wheeler and Jesse Armour were married today.

Tuesday, April 28th, 1874- This has been a dark rainy day but it did not hinder the paper hangers from their work. They did not get entirely through but can finish in the morning. The paper is a bright scarlet with a pattern of bright brown and stamped gold. It is very handsome, more suitable for a drawing room than a bedroom but as we have no such room and we all admire the paper we put it on such as we have. I have done nothing but take care of children and watch the paper hangers. It was too cold and wet to plant anything today. Lou Peck and Ed Carson were married tonight at Mrs. Damarin. I would have congratulated them most heartily had I been afforded the opportunity but the wedding was quite a private affair.

Wednesday, April 29th, 1874- It was very cold this morning. There was a little ice in some places and the wind was quite keen. I went out to 9th Street some after 6 o'clock in the morning to see about some straw to put under my carpet which we took up and put down again in the course of the day, also the dining room carpet. It did not rain today and towards evening became a little warmer. By supper time we had things tolerable again.

Thursday, April 30th, 1874- The water is up very high and has been over the tow path and Scioto bottoms all this week with little prospect of going down very soon as it rains nearly every day. It has been very bright and pleasant today however. I busied myself in polishing my bedroom furniture today. After tea Jimmie and I started up to Uncle

Jimmie's after eggs but thought we would walk out and look at the back water first so we went. On our way back we stopped at Will Pursell's gate and Jimmie and Will talked there a while. I went in to see Clara and her boy which she calls Earle Tracy we continued our walk down to the grocery and then the P.O. office and then home again quite tired. Jimmie planted some corn and peas.

May

Friday, May 1st, 1874- One year ago today since we began house keeping in this our first house. It had been a year of solid comfort and enjoyment. A County Temperance Convention was held in this city today and our guests proved to be very acceptable ones being Aunt Wood and Cousin Libbie Ferguson they came with quite a large delegation from up the river. They were here to dinner but Libbie went to Mrs. Nichols to tea. Aunt Hamilton came to sleep with

Aunt Wood and will be here until next week. In the afternoon I went to the meeting at the Pres. Church and heard Mrs. Fisher of Middleport and Mrs. Wells of Madisonville speak. After that the congregation formed in procession and marched to Fountain Square and held services there. I did not go to the mass meeting in the evening as I had to stay with the children.

Saturday, May 2nd, 1874- The old ladies left early for the prayer meeting to be gone all day and return at night. It was rainy and unpleasant this morning. Mrs. Barhandll and Mrs. Waffle of Ironton, who have been stopping at Uncle Enos' came around this morning with Aunt Mary Ellen to see us. We had preparatory lecture this afternoon and after that I went up to Mrs. Peebles' to see cousin Sadie Crossley and her baby, she calls him Simieon Gaylord. Gay for short and he is a very nice baby. He is just six months old and was born after the death of his father. Dr. Pratt returned from the South today.

Sunday, May 3rd, 1874- This has been a lovely day. I was not out to church in the morning but went in the afternoon to communion and again in the evening Jimmie and

I went to the Mass meeting at 6th ME church and heard excellent addresses from Mr. and Mrs. Wills of Madisonville. She certainly is a gifted woman or she could not speak as she does.

Monday, May 4th, 1874- After breakfast was over Carrie was taken sick and was quite sick all day, our company is only here at night and breakfast time so we did not need to get dinner but just went over home and ate with the folks. At night I got a little supper for us and then Jimmie said good-bye and left on a trip through the south with Mr. Tewksbury. It was quite unexpected. I feel very blue and badly and could hardly bear to say good bye at all. Maggie cried when she first heard of his going, again when he left, when she went to bed and scary time as she thinks of it. Aunt Hamilton and Aunt Wood came back at night.

Tuesday, May 5th, 1874- Carrie went home this morning after breakfast. I undertook to finish washing the dishes and put the kitchen in order. Before I had finished Mrs. Crossley and Mattie Gaylord came to call. Mary was over and made me promise to go over there for dinner which I was glad to do inasmuch as it was noon before I was through with morning work. After dinner they wanted me to just move over and stay until Jimmie or Carrie came back. I wanted Mary to come and stay with me but they sound so set on the other plan that I consented. (I went to the Temperance meeting at the Cen. M. church in the evening with Jennie and we had company home). I saw Mattie Kennedy and told her not to bring any more milk until I sent her word.

Wednesday, May 6th, 1874- After dinner I took Willie in the buggy and went up to see when Mrs. Crossley was coming down to visit at Ma's. She was just putting her bonnet on and then would be ready. The carriage was at the door to take Maggie and Mrs. Peebles down to church

after which it was to take Cousin Sadie and the baby around to Pa's. I went to attend to some errands and then stopped and visited with Dell Ramsey and Carrie Strom who was at Dell's. After I went home Mary, Cousin Sadie, and I went up to the Connolly's and then down street again so I was quite tire after so much walking. The folks went to church except us who had babies to put to bed. I wrote to the folks. I had a postal card from Jimmie today to expected to leave last evening from Alabama.

Thursday, May 7th, 1874- Ma and I went this forenoon to see about my new spring hat which I intend to get from Mrs. Cutler and Dell Ramsey. It was almost noon before we got started as Cousin Sadie had gone out to make a call and did not get back to take her baby until quite late. It has not rained for several days and is very dusty. I feel as though I was sandy from my head down. After dinner I did not do much but run after the children, that takes all my spare time and does not leave time for much else.

Friday, May 8th, 1874- Soon after breakfast I had to get ready and take baby Gary up to Mrs. Peebles in Maggie's buggy. I only sat a few minutes with Mary Peebles and then walked to 3rd with Maggie who was on her way to prayer meeting I had promised Mary Moore to do errand for her at Mrs. Connolley's and so I had to go up there. She's making a handsome dress for Mary Ketchum, embroidery and victoria lace. Lizzie was busy all the afternoon finishing her new custom dress which she put on after supper and went with Rich to make a call on Bertha Glidden. Lizzie has a natural talent for dress and hat making and can suit herself better than any one else can suit her. I make frequent trips across the alley to the house to see after the flowers and other things there.

Saturday, May 9th, 1874- This morning Ma and I went to Mrs. Cutler's to get my hat and as there was an ornament to change we left it there. Ma and Lizzie made a subsequent trip and sometime later in the afternoon the object of that trip became apparent. Lizzie had made her own hat and it was much more becoming than my own so she and Ma agreed between themselves to go and get mine and exchange some of the trimmings and have Lizzie reconstruct it. The result was highly satisfactory and quite surprising to me, I did not recognize the affair at all until I took a second look at it. Ma and I were up to see Mrs. Ketchum this morning and on our way home Ma stopped at the store and ordered nearly \$25.00 worth of goods sent to Mr. and Mrs. K. She was anxious to make a visit home but thinks she can't get ready to go anywhere. Cousin Sadie was here to tea. I put my two pinks out in the yard. I noticed the peas and lettuce, potatoes coming up this evening.

Sunday, May 10th, 1874- Ma wanted me to go to SS this morning and as it has been a long time since I have had an opportunity of going that I went and she stayed with the children all the forenoon. I went to church also and heard Dr. Pratt preach, the first time I've heard him since his return. There was children's meeting in the afternoon and several babies were baptized but I did not go. Lizzie and Flow went and said that Nellie Voorheis was baptized. I was not out in the evening.

Monday, May 11th, 1874- Mary and I went over home and sewed all day. I cut out a gingham and two calico dresses and a calico wrapper for Mary Ketchum and she sewed on them. We want to help Mrs. K. a little. I know how to sympathize with her, I do not know what I should do if it were not for my mother and sisters so near me. J. Enos began to white wash the fence today but did not get very much done it was a very warm day.

Tuesday, May 12th, 1874- Pa is still in bed, was not up yesterday or today. Grandma came down to spend the day with him. Mary and I went over home to sew but I found enough other work to keep me busy all day. The hose had been left in the pantry all night and the water was not turned off so I had to move everything out and clean up. It took all day long to get things in good order. Grandma, Ma, Aunt Mollie, Fannie Switzer and Mary Y. Moore were all there during the day and somewhat hindered my house cleaning. May is getting along nicely with the sewing. I noticed the quiet blade of corn up this evening and also that the potato bugs had arrived in my potato patch. My gladioli are up also my amaryllis and the fushia which was almost dead when I found it, had revived and is putting out new shoots, very small it's true but still it is full of promise for the future. I am very much interested in my flowers and notice the least change in them.

Wednesday, May 13th, 1874- It has been very warm today and in the afternoon we had a little shower but not as much as we need. Mary has finished off the dresses, one white, one pink dotted, one black dotted trimmed with blue and the pink striped gingham trimmed with white strips and ruffles and dolly vardin wrap and a white skirt trimmed with embroidery and this evening four white aprons. I have worked the button holes in all but the skirt and expect to do these in the aprons. I gave the potato bugs a dose of Paris yolin today which I hope will exterminate them effectually.

Thursday, May 14th, 1874- Robinson's Circus was in town today and in the forenoon the procession passed our house. In it was an elephant, camel, curious goat, several

chariots and a large number of ponies and horses. One of the chariots was drawn by 16 of the smallest ponies I

ever saw. The men and women were about the most depraved looking set of people I ever saw. I'll never forget the four women dressed in scarlet calico carrying yellow parasols and sitting on the four corners of a large wagon or chariot or whatever it was. I began taking cold last night and have been sick all day, part of the time could hardly sit up. Had a letter and postal card from Jimmie this evening.

Friday, May 15th, 1874- I was not feeling well this morning and did not get up to breakfast but as soon as I did get up I wrote to Jimmie and then took the letter around to Uncle Enos to mail on the boat as the train had gone out. I found him and his wife in the yard talking about the flower beds. In the evening Mary and I with the baby went up to take Mrs. Ketchum the things she had made. One handsome white dress made with puffs and embroidery, two little calico and one gingham dress, one calico wrapper and four white aprons. Mrs. K was quite overwhelmed with surprise and delight.

Saturday, May 16th, 1874- As soon as we could get ready after breakfast, Ma and I went up to Mr. Connolly's and got some grenadine dresses. Jennie's and mine are in one piece plain ivory grenadine and Lizzie's is striped with a silk stripe. I also got the linings and then went home to the children again. It takes my whole time to take care of things and then they are mischief half the time.

Sunday, May 17th, 1874- I went to Sabbath school again this morning and taught my old class. The African M.E. Conference is in session here now and several pulpits were supplied from among their numbers. A senior from Wilberforce by the name of Knight preached for us in the morning from the subject of faith, "for we walk by faith not by sight" being the words of the text. It was a very good service. In the evening Ma, Mary and I went to hear Mr. J. W. Stanger at All Saints Church.

Monday, May 18th, 1874- Before we sat down to breakfast this morning, Miss Hamilton came in asking where I was and if I was not expecting her. I had sent her word that if it would do her just as well it would be more convenient for me to have her come tomorrow and give me today to get things in order over home. However she was ready so after taking our breakfasts there we moved and I got dinner at home and had her well started with my dress by dinner time, she just altered my silk waist and left the sleeves out so I could wear it as a sleeveless basque. Her mother was here to dinner with her. Mary came over to stay with me until Jimmie comes home. Began taking milk again this evening.

Tuesday, May 19th, 1874- Miss Hamilton cut out and began making my grenadine basque today. Mrs. Elden and Ada called to see her about sewing for them but her time is all engaged so that she can't go there. It keeps Mary and me both busy to look after the house and children.

Wednesday, May 20th, 1874-Miss Hamilton is toiling on alone at my dress and I am so occupied with other things that she can scarcely get me to stop long enough to try it on. Mary and I are doing the work and taking care of the children and it is about as much as we can do.

Thursday, May 21st, 1874- The great event of this day was the marriage of Miss Nellie Grant and Mr. Santoris at the White House in Washington. It is the first that has occurred there since Miss Mary Monroe's marriage in 1820. It was a very grand affair and I intend preserving a newspaper account in my scrap book. Mary wanted me to have the children's pictures taken and offered to attend to all the work if I would take them down to Mrs. Lutz's so I took them one at a time. After tea we went to see other people but ever too late and did not yet see either there or at the stores so we went up and sat a little while with Maggie Jones and her mother.

Friday, May 22nd, 1874- Bright and pleasant but rather cool for the season. I took the baby, who by the way is just 9 months old today, and went down street early this morning to attend to some errands and get the proofs of the pictures we had taken yesterday. The baby's is good and I ordered ½ doz of them. Maggie's expression is not good and we will have to try it again. Jennie was here some time today, assisted on preparing and eating dinner and then in cleaning up the table. Pa was here to tea. Had letters from Pa and Ma Ricker today. I went up street just before supper for Ma and got a piece of grenadine to make her a polonaise. The water works have not been running for three days and my plants are almost perishing for water. My neighbor, Mr Bouyard set out three Madeira vines for me this evening.

Saturday, May 23rd, 1874- We worked hard but still did not get my dress quite ready to wear. We were both tired at night. Mary made quite extensive preparations in the kitchen for tomorrow. She stayed at home and sent Lizzie over to stay with me.

Sunday, May 24th, 1874- I was doomed to disappointment this morning. I looked and listened all day although I did not think it likely that Jimmie would come after the Potomac came without him. Still, there were several other boats which left Cin later than the Potomac and I hoped against hope I was not out at all except a few minutes in the evening when I went over home.

Monday, May 25th, 1874- I was in a state of uncertainty all the morning, not knowing whether to look for Jimmie or a letter from him. Thought possibly he might come on the evening train but did not look for him at noon and that was just the time he came. I was so glad it almost made me sick, I was not very well anyway and after he came I thought I should have to be down but as I had no one to get dinner that would never do so I went with him over home to see Maggie and then we came home and I got dinner. In the evening I engaged Josie Young to come and stay until Carrie came back. She did not come until after tea.

Tuesday, May 26th, 1874- Ma came over and made me a little visit this forenoon as she was intending to go up the river after dinner. Jimmie escorted her to the boat and she expects to make a tour of all the neighboring villages before she returns. Stopping at Haverhill first and then going to Hanging Rock and Ironton. I went over there after dinner and stayed some time after she left. Carrie came back this forenoon as Josie had to go.

Wednesday, May 27th, 1874- Miss Hamilton is engaged upon a pair of pillow covers that Ma gave me the material to make. They are all insertion and bias tucks except a small square of linen in the center and are finished on the edge with bead flouncing. Willie has learned to climb up by chairs or anything that he can hold on to and keep on the watch constantly to prevent his getting into mischief. I did not write my usual letter tonight as Jimmie's only mail this morning. He sent one of the babies pictures.

Thursday, May 28th, 1874- I was up to Connolley's this evening late and came home hot, dusty and tired, saw the parlor opened up and Jimmie sitting by the window, advancing a little farther I saw another person whom I soon after recognized as Mr. Gibson from Jackson, he had come down to assist in the installation of a sermon minister here. We soon made the necessary arrangements for his accommodations. After tea he sat and talked a little while and then it was bedtime. As he returns home in the morning his stay will be short.

Friday, May 29th, 1874- It has been warm today and we have been very busy. I have been up to the store twice, went in the morning and got some things we needed and also bought a sun umbrella and a pair of kid gloves for myself. In the afternoon Mrs. Ellison of Ironton called to see me. She was only down on a short visit and did not wait for me to go to see her.

Saturday, May 30th, 1874- We were up bright and early and I was up until "bright and late". In the first place to see Jimmie and the boys off on their fishing excursion and then to await their return which was about 9:30 o'clock when the moon was shining brightly and the evening was

perfectly lovely, it made me think of how I used to spend such evenings but it was not to complain of the difference, for my two babies are more to me than all the drives I could have. Miss Hamilton finished her time here this evening but did not finish her work. She goes over home next week.

Sunday, May 31st, 1874- This has been a very hot day, Mary kindly offered to keep the children and let us both go to church and I was very glad of the chance. Dr. Pratt preached, Mr. Ketchum is away, has gone to General Assembly at St. Louis and to make some other visits this being his summer vacation I suppose.

June

Monday, June 1st, 1874- Jimmie has been taking care of the children today and I finished the two waists which Miss Hamilton left undone and then altered a brown gingham dress for every day wear. The water works ceased operation yesterday and as yet they have not resumed, the flowers and grass are very thirsty in consequence of not having any water since Saturday. It has been quite cool today and we have enjoyed it very much after the heat of yesterday. We had some strawberries for supper this evening, they are scarce and expensive this season on account of the very dry weather.

Tuesday, June 2nd, 1874- It has been quite cool and pleasant today. Jimmie stayed at home some time both in the forenoon and afternoon and took care of the children to give me an opportunity to sew as I can do nothing of that kind unless someone does keep them for me. I cut out three little dresses from the pieces that the folks sent from the furnace, they are for Maggie. Jimmie got some bordering for me and I have one of them nearly done tonight. I stopped sewing at 4 o'clock and dressed myself to go with Mary to call on Libbie Field who is home on a visit. She came Sunday morning, brought her two children Flora and a little boy but her husband will not be here until fall.

Wednesday, June 3rd, 1874- I sewed very steadily all day today, the children were better than usual and I accomplished a good deal. I wanted Jimmie to take Maggie with him when he goes to the Rock tomorrow but he did not say he would until about 6 o'clock in the evening, I then nipped the trim dress which Ma gave her and altered it so

that it would fit her and was in the midst of the reconstruction when Mary came over to say that Mary Moore, Uncle Enos's wife,

was sick and had sent for Ma. She (Mary) went after I had put the children to bed. Jimmie and I went around a little while. I finished Maggie's dress after coming home and then packed the hand satchel for her so that there would be washing to do in the morning but dress her and let her go.

Thursday, June 4th, 1874- We were up in time to be dressed and seated at the breakfast table by 4 o'clock this morning. When Maggie had finished she asked to be excused and I helped her down, washed her face and hands, tied on her bonnet and she and her Papa started for the boat, they went on the Fashion. Just before dinner I took baby, and some button holes to work and went home and stayed until bedtime and then Jennie came over to stay all night with me.

Friday, June 5th, 1874- Ma, Jimmie and Maggie came home on the Fannie Dugan today, all well pleased with their trip. Papa said that Maggie was a perfect little lady all the time and gave them no trouble. I am very glad she went. I have been sewing or trying to sew all day but did not accomplish much. Baby has learned to creep and make himself a great deal of trouble. He is a splendid little fellow but needs constant care and watching, all of which he is welcome to if he only makes a good useful man I shall be satisfied.

Saturday, June 6th, 1874- Maggie is two years and ten months old today. Jimmie and I decided last night that we would paper the dining room today ourselves and wanted to begin early but when he went down street to attend to some errands he was unfortunately detained by a business call and we did not get commenced until about 10 o'clock. We worked hard and faithfully from that until after 11 o'clock in the evening and did not get the border on then. It was the first that Jimmie ever did and he did

very nicely. I do not feel as though I could praise his patience and good nature too much.

Sunday, June 7th, 1874- Hot scarcely expresses the state of the weather today, it is almost melting. Lizzie and Ma volunteered to stay with the children and accepted the offer from Ma as she seemed anxious to stay and said Lizzie could take a turn some other time. There was no service in our church in the evening so we all stayed at home. We were quite surprised and shocked to hear this evening that Clifford Hutchins was dead. He died at Gambier last night where he was attending school.

Monday, June 8th, 1874- It has been warm again today and the flies buzz around as though it was the middle of August. We were a little late getting to work again this morning but by perseverance and hard work we managed to get all the border on the dining room paper and the picture nails up and two pictures hung. I have two little pictures I want to get framed and then

there will be four pictures in the dining room. The paper improves the looks of the room very much. While in the cellar today looking for a crock I came across my white oleander which had been given up as ruined last fall but allowed to remain in the pot there and now there are other little shoots almost two inches long coming out of the first joint below the top and one just starting out at the top. I am quite rejoiced over it as I had given it up as lost.

Tuesday, June 9th, 1874- Hot scarcely conveys our idea of what the weather has been lately, the mercury stands close to 100 degrees and the nights are very warm too. We are looking for Helen Ricker every day but have looked so long and vainly that it does not seem worthwhile to prepare for her reception. The house is in order again and I am trying to get my summer dresses in wearing order. I have to do something to each one of them and then on several things for the children which need to be cut out as well as sewed.

Wednesday, June 10th, 1874- It has been intensely hot for some days and the result was a heavy storm of thunder and lightning followed by a flood of rain this evening. I went to the folks while it was in progress. We were glad of the rain because of the gardens, flowers, crops and everything was suffering for water, the city water works having failed us for more than a week now causing everything to be fairly scorched. I wrote to Clara King this evening.

Thursday, June 11th, 1874- It was delightful this forenoon after the rain and at noon Jimmie and I agreed to take the children and go out after an early tea to make a few calls. I was busy all day altering my linen dress and getting it ready for summer wear and late in the afternoon when it was about time to begin dressing for the evening, the clouds gathered and we had a very hard rain with some thunder and I gave up the idea of going out and did not get ready. It cleared off however and we went and took Maggie, Mary came and took Willie with her. We went first up to Mrs. Tewksbury's and saw him and Mr. Page, all the rest of the family were out and after making him a call, we came on down and stopped to see the Peebles family and from there we went to Uncle Enos's to call on Mrs. Armstrong of Ripley who is visiting there with her little girl.

Friday, June 12th, 1874- This has been the most delightful day we have had for a long time, the dust is effectually settled since the rains of yesterday and the day before and the air is cool and pure. Just after I had finished putting the house in order and had dressed myself and was getting Maggie ready to go to Uncle Enos's to spend the day. Mary Ellen and little Mary Armstrong came after her. Willie has not been at all well today. I think his teeth trouble him, he was sick

before we were up this morning and very restless all day. I did not do much but hold and amuse him. In the evening Jimmie went out into the garden to hoe the potatoes and I took Willie on my arm and pulled up weeds from among the grasses in the side yard. As Lizzie was passing I asked her to come in and take supper with us and she did so and helped me with my weeding for an hour or more. While I am writing Jimmie has

gone to the Commencement exercises of the Ports Seminary being held at the Open House. Mrs. Jones was buried today.

Saturday, June 13th, 1874- It has been very cool and pleasant all day and I thought it would be a good time to go out and make a few calls. After dinner I dressed Willie and myself and sent Maggie over home. I then took the baby and went up street. Went first to see Mrs. Charlie Green and her little Willie and from there I went to Mrs. Sara Reed's and afterwards to Mrs. Burckit's, Mrs. Douglas, and Mrs. E. B. Greene's. The ladies of the two Jones's place were all out and Mrs. Greene, Ellen, and Amy Dickinson were just going out so I did not stay there long. I found Ella Hinderman at Mrs. Thompson's but the lady of the house was not in. I stopped to see Mollie Murray and then Ella Murray but they were both away from home. Went out to Sallie Peebles but did not get in there. Found Ella Overturf at home and my visit there completed the afternoon work.

Sunday, June 14th, 1874- Last evening about 9 o'clock I was suddenly attacked with a pain in my heart bone and it spread rapidly until midnight when Jimmie went after Ma and she sent him after the doctor. None of us knew what was the matter but the doctor pronounced it an attack of pleurisy. He gave me some medicine which relieved me and I slept all night and felt enough better this morning to do my usual work. About 9 o'clock after Jimmie had gone to Sabbath school I was taken sick again and had to spend most of the day in bed. Jimmie did not go to church in the evening.

Monday, June 15th, 1874- The usual Monday work was disposed of today and nothing of more importance occurred. I was careful not to do any more than I could help as I am not very strong.

Tuesday, June 16th, 1874-I had a letter from Helen today which was written last week some time, stating that she would be down tomorrow on the boat if convenient for us. Jimmie telegraphed her to come. In the evening just as we were seated at the table, Maggie Peebles and Maggie Jones called and sat about half an hour. I had spent a part of the afternoon cleaning the windows in the front room upstairs and in the evening I began to feel the effects of it. I kept feeling worse and worse until about midnight when I was obliged to waken Jimmie and send him

for the doctor again as I had used all the medicine he left for me. This time he gave me a tablespoon of castor oil and 30 drops of turpentine. It was a very disagreeable remedy but it relieved me very soon and I slept all night.

Wednesday, June 17th, 1874- Helen came on the Dugan today after so long a time, we have been writing and looking for her for about six months. We sat at home all day, it was very warm and no one knew she was here so we spent a quiet afternoon alone. I was over home a few minutes and told them that she had come but they were all very busy getting Lizzie ready for the graduating exercises.

Thursday, June 18th, 1874- Lizzie our youngest sister is 18 years old today. Ma and Mary went up to see the Hempsteads this morning and I should have gone with them had I been well enough but I was not so I stayed with Helen. Anna Hempstead has been talking of coming down to make us a visit and now she has come and Helen is here. We have but one spare room and cannot accommodate them both at once. The Hempsteads are here to meet Mrs. Hempstead who has been to Hillsboro to bring the girls home from school.

Friday, June 19th, 1874- Helen and I are enjoying our visit as much as possible, it is too warm for anybody to come during the middle of the day and we can not go out. This morning I went up to Mr. Gaylord's in the bus to see the Hempsteads and in the afternoon Mrs. Hempstead and Mrs. Newton Hempstead were down to call, they went home in the evening. Anna had expected to visit us but was not feeling well and decided to go home and come some other time. Sallie and Mother Peebles called late in the afternoon. Jennie Tewksbury and her mother were here in the morning to see Helen. Mrs. Hempstead has just returned with the girls from Hillsboro.

Saturday, June 20th, 1874-We were at home all day, working a little and perspiring a good deal until evening. We had an early tea in order to go riding early but just as we were sitting down or ready to do so, Maggie Peebles came to call and that detained us a while. After tea Jimmie brought the carriage and Helen, Mary, Jimmie, the children and I went and had a delightful drive.

Sunday, June 21st, 1874- It was very warm and I did not go to church in the morning. Jimmie and Helen went and in the evening Ma stayed with the children and we all

three went to church. Mr. Ketchum is home and preached in the evening. This is the longest day of the year and it is a very warm one as well.

Monday, June 22nd, 1874- It was warm as usual today but Helen and I decided that we had better go out in the afternoon and return some calls as something always prevents our going after tea. We started about 3 o'clock and went first to see Mary and Maggie Peebles and then up to

Mrs. Tewksbury's from there to Mrs. S. G. Johnson's who was not at home and then stopped at Mrs. Kennedy Thompson's but they were out too. Stopped and saw Ella Murray a few minutes and then came home after getting the braid which I had ordered for Ma Ricker. Willie is ten months old today. Mrs. Armstrong and Mary S. Moore called this evening. Addie Dunlap and Allie Buskirk called while we were out.

Tuesday, June 23rd, 1874- According to agreement John, Sallie, Mattie, Maggie and Mary Peebles were here to spend the day. After tea Mary and Maggie went home in the carriage. It is the first day that Mary has been out to both dinner and tea and she was quite tired when she went home. After tea, Fannie Switzer and Miss Brubomer called and just before they left Will Connolly, Will Byerly and Mary Moore came in and spent the rest of the evening. We had quite a pleasant day together but it was too warm for comfort.

Wednesday, June 24th, 1874- Helen went up to Mrs. Tewksbury's to spend the day and Jimmie sent her a letter from her father which proved to be a call home. A friend arrived in Ironton to visit her yesterday and she had to go home to entertain her. She came down after dinner and hastily packed up her things and left on the Dugan. Lulu and Maggie Harrison came up on the Potomac this morning to make the girls a visit. It is very, very warm today there was some little indication of a shower after dinner but as yet it has not amounted to much, it rained very hard for a few minutes.

Thursday, June 25th, 1874-The event of the day is the High School commencement which took place at Wilhelm's Opera House this evening. There was a class of 12 girls

and one boy. That boy being Wilbur Bing. The girls were Lizzie F. Moore, Nellie Crichton, Mary and Lizzie Cotton, Maggie Wheeler, Agnes Barklow, Kate Vigus, Lizzie Gatterman, Bertha Nagle, May Roterfield, Minnie Burns, and Julia Silcox. Lizzie was first on the programme and read a very good essay on Hidden Power. She read it very well and quite distinctly. She looked just as pretty as she can look and to my partial eyes no one else can compare with her. Her dress was white tulle, prettily made and ornamented with flowers. She received seven bouquets besides a tiny one which I gave her and she wore on her bosom. I was so sorry that Helen missed the exercises. We took Maggie with us and Hattie Suter stayed with Willie and Carrie.

Friday, June 26th, 1874- This evening Jimmie, Jennie, and I, Rich and Lizzie went to the Alumni meeting held at the High School building, that is, the literary exercises were held there and at the conclusion of that, those present who were not members or invited guests left and the rest of us adjourned to Sul's where refreshments were served and the new officers elected.

Maggie Stewart, Geo Holman, Rich Peebles and I were appointed a committee to nominate said officers we proceeded to do immediately. Our ticket was elected unanimously. Col. H.E. Jones, Pres., Wilbur Bing 1st. It was 11.30 o'clock when we got home and a lovely moonlight night. All four of us sisters would have been present tonight had it not been for the Harrison girls, they would not go and would not let Mary go very much to our disappointment.

Saturday, June 27th, 1874- I was not at home until after tea and then Mary and I went out to call on Sallie Peebles' friend Mrs. Glenn of Cin. I had to call at Uncle Enos' for Mary, she was taking tea there with the girls from our home and Miss Burkower who is visiting Fannie Switzer. Aunt Mary Ellen is in the City with Uncle Enos and the nine girls were there alone. They stayed to play croquet after tea.

Sunday, June 28th, 1874- The hottest day of the season beyond a doubt we think. I have not been out of the house today. Willie has been unusually pitiful and after supper he cried all the time until about 11 o'clock. Jimmie went and bought Ma over to see

what was the matter with him. It was late when Ma went home but Willie had gone to sleep and slept very well after that. It was so warm that we did not sleep very well after that and about midnight Jimmie got up and sat by the windows a good while to cool off. It was a lovely moonlight and there was quite a pleasant breeze stirring when the windows were open but one did not dare to go to sleep and leave them open.

Monday, June 29th, 1874- This forenoon Maggie and Mother Meredith called to see me. I did not know they were here until I met them at the door. Mary was over a little while. The folks do not find much time to visit now as the company and work occupy about all of their time. Jennie and the girls were out calling this forenoon very much against the will of the two young ladies who do not seem to have any idea of returning calls.

Tuesday, June 30th, 1874- Maggie, Meredith, and Mattie came down from Mrs. Peebles and spent the afternoon and took tea with us. She came down with Hattie Norton to spend a few days. We had a nice visit and the children a nice play and about 8 ½ o'clock Jimmie walked up to Mrs. Peebles with them. I wanted to go on home and spend a part of the evening but it was too late when my company left. They had a dozen gentlemen callers over there this evening and had a lively time. I was quite disappointed not to get over to help them enjoy it.

July

Wednesday, July 1st, 1874- This has been a blue day with me. I scarcely know any reason for it but I have felt badly all day. I cut our and made a night dress for Maggie, finishing it by making the button holes about bedtime. Wrote to the folks as usual, I never miss a write but am sometimes a day behind time.

Thursday, July 2nd, 1874- It has been cooler today than for several days past. After doing up the work I began another night dress for Maggie which I finished about 3 o'clock. I have now made her three which is all she needs. I have been promising to dress her doll and that is work I do not like to do very well but as her doll has no clothes, it must be dressed. A while before supper I began making some under clothes and by dark I had a complete suit of underclothes on it and will have to make the dress tomorrow. The girls over home all but Maggie Harrison, went over on the hills this afternoon and then finished the trip with a skiff ride. They were accompanied by Rich Peebles, Bart Greene and Lee Smith as escorts. Just about dark Jimmie and I took the baby, Maggie already there and went over. I found Ma just preparing a lunch for the young folks so I stayed and helped her through with the affair. Maggie H. was out buggy riding with John Foster and did not get back until after the rest. Had a good view of the comet.

Friday, July 3rd, 1874- The forenoon was spent in the manufacture of a skirt and a redingote for Maggie's doll, the skirt is garnet merino trimmed with gimp and the redingote is black silk. Miss Nellie Gray looks quite stylish now. After dinner I dressed Maggie and let her take her doll over home and after a while I went, no I am mistaken, Mary came over and got Willie and then I followed with Maggie and Dollie. The girls were out riding this evening all but Lizzie so after tea she came over here and then baby and I went home with her where Jimmie soon joined us and we spent the evening there and finished it up at Mrs. Knittle's ice cream saloon.

Saturday, July 4th, 1874- The city is almost deserted and hundreds of people old and young are trying to enjoy themselves in the woods, they go out by rail and river, in vehicles and on foot, eating their dinner on the ground which they must devote much of their time and strength to fighting off the bugs and other insects. Our girls all but Mary went up on the Fashion at 8 o'clock this morning and expect to float down in skiffs this evening. I had Pa, Ma, and the boys here to dinner and this evening our little family is going over there. We went and spent nearly all the afternoon as well as the evening. Geo Ross came to take Mary buggy riding and then he and Bart Greene took tea with us after which we had half a game of croquet and it was too dark to play any longer. Geo & Mary went riding again. Enos had a few fire sparks which pleased Maggie very much while the rest of us were equally delighted with the ice creamers. Thermometer is 98 in the shade.

Sunday, July 5th, 1874- It has been very warm today but not so warm as yesterday was. Jimmie and I went to church in the morning and the boys stayed with the children. They got along nicely too. We kept very quiet all the rest of the day and retired early. Jimmie went to church in the evening. Willie is making very good progress in walking. He always walks as far as he can and then crawls the rest of the way but seldom starts by crawling.

Monday, July 6th, 1874- Lulu and Maggie Harrison left for Cin this morning after a stay of almost two weeks, they only intend staying trip or two of the boat when they came. I took the children over home and stayed all the forenoon and after dinner I finished chain stitching the pillow cover which I began some time last winter. After tea Jimmie and I took the children up to Uncle Enos to make a call on Mrs. Sweet who is there. Mr. & Mrs. Ewing were there playing croquet with Miss Fannie and Mrs Beirnbaum and while we were there Miss Davison & Mrs. Hawstan & Miss J. K. Lodwick called. On our way home we all stopped at Knittle's to get some cream and then we found Ma & Mrs. Connolley. Mrs. D. Jones sent my cures that she made from my combing, home today, four of them & a set of frizzes for which I paid her 3.00 making \$8.25 for making up my hair.

Tuesday, July 7th, 1874- I cut out a white shirt waist for myself today which I want to make as I find time. This has been the hottest day known for years, the thermometer seems to be in danger of exploding if the present pressure continues. We all keep shaded and have no reasons to complain. Coggia's Comet is constantly increasing in size and bright. I have only seen it with an opera glass once but it is about as plain to me without as with the glass. I should like to see it through one of the larger telescopes but of course will not have the opportunity.

Wednesday, July 8th, 1874- I had just finished putting in order and dusting every room and the parlor and putting away the clean clothes when Sallie Peebles and Mrs. Glenn came to make a morning call. I was busy about first one thing and then another until noon and did not get to sewing until after dinner. Soon after that while Jimmie & Maggie were asleep in the parlor and Willie in the hall, Mrs. Hofer came to ask Jimmie if he would act as pallbearer for Lizzie Glover, Mrs. Henry Hess of Cleveland. She died

there yesterday morning after being married just two months. She has been an invalid and a great sufferer for two years or more and was at the time of her marriage but Mr. Hess wanted to marry her and take her to Cleveland for treatment hoping by doing all that love could suggest and money procure to restore her to health. Just after tea Miss Beirbaur & Miss Switzer called and after church Ma, Mary & Uncle Jimmie were here.

Thursday, July 9th, 1874- I sewed on my waist what time I had today and the rest of the time was devoted to the children. I do not now remember anything of consequence that transpired.

Friday, July 10th, 1874- Carrie's mother came in today noon and she quit work after dinner and got ready to go home with her for the summer. I trained nearly all day and toward evening it rained very hard. Her folks decided not to go until morning so Carrie got supper for me. Lizzie was over and spent the day with us. Finished a set of bureau mats and gave them to me.

Saturday, July 11th, 1874- This has been a damp rainy day and I feel very thankful for it as I had a good deal to do in the kitchen. Carrie was up by 4 ½ o'clock this morning and about 5 o'clock this morning she left. She did not know whither she would ever be back, there were no promises either on her part or mine. She has done well since she came and I do not expect to find another as competent soon. I got along very nicely with the work today. No one was in until late and then Aunt Mary Ellen & her friend Mrs. Sweet called. Pa came and made us quite a little visit after tea.

Sunday, July 12th, 1874- Owing to late rising, awkwardness and interruptions it was 9 o'clock before we sat down to breakfast. We made the discovery before that time that Willie had one double tooth through and another almost through. I did not go to church in the forenoon but Jimmie did and in the evening I went and he did not. It rained a little today but the rain's about over. Last night there was a very heavy fall of rain. An empty tub which was standing in the back yard had two inches or more of water in it this morning.

Monday, July 13th, 1874- Just as we were finishing breakfast this morning the new girl came. Lizzie Spangler, who seemed to be a strong, willing, good natured but not very capable girl. Before we had eaten breakfast Lizzie came over to get Jimmie to go to the train with her to see Maggie and Mary Peebles, and Mrs. Gaylord, & Nellie off for the White Mountains Willie has not seemed quite well today but still he was not sick. After tea Jimmie & I took the children around to Uncle Enos where we stayed long enough to play to games of croquet. On our way home we stopped and refreshed ourselves with ice cream. Ma & Mrs. Connolley came in while we were there, they had been up to Mrs. Williams to see a night blooming cereus which is in bloom there. It is just eleven years today since the Union forces came up to Yazoo City where we were living at that time. Libbie Field, Mrs. J. H. Roads, Mattie Swan and Addie Dunlap called this afternoon.

Tuesday, July 14th, 1874- It has been warm today, all summer we have had a succession of very hot spells and thunderstorms. We are still "helpless" at both houses.

Wednesday, July 15th, 1874- Jimmie is 33 years old today, he talked of going up to Jackson to attend a Temperance basket meeting there but decided to remain at home and in the evening we

went over to take tea with the folks who were all at home except Pa who has gone up to Ashland. Jennie was over awhile in the afternoon. We did want to have a little game of croquet after tea but it was too late when we got through supper.

Thursday, July 16th, 1874-This evening after tea Jimmie and I took the children and went up to Uncle Enos's, on our way we met Aunt Mary who was going down to see Ma. She went back with us and Jimmie went in and became engaged in a game of croquet and I went up and made a short call on Miss Ada and Florence White and then returned to Uncle Enos'.

Friday, July 17th, 1874- Jennie & Lizzie went up to Hanging Rock this afternoon on the Dugan. The children and I were over to see them off. It was very warm and the prospect of a hot trip was before them but they started off in good spirits expecting to have a nice time. Fannie and Mary Moore went to Buena Vista to visit Aunt Maria and Grandma. In the evening Pa, Ma, Jimmie and I went up to spend the evening at Mr. Wm. Tracy's. Mrs. Tracy gave a delightful little tea party for Libbie Field and we accepted Mary's offer to keep the children and so we felt perfectly easy about them. Florence White stayed all night with Mary.

Saturday, July 18th, 1874- This morning after doing up the work in my room I prepared to take the baby and go down street with Ma. I went over to take Maggie and Mary wanted Willie too so I left him and as Ma concluded she was not well enough to go I went alone and attended to her errands for her. It has been so long since I went down street in the morning that it seemed quite strange for me to be done at the stoves in the forenoon. I went to W. H. Johnson's and Mrs. Kelly's and Geo Watkins and Will Bousall's and on to two other places. In the evening I went up to call on Mrs. D. Davis & her daughter. Mrs. Elden & her daughter, Mrs. Janus & Miss Gladys. Mrs. Jones & Maggie, Mrs. Lloyd & Libbie and Mrs. Wm Tracy and Mary McDowell Kreider and did an errand for me. I have been out a great deal for me.

Sunday, July 19th, 1874- Pa had an attack of cholera marbus last night and Ma was up with him and did not feel well enough to go to S.S. so she sent me word and I went in her place. Had to leave my morning work until I returned and did not get out to church either morning or evening. It was a very warm day.

Monday, July 20th, 1874- This morning was cloudy and during the day it rained some but not enough to prevent Lizzie from washing although many of the clothes did not get dry. Late in the afternoon Mrs. Draper called and while I was talking with her about the Anti License Convention

and dinner which comes off Wednesday, Lizzie Spangler's aunt came over with a note from home saying she was wanted to help take care of some sick children, so she left before supper. I was not sorry for she was not the kind of girl that I want anyway.

Tuesday, July 21st, 1874- I've been busy enough today cleaning up and cooking. I promised Miss Draper yesterday that I would make two sponge cakes for the Temperance dinner tomorrow so I attended to that this forenoon. In the evening got Mary Wilson to promise to come and finish up the washing and ironing for sure.

Wednesday, July 22nd, 1874- Mary Wilson came according to promise and was at work all day. It has been quite warm but I have managed to get along very well with the cooking and would enjoy it if the children were not in the kitchen with me. Willie is just old enough to be into everything and I have to keep my eye on him all the time to keep him from turning himself or falling out of the door.

Thursday, July 23rd, 1874- This has been a busy day with me and I have not done as well as I do sometimes. Ma and Aunt Maria McCall came over this morning and I kept Aunt to dinner. Ma had to go home as Aunt Mary Sam had come down to spend the day with her. At noon they had a letter from Lizzie which Ma brought over for me to answer and it was almost 3 o'clock before I began washing the dinner dishes, then before I had finished Mrs. Charlie Greene came in to call and stayed almost an hour and the afternoon passed away and when I was finally through, it was time to get supper but as we were intending to take a buggy ride, we concluded to go first and take our supper after and we did so. Had a delightful ride and came home almost as hungry as saw mills. After we had been out quite a while both the children went to sleep so we took Maggie to Ma's and exchanged her for Mary who was able to sit up and enjoy the ride.

Friday, July 24th, 1874- I got breakfast as usual, cleaned up and watched the children and did various things, was expecting a girl that promised to come this morning but who did not come. After dinner I swept the house up stairs and down and then shut it up to wait for Mary Wilson to come and wash the dust off the paint. It was very warm today but not dusty. Ma came over in the afternoon so I sat in the parlor with my sewing which was the mosquito bar for over the bed. Ma was binding my grenadine dress skirt for me. Mary was over awhile. We went over home to take tea with the folks, Jimmie had bought some peaches down street and as they were the first of the season

we took them over with us. After we came home I finished the mosquito bar and felt quite relieved that they are all three done now and ready for the summer.

Saturday, July 25th, 1874- I had Mary Wilson come today to wash paint and clean up generally and she did it well. By evening my part of the house was in very good order, I had not been idle

myself and after the work was done did not feel like preparing much supper so I only had some bread & milk & peaches for Jimmie and a cup of tea for myself. After tea Libbie Field went down for a positive answer regarding the proposed tea party next Tuesday and I returned answer that I was making preparations for it, and then Jimmie and I decided to go and see her. We got ready and took the children over home and went and invited our guests as it was a pleasant evening and we thought a better time than we would have Monday.

Sunday, July 26th, 1874- Jimmie went to S.S. and church today but I was not out at all. I find I have all I can do when I do the work and take care of the children. It has been very warm all day but there was quite a pleasant breeze in the side yard and there spent the greater part of the afternoon. Uncle Jimmie was down in the evening.

Monday, July 27th, 1874- This has been a busy day for me. I've no girl and no help of any kind. It has rained almost all day and been delightful for the kind of work that I had to do. I was up at quarter of 5 o'clock and set some bread rising and then after breakfast I made sponge for yeast bread. Jimmie trimmed the ham and I took it over home and put it on to cook there. Then I made a sponge cake and then got dinner and after that I pared some pears and put them on to cook. Mary came over and stirred up a white cake for me while I made the salt bread and then I had to make the yeast bread and so on until about 9 o'clock when all was done and the kitchen cleaned up. I was quite tired but very well satisfied with the results attained. Last night there was a very severe rain storm here, in Pittsburgh it amounted to a flood in which 200 or more lives were lost.

Tuesday, July 28th, 1874- This morning while I was getting breakfast ready Annie Reif, the girl I expected yesterday morning, came and after breakfast Mary Wilson came so I

had plenty of help. In the afternoon Mary and Ma came and the many hands made light work. We were not quite ready though when the first guests came. Mr. & Mrs. Peebles, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lloyd. I had the children dressed but did not finish dressing myself until after those folks came. Ma received them and soon the other company had assembled. Mr. & Mrs. Chas & R. M. Lloyd, Mrs. Lacy & Anna and Libbie Field, Mr. & Mrs. Ketchum, Joe & Ellen Murray, Mr. & Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. E. B. Moore and Miss Fannie Switzer, Mr. & Mrs. Amos Lloyd & Rich Peebles. Mrs. Bently, Mrs, Lacy, Jennie Tewksbury, and the Greene Family were all missing. John Peebles came home today and Jimmie asked him but he did not come. Sallie & Mattie are still at the Springs. Uncle Jimmie was here to the tea party.

Wednesday, July 29, 1874- As there was some extra work to do this forenoon, chairs, tables, dishes etc, to be carried over home, I did not have Annie wash but thought we had better get

everything in good order first. Ma brought over several things yesterday with which to ornament the house some of which were to be returned but the lace which she put up to the window in the parlor and our bedroom were intended to remain. They look very pretty with the scarlet paper in my room and the delicate green in the parlor. Jennie is 21 years old today but is not at home to receive our kisses and congratulations.

Thursday, July 30th, 1874- Jennie and Lizzie came home on the Dugan this forenoon and we were all delighted to have them with us once more. They stopped to see the children before going home and then Jennie came back and sat until dinner time. After dinner she brought her work and sat awhile and Lizzie was over and took tea with us. After tea Jimmie and Maggie and all the folks from the other house except Lizzie went down to see the new ferry boat launched but after waiting a couple of hours they had to come home without seeing the sight. Fannie Switzer and Fannie & Mary Moore came to make a short call but hearing of the launching they left to go and see that.

Friday, July 31st, 1874- Our darling boy can run every which now and has eight teeth through and two more that will soon be through. He and Maggie are both very well and have been all summer for which we are very thankful.

August

Saturday, August 1st, 1874- I have ripped up one of Maggie's worn out white dresses and washed and ironed the embroidery which looks almost as good as new, I am going to make a new dress for one of the children and use it for trimmings. In the afternoon I left the children with Mrs. Boyont, my nearest neighbor, and went to preparatory lecture. Jimmie has been sick in bed all day but hopes to be out tomorrow. In the evening we all went over home but did not stay long as the children were hard to keep still and we could manage them better at home.

Sunday, August 2nd, 1874- This is communion Sabbath. Jimmie went to S.S. and church in the morning. We both went to communion service in the afternoon and both stayed at home in the evening. There seemed to be an unusually small congregation, I know of many who are out of town and suppose that accounts for it.

Monday, August 3rd, 1874- I sewed all day, that is as much of the time as I could get from the children. The folks are all busy at home and none of them have been over except Jennie, she came over and sat awhile with her work. Lizzie had to go and give some invitations. They are

going to have about the same company that I had. Our neighbors are moving from the Leil's house nearest us. They have been taking up carpets and tearing up generally today. I do not as yet know where or why they go. We have not been as sociable as we should have been. Have lived side by side ever since our return from the West, last fall, and I have not spoken to one of the family. Not that I had anything against them but we never meet anywhere and I know more people already than I can visit.

Tuesday, August 4th, 1874- I sewed busily all day trying to finish a dress which I commenced for Willie but suppose Maggie will get it as it is too large for him and just

fits her. I wanted to help the folks over home with their preparations for the tea party but could not and get the dress done so I sent Annie instead. A few minutes after 5 o'clock, I finished the dress and began dressing the children and myself. We were ready in very good time. Mary had planned so well that there was no trouble about waiting on the guests at tea and everything passed off nicely except that the ice cream freezer leaded towards the bottom and spoiled part of the cream which most otherwise have been splendid. Jimmie was suffering all the evening from an attack of colic or something similar which spoiled his pleasure. Libbie expects to leave next week and these pleasant little parties will soon be over.

Wednesday, August 5th, 1874- Mrs. Peebles was here early this morning to invite us to tea at their house tomorrow evening. She has begun preparations twice before and had to postpone it on account of Libbie Field's having previously promised just me and then Ma to spend the evenings she had selected with us. I did think of doing a little sewing for myself before tomorrow evening but decided to wear what I have and sew for the children.

Thursday, August 6th, 1874- Mrs. Peeble's tea party was a perfect success in every particular. I do not remember a pleasanter one. It was given for Libbie Field but there were no young persons invited except Libbie, Mary McDowell Kreider, Jimmie and I. Sallie is at the Springs and consequently John is at home and he and Rich made just six of us. We had a table in the sitting room all to ourselves and enjoyed it very much. Pa, Ma, Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Amos and Richard Lloyd, Dr. & Mrs Cortin and Mrs. Milcher I believe were the only other guests. Mary kept the children for me and I did not relieve her until almost eleven o'clock though we did not mean to be so late. Maggie is three years old today and her Grandpa & Grandma Ricker each sent her five dollars, also five each for Willie for his birthday. She had her regular birthday spoon and some other little things.

Friday, August 7th, 1874- No entry.

Saturday, August 8th, 1874- After the days work was done we concluded to take a walk, Jimmie had an errand down street and said he would take Willie in his buggy so I told him that I would get ready and take Maggie down to Eve Voorheis and he could meet us there. I went over home first and Ma wanted me to go and see Hattie Starett and I did so. I got to Eve's gate about the time Jimmie did and as she was not there we walked on up to see Maggie Jones and her mother and then came home. It was quite a long walk for Maggie but she had her doll and doll buggy and got along very nicely.

Sunday, August 9th, 1874- I went to church this morning and Jimmie stayed with the babies. There was children's service in the afternoon and I went again. Went over house and walked down with Lizzie and Flo McConnell. There were very few out and I was glad I went. Ernest and Florence Hoover had their boy baptized and call him Ernest Pendleton.

Monday, August 10th, 1874- This forenoon I wrote an invitation and took it over home and put it under Pa's plate asking the family over to take tea tomorrow evening, Pa & Ma's 27th anniversary. I sewed some today but did not accomplish anything wonderful in the sewing line. Who could while watching two such lively little ones as I have. They both keep well and I am content.

Tuesday, August 11th, 1874- This is Pa & Ma's 27th anniversary and I did what I could considering the state of the weather, to celebrate the occasion. I had the family over to take tea with us. Lizzie came but was not well and excused herself and went home again. The rest of the family and Uncle Jimmie were here I believe it has been the hottest day I ever experienced. I did not sew any today I was too busy with the work.

Wednesday, August 12th, 1874- We have been having an excessively hot "spell" for two other days past and a storm must be brewing for somebody, I hope it's not us. I got my sewing again today, after dinner I took two other little dresses over home to work the button holes and put buttons on them. I was there nearly all the afternoon.

Thursday, August 13th, 1874- At noon today Jimmie told me that we were invited to Mrs. Rifinbeick's to play croquet and take tea. About 4 o'clock I laid aside my sewing and dressed myself to go. Ma very kindly insisted upon our leaving the children with them and we gladly accepted the offer. When we reached Mrs. Rifinbeick's we found Dr. Wyer, Mr. Richson and Mr. Bousall with their wives and children, quite a lively little party. The game of croquet was

begun but not half played when we were called to tea and after that it was too dark to play. We were seriously threatened with a storm but it passed around and we only had a little shower. Mrs. Draper was staying all night with the folks over home and we saw her when we went after the baby.

Friday, August 14th, 1874- Have been busy sewing nearly all day. I am making little calico dresses for Willie and would enjoy it very much if I could sew long enough at a time to do any good. Julia and Dollie Pursell called here in the afternoon. After tea Jimmie, baby and I went over home a little while. Maggie was already there and she stayed all night.

Saturday, August 15th, 1874- It has been delightful today, not too warm for a person to enjoy work. I have been busy all day. In the forenoon I baked a cake and did various little duties putting in a few stitches as I had opportunity. After dinner I finished the little dress which I began last evening and then commenced another which is now almost ready for the fastenings. Mary passed through the yard and tossed in a bundle for Willie which contained material for two calico dresses.

Sunday, August 16th, 1874- Jimmie went to S.S. and church in the forenoon, I went at night with Lizzie and Flow McConnell and we sat in Mrs. McConnell's seat. Jennie was there with Mr. Metcalf of Cin a gentleman who was over to see the girls this afternoon and asked one of them to go with him.

Monday, August 17th, 1874- No entry.

Tuesday, August 18th, 1874- No entry.

Wednesday, August 19th, 1874- I might write almost the same account for a good many days lately. I have a good deal of sewing to do before I can go away from home and as I have made up my mind to go to Ironton I want to go.

Thursday, August 20th, 1874- Eva is 14 years old today. I was just finishing up the morning work and getting ready to go to sewing when Mary came over to say that a bushel of tomatoes had come from them and as she had plums to make jelly I might take the tomatoes, so I took them. Was in the middle of peeling them when Hattie Norton and Maggie Jerico came to call and before they left. Kate Glover, Hattie Damarin, & Mary L. Murray came to call. While they were yet there, a man brought 20 quarts of green gages and Uncle Jimmie brought a dozen quarts of wild plums as I had a big day's work on hand. Mary my faithful friend and sister hurried through

her work and then helped me through with mine. She is a treasure to me and I do not know what I should do without her. After I was through I dressed and we went up to Mrs. Connolley's store where I made several purchases. Took my dress to Miss Mikesell to get her to fix it and made an unsuccessful attempt to get a hat for Willie.

Friday, August 21st, 1874- Mary came over and cooked my jelly for me after I had strained the juice but this morning, when it was done, there were nineteen glasses of very nice jelly. I have besides that eighteen glasses that I had left from last year's putting up. I tried to sew in the afternoon but could not get the things I wanted together, went in the rain up to Mrs. Connelly's to get buttons for Miss Mikesell, went to her having forgotten to get the buttons and left the thread & hooks & eyes at home, left seven glasses of jelly out in the rain and everything seemed to go wrong but the day ended without any really serious trouble after all.

Saturday, August 22nd, 1874- Willie is one year old today. His Grandpa Ricker sent ten dollars to him. When he sent Maggie's ten dollars for her birthday, five from him and five from Grandma for each of them. I have been busy sewing all day, do not remember anything of special interest.

Sunday, August 23rd, 1874- Jimmie went to Sabbath school and church in the forenoon and I waited until night for my turn. I took the children over home in the

afternoon and when I went home cousin Daniel was there. We cut a watermelon at dinner today that weighed 49 pounds, quite large for a family of our size. In the evening I went to church with the girls.

Monday, August 24th, 1874- I was up about 5 o'clock and went out again to see if Lizzie would wash for me but she was not there so I went after Mary Wilson who came as she usually does when I want her. She is quite a dependence for me. I have such a quantity of work which must be done before I go that I should despair if the folks were not as good and kind and efficient about helping me. It seems to me that I have the best relatives in the world, they help us so much. Carrie was in to see me today and promised to come back when we return from Ironton.

Tuesday, August 25th, 1874- Willie was sick last night and has been all day so that I did not do anything but hold him or wheel him in the buggy. It is the day of Mt. William picnic and we had intended going out in the afternoon but when Willie was sick, gave it up. Dr. Mc came to see him and said a ride would do him good so about 4 o'clock we took him out to the picnic and stayed a few minutes, perhaps half an hour or more. Annie went away this morning, her week was up and I was glad she wanted to go. We went over home to dinner, after dinner Ma & the boys took Maggie and went out to Mt. William. Pa & the girls, Mary & Jennie did not go, Lizzie & Rich went about 4 o'clock. After the baby went to sleep at 10 o'clock I began to sew and worked until 1 o'clock.

Wednesday, August 26th, 1874- Willie has not been well today but I arranged to do a little sewing, I did the most of it before he was up in the morning and after he went to bed at night which was not until about 10 o'clock. I then sat up until twelve and worked hard. Did not write my usual letter to the folks, could not spare the time. Vernita Ramsy was in after supper a little while and while she was there I sat and rested.

Thursday, August 27th, 1874- Mary stopped at the door as she was returning from market to say that the Hempstead girls arrived last night to make their visit. The folks all helped me this forenoon. Lizzie went to Miss Mikesell's and got my dress for me and

down street to get some other things for me. Mary finished some little aprons Ma worked some button holes and after dinner Jennie came and helped me get the children ready. I had two colored girls ironing and washing and doing the kitchen work and in fact pressed all available help with service. Ma had us go over there to dinner and so saved the time and trouble of getting dinner at home. After dinner we went to the *Fannie Dugan* which did not leave until almost 4 o'clock and so we were later reaching Ironton. Had a very pleasant trip up and found Arthur on the wharf boat and Uncle Alex, little Alex & Addie coming down the grade. Aunt Ad and Helen in the door, a general turn out to welcome us.

Friday, August 28th, 1874- We were ready for breakfast in good time, Jimmie and I, but the children slept until after we were through. After breakfast cousin Libbie Ferguson and Eddie came down to see us and invited Helen and us up to take tea in the evening. Jimmie had the key to my trunk down street and consequently I had a half day of leisure, nothing that I could do and it seemed quite strange to sit and do nothing. After dinner Mrs. Ellison called and after she left we went up to Mrs. Ferguson's, Arthur carried the baby for me. I like Arthur very much, never saw him before but am very much pleased with him. He has his studio in the hall right by our room and I always stop and watch him a while when I pass through. His crayon pictures are very good.

Saturday, August 29th, 1874- I was in the house all day, in the afternoon Mrs. McCune and Libbie Culbertson and Mrs. Mitchell called. After tea Aunt Addie and I went and took a short walk but we were only gone a few minutes. I wrote to Mary this morning and sent the letter down on the *Dugan*.

Sunday, August 30th, 1874- After Addie came home from Sabbath School she wanted to take care of the children and let us go to church so we left them with her and Uncle Alex and Aunt Ad

went with us or rather we went with them to the congregational church, the church which Uncle Alex always attends. Unfortunately, the family is divided, he and all the

children but Helen going to that church while Aunt Ad and Helen remain at the Presbyterian Church which they all went before the quarrel which split the churches. In the evening Jimmie and I went with Aunt Ad to the Presbyterian and heard Mr. Calhoun.

Monday, August 31st, 1874- I sent a postal card home this morning asking Mary to send me some things which I forgot to bring. The things came this evening. We played croquet a while in the afternoon and then after tea Helen went to a teacher's meeting and the rest of us went over to Mr. Ellison's and spent an hour or more. Mr. Ellison was wishing there were some grapes in the house but there were none so he left the room and called Rosie to follow him and returned soon after with plates and grapes which were enjoyed very much by us. He made two trips for us and then when Uncle Alex and Jimmie came he took them to the arbor where they helped themselves.

September

Tuesday, September 1st, 1874- They have a nice large and grassy croquet ground here but it is not very smooth, we play a good deal on it though and enjoy it very much. Addie, Helen and Ned are all good players. One of my principal entertainments has been watching Arthur draw. I would be glad to have him make pictures of the children, he has copied one of Miss Eva Hamilton for Helen which I think is really very fine. It has such a finished look about it, since it is framed in gilt and hung, it is a beautiful picture. This afternoon Mr. Strice was passing Uncle Alex and took Maggie home with him to see his children, she went very willingly and stayed until after tea when they took her out carriage riding and she fell asleep and then they brought her home.

Wednesday, September 2nd, 1874- Jimmie, Addie and I played croquet a good deal today, about 10 o'clock this morning Addie took Willie over to Mrs. Voglesong's and she left him there when she came home to dinner as the children wanted him to stay. After dinner Addie, Helen, Jimmie and I played croquet until almost 3 o'clock when Helen and I went in and dressed to go and make some calls. I forgot to mention that in the forenoon I had taken Mggie up to Mrs. Hosford's and stayed until nearly noon. She is such a pleasant little woman I'm quite fallen in love with her. When Helen and I went out to call we went first to Miss McCune's and then to Mrs. McCune's who was not at

home. Went to Miss Ferguson's to see her and Jennie Adams and lastly to Miss Mitchell's. Ida Mitchell and Miss Maggie Tally had just finished a basket of the

most beautiful and perfect wax flowers that I have ever seen. Late in the evening Mrs. Mather called and after she left us Jimmie, Helen, Maggie and I went to the ice cream saloon. Maggie had a letter from Ma.

Thursday, September 3rd, 1874- After breakfast I finished putting my things in order for the move and was soon ready. Mary Bannon with her baby and mother came up to Miss Ellison's last evening and so when I had finished gathering up things this morning we took the children and went over to see them. Frank Tomlinson was there, I've not seen him to speak to him before since he left Ports to go to school and I was surprised to see the change in him. When he left he only weighed 98 pounds, now he weighs 150 pounds. While we were there George came with the express and we were soon down to Hanging Rock and received a hearty welcome from Aunt Wood and Mattie and Aunt Hamilton, Mrs. Hempstead came up in the afternoon and stayed to tea. It is delightfully cool and pleasant here and almost too clean to enjoy one's self. I am afraid to touch anything for fear of soiling it.

Friday, September 4th, 1874- We were to have gone down to Miss Crossley's to spend the day but Aunt Hamilton had set her heart upon making cornbread for dinner and having me stay to eat some of it. As the others, was a funeral which all the folks but Aunt Hamilton attended, I thought it would be better not to go until after dinner anyway so we did not. We went down and played croquet, Jimmie and I, getting beaten by Maggie every time. Maggie Ricker spent the whole day there with the children. I sent a letter home to Ma today and hope to get one before long.

Saturday, September 5th, 1874- We spent this day quietly at Aunt Ward's the only occurrence worthy of note was the arrival of Miss Libbie Mather who boards here and teaches school. She is quite pleasant and a welcome addition to the family circle. In the morning Jimmie went to Ironton but was back in time for dinner and after dinner we played croquet. We have been fortunate in having a croquet ground everywhere we

have stopped to visit. They have a great abundance of fine grapes here and we enjoy them very much indeed.

Sunday, September 6th, 1874- Aunt Hamilton announced at breakfast that she had planned our arrangements for us. We were to leave the baby at Cousin Sadie Crossley's with the children and take Maggie to church with us. We did so and a more uncomfortable arrangement is seldom made. Maggie had never been to a regular church service before and she couldn't keep still and Mr. Adams was very lengthy in his remarks and they were made up of numbers and statistics almost exclusively and were not very interesting. In the evening Jimmie took care of both the children and Hattie and I went to a union meeting at the Methodist church.

Monday, September 7th, 1874- According to promise we went to Ironton this morning, I and the children, to spend the day at Mrs. Hosford's and Jimmie to dine at cousin Libbie's and visit downtown until time to call for me. Mrs. Hosford regretted very much that she could not see Jimmie but felt that under the circumstances she could not see him. Cousin Bessie sent for Helen Ricker who came to dinner and then spent the afternoon. We left about 4 ½ o'clock having spent a very pleasant day. Reached Aunt Ward's in good time for supper. Aunt Hamilton and George went to Portsmouth today on the boat and they took a letter for me.

Tuesday, September 8th, 1874- This is my birthday and I am 26 years old. I do not think I ever spent one away from home and the folks before. Would like to be with them today. Went down to Mrs. Hempstead's this morning, were only expecting to spend the day but she sent for our things and said we must stay. As it is a pleasant place to visit we had no objections. They have a beautiful, large, grassy yard and the children enjoy it very much.

Wednesday, September 9th, 1874- This forenoon Jimmie, the children and I, Rosie, and Hattie Hempstead went to Ohio Furnace in the express with Henry to drive. It was very warm and dusty but still we were riding and so we enjoyed it. Jimmie lived at Ohio Furnace five years in his boyhood and I had some curiosity to see what kind of a place

it was. We saw Clay Murfin but his wife, Maggie Reilly was not at home and we did not see her. On our way home we got out of the express and ate a couple of little watermelons. In the afternoon we played croquet, they have such a nice place to play that we enjoy it very much.

Thursday, September 10th, 1874- A party of fifteen of us counting men, women, children and nurses started about noon today for the "Ashling" Fair as Hattie Hempstead calls it. Maggie and Mary Hempstead, Hattie Richie, Hallie H. and the two nurse girls and Henry the driver occupied the express. Rosie Hempstead, Jimmie, the children and I in one carriage, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hempstead and two children another carriage. We had a nice ride both going and coming and saw a good many people we knew at the fair, as for the fair itself it is a fraud, there was a very small display of goods and not many horses while all other kinds of stick were missing entirely as far as I could see. There were other flying Dutchmen, a side show containing a four legged child and a snake and a most hideous band of music. Sallie and Mather Peebles were there with the Coles girls and I saw Joe Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton (Lutie Ireland), Col. Putnam and his wife and two children and several others.

Friday, September 11th, 1874- This forenoon we played croquet a while and read a little and passed the time to make preparations for the trip to Ashland fair again. About 1 o'clock we started out again. Maggie Hempstead, Hattie Richie, Maggie and Lockie Adams and Henry in

the express. Rosie and Mrs. Hill in a buggy and Jimmie, the children and myself in Aunt Hamilton's buggy. It was very dusty going up and the fair was less attractive than yesterday and it was bad enough then. The ride was all we cared for anyway and that was very pleasant coming back. We went up on the Ohio side and crossed at Ashland, returning we came down on the KY side and crossed at Ironton. Saw Rob Peebles and two of the Coles girls but there were not really as many as we knew as yesterday.

Saturday, September 12th, 1874- We had expected to go to Pine Grove Furnace this morning but failing to get off early, we waited until after dinner. Mrs. Hempstead has

been very kind to us during our visit at her house and we have enjoyed several, nice, long drives. She sent us in the express today with Henry to drive. Mr. Newton Hempstead, Rosie, Jimmie, the children and myself making up the party. It was quite warm going out. We reached Pine Grove about 3 o'clock and Mr. McIntosh invited us into his house where we spent about an hour. Returned by another road which took us through Ironton, saw Mr. & Mrs. Hosford and Uncle Alex and the boys in passing. Stopped at Aunt Wood's on our return where we will finish our visit.

Sunday, September 13th, 1874- This has been another very warm day. I did not feel very well this morning and so stayed at home with the children while all the others went to church. After dinner Jimmie & Maggie went to sleep and I took a short nap and then dressed myself. In the evening went with Mattie and Miss Mather to prayer meeting. Mr Adams being away preaching at New Castle and Pine Grove, Dr. Wilson led the meeting which was very small but quite spirited. One lady rose to make a few remarks and amused a young man to smile where upon she called him to order by name and he left the house.

Monday, September 14th, 1874- This is our last day at Hanging Rock this visit. Jimmie went to Ironton this morning with Mr. Newton Hempstead and Mr. Robinson and at this time, 2pm, has not returned. After I had written the above, Jimmie came walking in, he wanted to remain in town longer than the others and so they left him and he started to walk but overtook a man who let him ride part of the way. John and Sallie Peebles came down to Mrs. Hempstead's today from Ashland and John went on down to Ports on the next boat that went down. I did not see either of them. After supper I gathered up our things and got ready for another move which will be in the direction of home tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, September 15th, 1874- This is Ma's & Mary's birthday, Mary is twenty-four and Ma is forty-nine, I think. I was ready in very good time this morning and reached the river just in time for the Ashland. We saw Sallie and Mattie just starting up to Aunt Wood's from Mrs. Hempstead's. Maggie and Rosie came down to the boat to bid us good bye. We had a very

pleasant trip down and reached Ports about 12.30 o'clock. Jimmie hurt his back this morning while helping G W move our trunk and when we reached Ports there was no bus in which we could ride up and he carried Willie which made his back worse. He was quite lame at night. I rubbed it with several things but it grew worse all the time and by night he could scarcely turn in bed. As Carrie has not returned yet and Jimmie is lame, we are staying with the folks for a few days. Ella Holman and Mr. Fulton were married this morning.

Wednesday, September 16th, 1874- This is Uncle Sam & Aunt Mary's 11th anniversary. Jimmie has been in bed all day, did not get up at all and I have been rubbing it faithfully. Sent for Lizzie this morning and she took a large washing home to do for me. This forenoon I took Willie and went down street to get a hat for Maggie Crossley as I had promised her I would. While out I went to see Maggie and Mary Peebles and found them out also. When I got home they were just at the gate but they went in again and made a little call. In the evening I left the children and went to church with the folks. Jimmie seemed a little better at night. Uncle Enos came home on the train this evening as the boat could not come and after church he and his wife and Farrier came to see Jimmie a few minutes.

Thursday, September 17th, 1874- About the middle of the forenoon Jimmie was enough better to get up, has improved a great deal. I went down street this morning for Ma and did an errand for Mary while I was out. After dinner I thought of going up to Uncle Enos' with the children but finding I could help Ma with her dress I did that instead. After supper I put Maggie to bed and after playing a while with Willie attempted to put him to bed also and then followed one of those hard experiences which every mother has if she attempts to conquer a child. Willie has a very strong will and fought long and hard before he would submit but I think when he did surrender it was a complete victory for me. I hope I shall not have many such trials with him.

Friday, September 18th, 1874- This afternoon Jimmie, the children and I went up to Uncle Enos' for a little visit. Found him and Miss Fanny, a Gentude as they call her, playing croquet. They had made a day's work of it as the schools have a holiday, a large delegation of the teachers having gone to the Exposition last night and the river is so nearly dry that even the Andros can not run and so Uncle Enos is here for a holiday. Just as they finished their game Dr. Pratt came along and Uncle Enos invited him in and he accepted the invitation. Mr. Lukens had come in a few minutes before and so they

were three and Jimmie began a new game. I left them a few minutes and went up to Connolley's and made a few purchases. We came back to Pa's in time for supper.

Saturday, September 19th, 1874- This forenoon I did some washing for Willie and was busy about something all day. I seem to be busy all the time and when the time is past I can not remember how it was occupied. I now remember that I brought Willie over home and spent the forenoon sewing on the machine. Cut out and hemmed 11 new cotton flannel diapers for Willie.

Sunday, September 20th, 1874- Ma wanted me to go to Sabbath school this morning but as I was not prepared with the lesson did not want to go. I went to church however and Jimmie stayed with the children, in the evening we both went and Ma kept the children for us. Dr. Pratt preached in the morning and Mr. Ketchum in the evening.

Monday, September 21st, 1874-I was busy today getting Willie ready to leave with the folks as they offered to take care of him for me and then I had to get things ready to take with us. As Mr. & Mrs. Brooks sent a special invitation for Maggie we must take her. Our trunks being over at our own house and many of our things at Ma's it makes it particularly troublesome to pack. I got things together and then put the children to bed and Jimmie and I came over home and packed my trunk, got it almost ready to strap in the morning. We shall not have much time to spare as the train comes at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, September 22nd, 1874- Notwithstanding Jimmie's repeated assertion that I would not be ready in time, I was, and we got started in good time and style. The car was full, so full that Jimmie did not get a seat until after we left Chillicothe. Mrs. O. F. Moore, Kate, & Oscar, Mrs. Harriet Davison, Misses Mary and Hattie were among the people whom I knew and had a very pleasant company and the trip would have been very enjoyable only for the duct, which was almost intolerable. We lost an hour by the breaking of something which did no other damage aside from the loss of time and that was not very bad as we made the connection with the other train and got through

safely only a little behind time. Found Mrs. Brooks at the door waiting for us and we soon established for our little visit. Mr. Brooks came in soon after our arrival and welcomed us heartily.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 1874- This forenoon I stayed in the house and wrote my usual letter to the folks also a card to the home folks and then worked the button holes in Maggie's dark chutz wrapper and by that time Mrs. Brooks had finished her morning duties and was ready to sit down and talk. Dinner time came and after that Jimmie, Maggie, Mrs. Brooks and I went to the Exposition where we saw thousands of people whom we did not know and two or three whom we did know, I saw one thing I have read of but never saw before, that is real houston thread and point laces worth \$100.00 and more than that for each yard of it. Gold, silver and precious stones seemed very abundant and almost everything that could be thought of was gathered under their immense roof.

Thursday, September 24th, 1874- This forenoon Mrs. Brooks, Maggie and I went out on Fruman Strut to call on Lulu and Maggie Harrison, found them in and received a welcome. They were undecided about going home with us but thought it improbable that they could go as they were just going to their grandmother's to visit. On our return we stopped at Lincoln Park to show Maggie the bear and swans, the lake and boats, grass and flowers. Got home minutes before dinner time and after dinner went down street, Jimmie went with us and we went first to the School of Design to see Arthur Ricker but the school was closed and we did not see anyone. Went to see about getting Maggie's picture but it was too late and then we went to see the Public Library and from there to Shilbto's and several other places in search of a black jam. I finally found one and bought it and chatilane.

Friday, September 25th, 1874- We thought we would spend most of the day at the exposition and at the breakfast table it was talked over and Mr. Brooks said he would get his dinner down street and we could take ours with us. First we went to market, Mrs. Brooks and I, and then went home and got ready, had agreed to meet Jimmie at Trader & Auberry's showrooms at quarter of twelve and when we got there we just had

two minutes to spare and he was there in five minutes after. We walked around awhile and then went and had our lunch after which we took up the line of march for the afternoon. I shall not attempt to describe what I saw because I could not do it. When we got tired we sat in the gallery and listened to Barrier's band play and watched the people marching around on the floor below. Saw a few people whom I knew but not many. The floral display was particularly fine and I must mention the Venus car and swans made of topiaries as it took the pressure. There was an elephant and camel.

Saturday, September 26th, 1874- This forenoon we went down street and visited several of the stores where I made a few small purchases. After dinner, Jimmie remained at home to go with us wherever we decided to go. We did not decide on any place until almost two o'clock when it was proposed to go to Spring Lane. I wanted to go somewhere so we could ride in the street cars and there was a good deal of it included in a trip to Spring Grove so we started. It began to sprinkle about the same time but nothing daunted, we went on and although it was cloudy all the afternoon it did not rain until we were almost home and then it ceased while we were walking from the cars home. We had a pleasant afternoon, even so than if it had been hot and sunny.

Sunday, September 27th, 1874- Jimmie, Mrs. Brooks and I went to hear Dr. Skinner this morning and heard a good sermon on the 31 verse of the 16th chapter of Luke. After dinner we,

Mrs. B and I, went to the Bethel school where we each taught a class of boys. There were 162 scholars present. In the evening we all four went to the Y.M.C.A. rooms and attended a praise meeting. Mrs. A. C. Scott led the meeting.

Monday, September 28th, 1874- This morning we were up and packed ready for our journey by breakfast time. Jimmie & Mrs. Brooks went down street together and Mrs. B, Maggie, and I followed about an hour afterwards. Met Jimmie on Walnut and took Maggie into a bird store to show her the birds, monkey and their other little animals

then went on down onto 5th and 4th Streets and made a few purchases, some ties and a chair for Willie. At the Depot we found Mr. & Mrs. Draper & Esther, Rich Peebles, Juno & Kinney homeward bound. It had rained all along the road and we had a very pleasant trip, not crowded as it was when we came down. Pa & the boys met us at the depot and the rest of the family were at the gate. Darling Willie dressed in white with a little button hole bouquet and looked as sweet as he could be he did not know me at all. His father he recognized at once. Rich bought Lizzie an elegant solitaire diamond ring as it is the second ring, I hope they are well engaged. The first was a heavy plain gold one.

Tuesday, September 29th, 1874- Came over home this morning and opened up the house and then gave my room, the hall, dining room and kitchen a good sweeping. Had just began to dust when Eva Voorheis and her baby came in. She was the first caller I have had since my return. I went over home on an errand and when Willie saw me. I think he recognized me for the first time since my return. He jumped, clapped his hands and clung to me so that no one could get him away. I had to set him down on the floor and run when I wanted to come back to the house. We slept over home last night but this evening had things in order for sleeping at home. Good supper at Pa's but expect to get our own breakfast.

Wednesday, September 30th, 1874- Today I put up the bushel of peaches which I bought yesterday. Mary came and helped me stone them but after that I worked alone. Mrs. Bryant came and took the children over to her house for a while. When I finished I had fourteen glass jars and three tin cans of very nice peaches. Carrie has not come back yet and I am very busy. I wanted to begin going to church again this evening but I could not get ready. Wrote the usual letter to the folks.

October

Thursday, October 1st, 1874- Mary told me yesterday that Mrs. Gibson would probably be down this forenoon to spend a day and night with us. It looked like quite an undertaking to get ready for this reception as the spare room had to be cleaned and the parlor had not been swept or dusted for weeks. My peaches were out of the way but there was the wash boiler full of quinces and apples waiting to be made into butter. Mary came and cleaned up the house for me while I made the necessary preparations in the kitchen and dining rooms but when the train came, Jimmie went to meet the guest and he was not there. He went again in the evening and still he failed to make his appearance.

Friday, October 2nd, 1874- I began work on the quinces this morning but had not poured more than a dozen when I had to stop, fortunately Lizzie came in and thinking she could do it faster than Jimmie who had volunteered to help me, she took his place and so the work went on while I was putting Willie to sleep. In the afternoon Jimmie went off to see a game of baseball and I was left alone to take care of the children and pare the rest of the quinces and apples. I finished about six o'clock and then put them on to cook, not wanting to have it all to do tomorrow. I also cooked the paring to make jelly. Jimmie helped me stir and also helped me pare a few more apples after supper and about nine o'clock we let the fire go down and went to bed.

Saturday, October 3rd, 1874- Mary came over this morning and strained the juice for the jelly and got part of it cooked for me and left it so that I could easily finish it myself. I put the mince butter on again and about 8 o'clock a colored woman came in and stayed from that time until 3 in the afternoon, scrubbing, and doing anything that I wanted done. The butter was done after dinner and then I put it away in two stone jars and the jelly almost filled seven glasses. I had some trials this afternoon. While I was getting the dinner dishes ready to wash, Willie went out in the back yard when the jelly was sunning and seating himself on the walk, played in the jelly with his hands, he had it on him from his face to his heels, I had to change even his shoes and stockings. I brought him in and went out to clean that up and returned to find that he had pulled a cup of tea off the table and was wet again from his chin down.

Sunday, October 4th, 1874- We were so late this morning that Jimmie did not get to Sabbath school, he went to church however, and after he came back I began dinner. After dinner he and the children took naps and I read awhile and then we went over home a little while and after a bread and milk supper I made myself ready for church

and walked down with Ma and Jennie and Lizzie. Heard Mr. Ketchum preach from the text, "who shall roll us away from the stone from

the door of the sepulcher." Mark 16 part of 3rd verse. I think Rev. Joseph Little preached from the same text once when he was here. It was in reference to the obstacles in the Christians line of duty and was very good.

Monday, October 5th, 1874- I thought Carrie would certainly be down on the Dugan today as that boat resumes her regular trips today but she did not come. I am just working and waiting. I might have others help but do not wait to take any one else until I am sure that she is not coming. Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Kelley are here on a visit. I have seen her as she was kind enough to call with Ma and Aunt Mary Ellen last week. I would gladly entertain them but cannot under the circumstances. Mr. Gibson came today on the evening train and found us all ready for him, no, I mistake it was at noon and he intended returning on the afternoon train but was left and so we will have him with us over night. Mary came over after tea and stayed until 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, October 6th, 1874- I thought I was getting up in good reason this morning but the clock was wrong and deceived me and it was all I could do to get him off in time for the train at 8 o'clock. In the evening Ma had Uncle Joe Moore & his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Kelley, Mr. John Gregory & family and us over there to tea. I spent the whole afternoon getting ready to go and only reached there a little before 6 o'clock. Jimmie has been in bed all day with an attack of neuralgia.

Wednesday, October 7th, 1874- The visitors went down the river today in the neighborhood of Buena Vista and Ma and Lizzie were seized with a sudden desire to go to Buena Vista also, so they made themselves ready in about 5 minutes and were off like a couple of rockets to be back next Friday I suppose. I got ready as soon after dinner as possible and went over to spend the afternoon with Jennie thinking she would be lonely. She was down stairs and feeling much better. While I was there Esther Draper and the other three little girls Grace, Mary, and Katie came to see if Ma had any flowers to spare as the ladies wanted to decorate a little tonight for their new kind of

teacher's meeting and social. Jennie said they had none so I brought them over here and robbed my verbenas, zinnias and gave them an arm full of balloon vines and balloons it was the best I could do.

Thursday, October 8th, 1874- This is Pa's birthday, he is 59 years old today. I wanted to get something and take to him to show that I remembered the day. Jimmie got a little birthday sachet of perfume for Maggie to take to him and at supper time she took it over. I did not get away from the house at all. Was busy all day. When Jimmie came home to supper he brought some oysters and celery and I fried the oysters and we had a nice little supper. It has been raining nearly all day.

Friday, October 9th, 1874- There was a very heavy fog this evening and the Potomac did not get up until two or three o'clock. Our folks came on the little "Handy" just after dinner. Aunt Mary had invited us out to take tea at her house this evening with Uncle Enos & Uncle Joe & their sons and Pa & Ma so we took Willie and went out there about 5 ½ o'clock. Maggie went and stayed with the girls over home. Willie behaved as nicely as I could wish him to and that is saying a good deal. Sat at the table beside his papa and ate what was given him and when supper was over I put him in the buggy and he went to sleep. We had a very pleasant time and got home in good reason.

Saturday, October 10th, 1874- This has been a most delightful day but as I am yet without help I could not go out as I would like to have done. Lizzie came over before we had eaten breakfast and made us a nice little visit. Then Mary came and after she left Ma came and after dinner Jennie came so we had a very social time. I got my work done soon after 1 o'clock and as I had plenty of time, I made a cake, while I was finishing it Ma & Mary came again and when I was just ready to wash and dress myself and the children a poor woman came and after attending to her wants I attended to the children and then Jimmie took them out to walk and I straightened up things, went into the yard and gathered some verbenas, a red rose bud and a Madam Bouquet. I'll have to think, and a white carnation, put them in vases and then went and got the milk

and after that went and paid Dell Ramey for the children's hats. Came back and found Jimmie had returned but we could not get in as the night latch was not secured and had slipped and locked us out. Had to break a pane of glass in the kitchen. Ma came over after dinner and after she had gone we sat and read awhile and were just debating about going to bed when Uncle Enos, Aunt Mary, Uncle Joe and his wife called.

Sunday, October 11th, 1874- Jimmie went to Sabbath school this morning and I was just sitting down for the forenoon when Ma came in from S.S. and told me to get ready for church and she would take the children over home and we could go there and have dinner and I did as she told me. Came home after dinner and read to Maggie and amused Willie with supper time. Got supper ready and sent for Jennie who came and ate with us. Jimmie went to church in the evening and I stayed at home. Mr. Ketchum is sick and Dr. P preached both morning and evening.

Monday, October 12th, 1874- I thought possibly Carrie would be back this morning and so was a little disappointed when she did not come. I guess I shall have to give up looking and get

somebody else. I gathered the green tomatoes for pickles today and this evening after we had put the children to bed Jimmie and I cut them and part of the onions. Were in the midst of the business when Lizzie and Rich came in to make a call. We made them welcome and they made us quite a visit. Jimmie and Lizzie weeping together while Rich and I laughed, our eyes not being so sensitive.

Tuesday, October 13th, 1874- This is election day and Jimmie has spent it at the poles though to very little purpose, the democrats will most likely carry the state. I did the work as usual and after dinner finished cutting up the onions for my pickles which are all in brine now. After that was done I dressed myself and the children and Ma took Willie home with her and I took Maggie and went up to see Miss Hamilton at Uncle Enos' and from there to see Miss Miksell about making over my black silk dress.

Maggie wanted to stay at Uncle Enos' so I left her there to play with the girls and they took her to Mass after we had come home and she stayed there all night.

Wednesday, October 14th, 1874- Mary and Lizzie went to Cin today on the Potomac to meet Lulu and Maggie Harrison who are to come up and make another little visit before going home to Miss. Pa left on the evening train for Columbus. The house seemed so deserted and as we had no girl we went over and took supper and then concluded to stay all night. A man was here at work all day resetting the grates in our room and the parlor. It made quite a dirt though he was the most careful man and cleaned up the nicest of any work man I ever saw. I took up some of my flowers today with Jimmie's help. Moved some roses and brought in some things I want to keep in the house.

Thursday, October 15th, 1874- We all slept at Ma's last night and after breakfast I came home and gave the dining room and my room a good sweeping, went over home again and had our dinner and then came back and Jimmie went to bed with the sick headache. I worked a little in the yard but he grew so much worse that I stopped my work and tried to do something to relieve him. Gave him a foot bath, rubbed his forehead and bathed it and lastly made him a strong cup of tea. By supper time he was much better. Maggie was over home and I took Willie over to get some supper. I was just asking Ma when she expected Pa home, when he opened the door and walked in. Maggie looked up and said "Well that is a joke on me." She had expected to sleep with Ma one more night and his arrival made a difference in her programme. A girl came this afternoon and promised to come and stay tomorrow morning.

Friday, October 16th, 1874- All the forenoon I worked and waited but no girl came and as I was not very anxious anyway I decided when none came that I would release her from her

engagement if she did come. I got to work pulling down the vines from the front portico and did not commence dinner until one o'clock and when it was about ready who should come walking in but Carrie Jones and I was very glad to see her and

doubly glad that Lizzie Thomas had not come according to promise Mary and Lizzie came back this morning and with them came Lulu and Maggie Harrison.

Saturday, October 17th, 1874- It seemed so nice not to be obliged to get up and prepare breakfast this morning. I enjoyed it very thoroughly after my experience. I can just resign everything into her hands and know she will do it all as it should be done. After dinner I washed and dressed myself and the baby and we went out to make some calls. Mrs. Peebles and Mary came in the morning and got Maggie and took her and Mattie and Isabelle Murray to their house to spend part of a day together as tomorrow will be Mattie's birthday, three years old. Willie and I went and called on Clara Pursell and her baby Earl, then to see Sallie Peebles who is sick and found Ella Murray there taking care of her. Next to see Ella Quithy and then to Connolley's and Miss Mikesell's and then home and now I've had supper and the birdies are both asleep.

Sunday, October 18th, 1874- A lovely fall day but I have spent it all at home except a few minutes in the afternoon when I took the children over home. Jimmie went to S.S. and as the ministers are both away attending school at Dayton he and Ma, Jennie and the two boys went to the E. Street M.E. Church to hear the new minister there. Rev. Mr. Bechauser, who used to be chaplain in the same regiment in which Jimmie served. In the afternoon Mr. Tracy was here a few minutes wanting to see Jimmie who was not in. In the evening Jimmie went to the Washington Street M.E. church to hear their new minister Mr. Jackson. Mattie Peebles is three years old today.

Monday, October 19th, 1874- Since Carrie's return things seem more like they used to, she was at her washing early and was soon done with it. We had dinner a little late in order that she might finish before getting dinner. I began to work in earnest on my last pillow cover hoping to get it done in order to begin something else. Mary Gibbs and Mary L. Murray were here soliciting donations for the church supper which takes place next Thursday evening.

Tuesday, October 20th, 1874- The work goes on smoothly and well. I was busy in the kitchen all the forenoon putting away my green tomato pickles and glad it is done. In the afternoon Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Singer called later, Aunt Mary Switzer Moore was here. Jimmie was out to the races all the afternoon and I worked at my chain stitching, expecting Mary all the time to come and bring her work which I promised to help her with this afternoon.

Wednesday, October 21st, 1874- All the forenoon I looked for Mary and her work but she did not come and I put in the time working on my pillow case. After dinner ma brought the work over and we spent the afternoon braiding on it. It is on black cashmere redingote very elaborately braided and beaded and will be when it is finished. I wrote to the folks as usual tonight and then took up my pillow cover again and accomplished a good deal before bed time.

Thursday, October 22nd, 1874- Willie is fourteen months old today and we have had a very miserable unhappy day. He declared his independence this morning by refusing to obey a very simple request I made of him. It was a mere nothing in the first place but he grew more and more obstinate and would not do anything. Punishing him in the usual way did not have any affect upon him so I just put him in Maggie's bed and thought he would soon get in a good humor or would after his nap but he stayed there until the middle of the afternoon without anything to eat or drink and still would not assent when I asked if he wanted anything. I have been almost sick over the struggle all day and had to go to bed at night leaving him still unconquered.

Friday, October 23rd, 1874- The contest has been going on again nearly all day. Willie has an almost unconquerable will and made up his mind yesterday morning that he would not obey me when I told him to nod his head as he had done a hundred times to signify his wish for something. The same little nod means "good morning, good bye, thank you, please, yes and several other things. Only one could I prevail upon him to nod and that was when I asked if he wanted me to go off and leave him. I put him in Maggie's bed and left him there until night and then his father took him but punished him severely mainly tried to make him kiss me or do something for me and then he put him back and left him there all night. This afternoon he began to give in and seemed willing to do as I told him. He showed quite plainly that there was a change in his mind and then I took him over home for a few minutes and I hope the trouble is over at least for the present.

Saturday, October 24th, 1874- This forenoon Ma and the boys went down the river in the skiff and after dinner several of us went to take a bus ride and got some autumn

leaves. In the evening Jimmie and I went up to Mr. Richard Lloyd's to take tea. They had a very pleasant little tea party. Pa and Ma were invited but did not go. Willie served very willing to do all that I ask him now and I am very thankful for it.

Sunday, October 25th, 1874- This has been a lonely day. Jimmie went to Sabbath school and then came home and stayed with the children while I went to church. Dr. Pratt preached a sermon on the duty of contributing to the ministerial relief fund and then took up a collection for

the cause. His text was found in the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians 13th & 14th verses and was just the text for the case. Rev. Mr. Winston an old gentleman occupied the pulpit and led the concluding exercises. After dinner Jimmie went to a children's meeting and then in the evening went to hear Dr. Pratt preach as Mr. Ketchum is at Mt. Joy this Sabbath. There was an eclipse of the moon last night about midnight a little after but I did not see it.

Monday, October 26th, 1874- I had to go up to Miss Miksell's the first thing this morning to see the Harrison girls and tell them good bye. I was just in time and saw them and Jennie start off with Jimmie, Mary and Lizzie to accompany them to the boat. After they left I concluded to go too and take a message to Lizzie from Ma so I went to Uncle Enos' and there found Uncle Sam just starting and I went with him. In the evening Pa wanted to take Maggie to the Hippodrome and Jimmie went with them to take care of Maggie as Pa knows nothing about doing it himself. Ma came over and spent an hour with me while they were gone.

Tuesday, October 27th, 1874- I was busy about the house all the forenoon but after dinner I dressed Maggie to go down street with her Papa and then intended taking Willie and going out to make a few calls. Before I started however Ma came in and brought me a new black veil in place of the one I lost Saturday but the new one is much handsomer than the other. She asked Willie if he wanted to go home with her and he did so she took him. I went to Miss Miksell's and from there to Mrs. Shuman Johnson's to call on her sisters Miss Emma Savage and Miss Lottie Foster. After that I

went to Mrs. E. B. Givens to call on Ella and Lillie Johnson and while there Jimmie and Maggie came walking in so I had company home.

Wednesday, October 28th, 1874- The boat did not get up until noon today and consequently Jennie did not make her appearance until that time. I was over there several times during the day. In the evening I went to church and remained at a teacher's meeting with Mary. We have been taking up our plants during the last week and bringing in such as I want to keep through the winter. Jimmie also set out Monday and Tuesday some young fruit trees and roses that we bought from Mrs. Elden for Mrs. Truitt.

Thursday, October 29th, 1874- This evening Mary had Ella and Bart Greene, Lillie Johnson, Miss Savage, Miss Foster, Miss Foster and us over to tea with her. We had a nice supper and spent a pleasant evening after it. Brought both of the children home asleep. It has been very windy, dusty and cold all day. I took my work when I was over home in the afternoon but did not accomplish very much.

Friday, October 30th, 1874- Willie has been sick all day and I've not done much but take care of him. In the afternoon late, Ella Greene and Lillie Johnson called. Jimmie was busy when they came taking up the roots of the madeira vines and putting them away. I suppose there is at least a pick of them.

Saturday, October 31st, 1874- I had thought some of the going over on the hills with the boys this forenoon but it is too cold and windy, the boys even could not go. After dinner there was preparatory lecture and Carrie kept the children while I went. After that I went with Ma and Mary up to see Mrs. Ketchum and then stopped at Connolley's on my way home. After supper I finished the pillow cover which I have been working on for some time, fast. They are both done now.

November

Sunday, November 1st, 1874- This was our Communion day. I did not go to church in the forenoon. Jimmie & Maggie went to SS and then he went to church and after dinner Carrie kept the children and we went together to Communion. I did not go out in the evening either. Mr. Ketchum was away and not having returned yet from Palace Hill where he went a week and two days ago.

Monday, November 2nd, 1874- I have been busy all day preparing for a little tea party which we expect to have tomorrow evening. Carrie did the washing as usual and I did a little baking and a little cleaning and Jimmie went in the afternoon and invited our guests.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 1874- Our 4th Anniversary has come and gone, we have enjoyed four years of married life with all of its joys and none of its sorrows. It has been all blessings so far for which I trust we are truly thankful to our God who has so mercifully remembered us. We invited about twenty of our young friends to take tea with us but of the number only nine or ten were present. The following named were invited: John * & Sallie * Peebles, Will & Clara Pursell, Maggie & *Mary Peebles, *Davy & Maggie Jones. *John & *Ella Overturf, *Will & Ella Bousall. Dick & Lucy Rifemberick, Al & Emma Voorheis, *Mr. & *Mrs. Brooks of Cin. *Henry R. Tracy, Mrs. Mary Glidden, *Helen Ricker and Mary Moore. Those marked thus (*) did not come. We had a very pleasant evening however with those who did come. They nearly all had babies at home and so did not stay late and it was all over and we retired at our usual bedtime.

Wednesday, November 4th, 1874- The day after the party is better than the day before, we had enough scalloped oysters, celery, cranberries, green gages, ice cream and such things for a feast today and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Lizzie came over and took dinner with us. After dinner I dressed and went out to make calls as it was a lovely day except for the smoky atmosphere. On my way I went to take a few things to Aunt

Mary on 4th Street from there, after calling on Grandma, I went to call on the Peebles family, then to Mrs. Wm Tracy's, Mrs. R. Lloyd, Mrs. Chas Lloyd's, Mrs. Sam Reed's, Mrs. E. W. Hope's, Mrs. Buskirk's, Mrs. Dunlap's, Mrs. J. H. Roads, Mrs. Miles and Mrs. O. C. McCall's and then home in a run almost. I never saw so much smoke in the atmosphere as there now is from the forest fires it is almost too smoky to recognize people across the street.

Thursday, November 5th, 1874- I was busy in the house all the forenoon but had secured Jimmie's services to keep the children while I went out to make some more calls in the afternoon. I went first to call on Mrs. Towne who has been home several weeks and I had not been in to see her since her return, then I went to see Mary Murphy who called here about a year ago, then to see Mrs. Collins and then it began to sprinkle and as I had no umbrella I came home, soon after it cleared up and I went out again calling on Eve Voorheis, Mrs. Dr. Davis & daughter, Mrs. Alice Higgins, Julia & Dollie Pursell and lastly Mrs. Dr. Weyer and then I came home.

Friday, November 6th, 1874- This evening we had Uncle Enos and Aunt Mary, Pa & Ma and the boys here to tea and to spend the evening. It is the first time I have been able to have them here together since we have been keeping house.

Saturday, November 7th, 1874- This forenoon I fulfilled a promise made to the boys of going over on the hills with them. I tried hard to find somebody else to join our party but like the lazy boy in the book, everybody else had something to do and so we went alone. The boys took me in their skiff up the river quite a distance and then we went on the hills and gathered some ferns and I lost my little garden trowel which Eric gave me more than a year ago and I valued it because he made it for me. He said he would make me another but still it would not be the "first" one. After dinner I fixed my ferns and then dressed the children and went up to Mrs. Connolley's & then to Mrs. Peebles, while I was out the Peebles girls & Mrs. Rob P called here.

Sunday, November 8th, 1874- Brother John is 16 years old today. We went through the same routine that we generally follow on Sabbath. Jimmie & Maggie went to Sabbath school and then I read to her while Jimmie went to church. In the afternoon there was a children's meeting to which I took Maggie and she behaved very well considering her age & experience.

Monday, November 9th, 1874- I was busy all day sewing flannels, made a skirt for myself & one for each of the children all made out of old ones which were of no account as they were and now they complete the outfit in that line for each of us. I consider it a very good day's work. This is the week of prayer for young men and this is the morning and evening service day this week, Jimmie went this evening.

Tuesday, November 10th, 1874- It rained some yesterday and more today and tonight it has rained quite hard giving promise of a rise in the river which is much needed. I ripped up my green poplin dress, now four years old, and am going to try and make a new one out of it. After dinner Uncle Enos and Aunt Mary came around and he left her here about an hour and then called for her stopping to make a little visit himself. Lizzie spent a part of the day with us and during the day they were all over here at different times. Jimmie came and stayed to tea and I went to church with her.

Wednesday, November 11th, 1874- Jimmie went to church this evening and after putting the children to bed I wrote the usual letter to the folks. I do not remember that anything worthy of note occurred.

Thursday, November 12th, 1874- It was my turn to go to church tonight but I did not go, yes, I believe I did go too and it was rainy.

Friday, November 13th, 1874- Have been taking care of the children and trying to sew today but do not make much progress. I have not felt at all well today. Lizzie came over in the evening to see if I was going to church but I did not feel like it. Mary wore her new cashmere suit this afternoon for the first time. It is very handsome, very elaborately braided and beaded with jet beads. Ma came over and sat quite a while for her, she never stays very long at a time. While she was here Miss Emma Savage and Miss Lottie Foster called.

Saturday, November 14th, 1874- This has been a lovely day but I did not go out anywhere. Have been trying to get everything done on my dress which I am making over. It was 10 o'clock before I began to sew and immediately after dinner I washed and dressed both of the children and myself and put the room in order and it was almost 4 o'clock before I got to do any more.

Ma came over and had just got seated when they sent for her to come home. There is a report on the street today that Emma Kinney & Mr. Theo Funk were married in St. Louis about three weeks ago where her mother had taken her to get her away from her lover. It seems he followed them and married her the day after Mrs. Kinney left her and then he returned immediately and no one knew of it here until Emma returned from her visit yesterday or today.

Sunday, November 15th, 1874- It rained quite hard for a while this morning, there was no sign of it last night and I was surprised to find it raining when I opened the windows. Maggie went to Sabbath school though not withstanding the rain, she & her papa went together and then he brought her home and went back to church. Dr. Pratt is away and Mr. Ketchum preached both morning & evening. I went in the evening.

Monday, November 16th, 1874- It was raining this morning when I opened the windows but after breakfast the sun came out very bright. It did not rain any more but soon clouded over and remained so all day. I sewed faithfully but did not accomplish much. Maggie went over home with her papa before dinner and stayed there until just before supper when I went over a little while and brought her back, she wanted to come & was very much afraid I would leave her. She is more attached to her home than she was before we went away. Grandma Moore came here today to make a visit. At the tea table tonight Maggie was telling me about her Sabbath school and said a man went in to call their names and Lucy Collins said "she had a present" & Brice Glidden said he "had a present" and all the little boys & girls had presents but her. She asked me this morning if everybody took off their hair when they went to bed and I told her no, she then asked who didn't & I said her papa didn't, "Well Pa does" said she, "he has a hair cap & he takes it off."

Tuesday, November 17th, 1874- The Kinney-Funk affair was really true and sometime today and in some way not generally known the difficulties all adjusted and the bridegroom went out to claim his bride and be ready for an early start tomorrow on the train when they will visit his family in Urbana and then take the wedding tour which would have been in order about a month ago no not quite so long as it was the 27th of October when they were married.

Wednesday, November 18th, 1874- Maggie has been sick all day, had fever all night and as we had no medicine for her had to send for the Dr. He did not get here until night and was in such a hurry that he did not sit down then. I have spent the day amusing her and Willie. She sat in the crib nearly all day & played with the building blocks that Maggie Peebles gave her on her 2nd birthday. I put them away a few days after and she has never seen them since until today and they are as good as a new play thing. Jimmie went to church as usual this evening.

Thursday, November 19th, 1874- "Eli Perkins" lectured at the Opera House this evening on "Saratoga" and several members of the family attended. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Websterian debating club. Maggie has been sick a day or two and Ma, Mrs. Connolley, Aunt Maria, Lizzie and Flo McConnell stopped here on their way to the hall to see Maggie a few moments.

Friday, November 20th, 1874- It has been raining nearly all week but not enough to do the river much good as yet. It was rainy this evening but I went to church or rather prayer meeting and was glad I went. The subject was the Transfiguration and the leader D. S. Johnson had some remarks written upon the subject and after he had finished Mr. Ketchum talked awhile and then Dr. Myer spoke awhile at the meeting, was quite interesting. Ma was over today and basted up my new redingote for me. I have trimmed my old green poplin skirt with dark green cashmere and am making a redingote of the same green.

Saturday, November 21st, 1874- I finished the skirt to my green suit and this evening I put it on and Jimmie and I went out to make a call at Uncle Sam's. He was not there when we went but we waited until he did come and then finished our visit. On our way home we stopped and called on Mr. & Mrs. Chris Young. Spent half an hour there. Ma and Mary stayed with the children while we were gone. Jimmie was here and spent the day with me.

Sunday, November 22nd, 1874- Willie is fifteen months old today and as sweet and good as we have any right to expect him to be. It was raining very hard when we got up and as it continued to rain and Maggie was not well anyway we did not send her to Sabbath school. Her father went and also to church morning and evening. I did not go out. Jimmie brought me a piece of news from S.S. for which I was partly prepared. Ma walked down with him and told him that Jennie and Bart Greene were engaged to be married. It is almost amazing for Bart has always been so shy and bashful that I don't know how he ever mustered courage enough to ask a girl to marry him. We are all well satisfied and think it a good match and I hope they will be happy.

Monday, November 23rd, 1874- I wanted very much to work hard and do wonders in the sewing line but Providence arranged it otherwise. Willie tossed all night and was really sick this morning and continued all day so that I had to devote myself almost exclusively to him. Between times however I ripped the sagged ruffle off my every day black luster dress, the one I had on at the time. I washed, pressed, trimmed off and hemmed it again and turning it upside down shirred it and began to put it back on the skirt after supper but it was only a beginning.

Tuesday, November 24th 1874- This evening the young ladies of the church gave a supper for the benefit of the missionary society and Mary, Jennie & Lizzie were all engaged in it though Mary was the leading spirit I should have enjoyed being there very much but neither Jimmie nor I went. Carrie went out and we saved our turn to go to church. Willie was hardly well enough to leave anyway. I have sewed when I could all day but do not make astonishing progress. Ma came over after breakfast and put my ruffle on for me and I went to work to repair the sleeves.

Wednesday, November 25th, 1874- Served every moment of time that I could get today but the end of a piece of work like mine seems a long way off when it is attended with the difficulties by which I am surrounded. I resolutely laid it aside when the church bell rang and went with Jimmie to church. After that Fannie Switzer and Fannie Moore came home with us and made a call. After they were gone I again took up my work and worked until after 11 o'clock without accomplishing very much.

Thursday, November 26th, 1874- Thanksgiving day bright and clear but not as cold as I have seen it, we have had a little snow this week but not enough to show on the ground at all. One year ago today we were in MS, spent our last day with the folks rather it was the Thanksgiving day but not the same date. Mary came and spent the day with me and Uncle Jimmie Wood took dinner with us. Maggie spent the day over home. I was not out to church as Jimmie was but stayed at home and worked hard to get my black waist done which is now finished for the third time. I must have it to wear tomorrow as we expect Mr. & Mrs. Brooks family for the afternoon Jimmie & Willie in the buggy and went out to take a walk. I went home with Mary and Jimmie came there with the baby and we spent a while together.

Friday, November 27th, 1874- Jimmie hurried to get a fire started in the parlor and then went to the boat to meet Mr. & Mrs. Brooks who had already started up to the house. I had just lighted the fire in the spare room when the bus came with their baggage and they followed some after. It was a lovely day. During the morning Mrs. Brooks & I with Willie in the buggy, went up to Mrs. Connolley's to get the velvet for my hat which Lizzie was going to make for me, she went down to Dell Ramsey's and got the other things and stayed with us until the hat was done for which I was very grateful. During the afternoon Sallie Peebles & Mattie called and before she left Ma & Aunt Mary, Mrs. Dr. Dans & her daughter called.

Saturday, November 28th, 1874- While we were at breakfast Lizzie came over to see if Mrs. Brooks wanted to take a walk with her. I thought I could go and so we took the children over home and went. It was quite cold and sprinkled a little but we went down to Mis Lottie's, then to Miss Newton's and then to Mrs. Connolley's and lastly to Mrs. Woodley's greenhouse. It rained

all the afternoon and consequently no one was in except Maggie Jones who was not to be deterred by the weather. John Peebles called while we were at breakfast and said Sallie wanted us to come out to tea with them. They sent the carriage about 4 o'clock but it was some time after that before we were all ready. Lizzie came over and helped me. It was raining quite hard when we went and snowing when we returned but the children did not get wet and I didn't think it hurt them. Joe & Ella Murray were there and we spent a delightful evening. Sallie managed everything so nicely and had such a nice supper for us.

Sunday, November 29th, 1874- There was about two inches of snow on the ground this morning but it was clear and quite cold but the sun soon melted the snow off the north side of the streets. Carrie kept the children and we all went to church. Mr. & Mrs. Brooks went to Dr. Dan's for dinner and Mary was here to dine with us. Davy Jones called after dinner to see the folks but was disappointed. Late in the afternoon I went over to see the home folks. Lizzie was sick in bed but hoped to be up tomorrow. Just about supertime Maggie was playing up in Mrs. B's room and fell against the bedstead and cut her forehead pretty badly. We were all very much frightened & Mrs. Brooks hurried off for Dr. McDaniel but he could not be found, so, Jimmie went up & got Dr. Jones who came and said he would have to take a stitch in it and did so, her Papa holding her in his arms. She cried some but stood it very well and went to sleep shortly after. There was a quite a commotion in the household for a while.

Monday, November 30th, 1874- Mr. & Mrs. Brooks said this morning that they must leave on the boat and we were very sorry to hear it as our visit was not out yet. There will be several calls for her after she's gone. Uncle Jimmie came down before we had our breakfast this morning to see Maggie and invited him to have a buckwheat cake & cup of coffee which he did. Maggie has been quite like herself all day and played as usual only I was in continual dread for fear she would hurt her head. The folks left on the boat and after dinner Maggie Peebles & Mrs. Rob Peebles and Mrs. Chris Young called. Dr. Jones also called to see Maggie. Lizzie was enough better to come over and take tea with us this evening.

Tuesday, December 1st 1874- I have stayed right with Maggie all day. Ma wanted me to take my work and the children and go over there this afternoon but I concluded that it was best to keep her in my room and take the best possible care of her until her head

gets well. Late in the evening Lucy Rifenberck and Ella Bonsall called to see Mrs. Brooks. I was expecting them and am real disappointed that Mrs. Brooks did not see more of my friends than she did.

Wednesday, December 2nd, 1874- I took care of the children and did what I could besides. This forenoon it was such a delightful day that I was strongly tempted to go out in the afternoon but I

feel that I must sew on my dress. After dinner Lizzie came over and offered to help me dress the children and take them out if I would go. I thought it was too good an offer to refuse so we got ready and went. Walked down to Dell Ramsey's and paid my bill there and then went up and visited a while with Maggie Jones & her mother. It was a little windy and I was a little uneasy about Maggie but she was well wrapped up and had her head well bandaged so I thought she could not take cold. We came home quite early and I went to church after supper. Went to the folks as usual.

Thursday, December 3rd, 1874- This has been another lovely day and Maggie seemed so well and anxious to be out that I had her put on a cloak and sun bonnet and go out in the yard a while where her Papa was building an addition to the coal house preparatory to getting a hundred bushels of cannel coal. I managed to get a little sewing done in the afternoon but that green redingote is still on hand with no prospect for completion.

Friday, December 4th, 1874- This morning Maggie's face seemed swollen and I was a little uneasy about it. I went over once to tell Ma that I was afraid of enysipelas but she did not understand me and although she said she would be over before long she did not get here until we had called the doctor in and he pronounced it erysipelas and then I went and told her and she came immediately and went to poulticing her head with flax seed and sugar of lead water. That seemed to check the spread of the trouble but she had fever and needed constant care. During the afternoon Mrs. Charlie Green and Mrs. Higgins called to see Mrs. Brooks and I was very sorry to tell them that she was gone. That makes six calls she has had since she left. Ma came back about 11 ¼

o'clock tonight after sleeping since 8 ½ o'clock and sent Jimmie and me upstairs to bed.

Saturday, December 5th, 1874- I went to bed about 12 o'clock last night and as I always sleep soundly I got all the rest I needed. Jimmie and I slept upstairs for the first time since we came into our house. Ma brought Willie up quite early in the morning and after I had given him his breakfast, I dressed myself and came down. Found more grid sewing quite bright and comfortable. I do not know what I should do without Ma to help me take care of the children when they are sick. Maggie Peebles came in and sat an hour or more helping to amuse Maggie. In the afternoon Mary Young More came and brought her doll and entertained Maggie two or three hours. Aunt Mary and Arthur were here also. All the family but Jennie have been over at different times through the day.

Sunday, December 6th, 1874- We were up until midnight and then Ma came down stairs and took our place and we went to bed. She lay on the side of the bed with Maggie and took care of her the rest of the night. She did not get to Sabbath school but went to bed and to sleep before dinner. I was not out at all. Ma went in the evening, I believe.

Monday, December 7th, 1874- Ma called us about 4 o'clock this morning and we came down and Jimmie took her over home as she said she wanted to go. A while after we were through breakfast she came walking in and said she had washed the clothes and hung them up to dry before the wash woman came. She was very quick about it but very foolish to do it at all. She just wanted to show the wash woman what she could do and so she did but we think such proceedings should be condemned rather than praised. Maggie is improving so much that we told Ma she need not stay with us tonight. We have been ever thankful for her service since Maggie has been hurt.

Tuesday, December 8th, 1874- Florence Covan died this morning at her mother's home after a long illness, she has been in poor health for several years but has been rapidly failing for some time past and at last is released from her sufferings which were

great. Dr. M'Dowell has been attending her and so we have heard every day since he has been visiting Maggie. She is getting along very nicely I am very happy to say.

Wednesday, December 9th, 1874- Maggie Peebles came down this afternoon and made Maggie a little visit. They both seemed to enjoy their visit very much. Maggie entertained Miss Maggie with her picture puzzle which she has learned to put together without any assistance from anyone. I have devoted some time to the business myself and am very glad she is able to do it alone now. They also had a party, the entertainment consisting of orange and "drum" drops. Jimmie went to church in the evening.

Thursday, December 10th, 1874- We were pleasantly surprised this evening after tea and when we had supposed that no one would be in, by hearing a rap at the door and when Jimmie went he found Mr. & Mrs. Tewksbury there. Mr. T went on down to the store and Mrs. Tewksbury came in and laid off her things and took out her knitting. Mr. T was gone about an hour and then came back and they sat until after 9 o'clock. We enjoyed their visit very much. I began to braid a night dress yoke which I had stamped this afternoon and am getting ready for a Christmas present for Jennie. Lizzie was here nearly all day and I went down street on an errand for her while she stayed with the children. It was snowing a little but I wanted a walk in the fresh air and Jimmie walked down and back with me so I didn't mind the weather.

Friday, December 11th, 1874- I have not felt well today and have not done much. Aunt Maria was here, she came up Wednesday to spend a few days with Grandma who is still staying at Pa's. I did not go to prayer meeting, have not been since Maggie was hurt.

Saturday, December 12th, 1874- I believe nothing out of the usual order of things occurred today. I have saved a little, read "A Visit from St. Nicholas" several times to Maggie who is getting quite familiar with it now and can recite parts of it now and can

recite parts of it herself. The Dr. was here this morning and says her head is doing very well. Lizzie was here to tea with us and sat a little while after while Jimmie went down street on an errand. She and I had a little talk about Christmas and hope to make some arrangements for a tree for the children which some of us older ones enjoy as much as the children.

Sunday, December 13th, 1874- Another cold raining Sabbath Jimmie went to Sabbath school and church in the forenoon and after dinner went down street a little while which ended his walk for the day. Ma was over two or three times as usual and the boys were over several times. The boys are frequent and ever welcome visitors and seem to enjoy being with the children. Mary was here to tea and also Uncle Jimmie, Lizzie was here to dinner. Ma came over when the last church bell was ringing and said she would keep the children and Jimmie & I could go to church together, a privilege we seldom enjoy.

Monday, December 14th, 1874- It has been rainy and gloomy again today. I was at home all day answering the children and doing what I could aside from that. After putting my room in order for the day I concluded to empty my closet and give it a thorough cleaning and take out a great many things which we do not use now. I pasted strips of paper over the cracks which have been letting in much cold air and soot and then rearranged everything in the shelves again. My "bottle shelf" is quite a little drug store. Ma thinks it quite a joke on me as I always said that I never would have such a thing in a house of mine, but it is here never the less and quite indispensable. Aunt Maria went home this morning.

Tuesday, December 15th, 1874- This has been a bright, pleasant day but I have spent it indoors. Have sewed a little on that same old green dress which has been throwing around for so long. Ma brought her work and sat quite awhile with me this afternoon. Mrs. Purdum called and took my \$1.25 for another year's subscription to The Floral Cabinet. Mrs. Ketchum and the children was out walking and stopped here a few minutes to see Ma. Jennie got her engagement ring this evening, a handsome solitaire diamond. The preparations for the wedding are going rapidly forward and I suppose it will not be long until she is gone from us. I trust her future will be as happy as her past life. Maggie is getting along nicely and I hope will soon be well. Ella Murray and Isabelle were here a little while this forenoon.

Wednesday, December 16th, 1874- Pa came in about 10 o'clock this forenoon and said he had just been up home to tell Ma that Aunt Sallie Young is quite sick, has erysipelas in her neck. Ma talked of going down but could not get ready. After dinner she went to see Mary Ellen and Mrs. Johnson and tell them that she expected to go away Friday. Jimmie went to church as usual in the evening and after doing my usual evening work I say down to work on Jennie's night dress yoke.

Thursday, December 17th, 1874- I wrote to the folks as usual last night and also to Mrs. Brooks and sent the letters off this morning. After they had gone, the express ran, brought us a little box from Hamilton Furnace containing some of Jimmie's books and some stockings for the children and a ribbon for Ma & one for me. I believe I was at home all day. Worked on Jennie's yoke after supper as usual. The girls all three went up to Mrs. E. B. Greene's this evening.

Friday, December 18th, 1874- Jennie brought her embroidery over this afternoon and stayed until time to go to church. It is hard to realize that Jennie is to leave us so soon. We will be glad to have her so happily married and settled for life but it will be hard to give her up to go so far away. Not a great distance in miles to be sure but she is one of the kind that seldom goes anywhere and where once settled there I suppose there she will stay.

Saturday, December 19th, 1874- This evening after tea and when the children were settled for the night, I again took up my braiding and finished it before going to bed. It is quite pretty and I feel paid for my trouble and think Jennie will appreciate it more than anything else that I could afford to give as it is my own work and my time is so occupied that it required some patience and perseverance to accomplish anything in the sewing line. We meant to have packed a box for the Mission folks today or at least get the things together but did not do it. Uncle Jimmie did not send his things down and so we did not begin.

Sunday, December 20th, 1874- Another rainy Sunday, we have had no other kind for some time past. We were very late this morning and Jimmie did not get to Sabbath

school but went to church. After dinner Mary came over and waited until after Willie had taken his nap and then we took him over there for a little visit. In the evening I went to church with the folks.

Monday, December 21st, 1874- There was hurrying to and fro this morning, about 5 o'clock Betsey came after Ma to go to Uncle Enos' and two or three hours after, Mrs. S. G. Johnson called for her. In the course forenoon both Mrs. Johnson and Aunt Mary became the mothers of fine boys. I scarcely saw Ma all day. In the afternoon I went down street to get some things to put in a box for Pa & Ma Ricker. While I was out I made a short call at Mrs. Peebles.

Tuesday, December 22nd, 1874- This has been a queer day as regards to weather for this time of the year, it has been more like April than December a little rain & a little shine but after dinner it cleared off beautifully. We packed the box to send to the folks at the furnace. We sent some books and papers, figs etc. Uncle Jimmie sent a quantity of candy and a pincushion, Ma contributed a book, a neck tie for Pa Ricker and muff for Ma Ricker. Jonnie sent her a pincushion that she had made and Maggie sent Sadie Shaffer a paper doll. After I got the children out of the way I got out Maggie's new doll and made a dress skirt for it. I do not have much of a chance to do anything. The baby at Uncle Enos' died this morning and was buried this afternoon. I did not see it at all. I went around there this morning but did not see anybody but the two girls. It will be a great disappointment to them to lose the boy.

Wednesday, December 23rd, 1874- Maggie Peebles was here this morning to find out what Maggie wanted for Christmas. This is a lovely day, almost like spring. After dinner Jimmie stayed at home and I went out again in search of Santa Claus. Mary went with me down street and then we went to Uncle Enos' to see Mary Ellen but she was asleep and I did not wait. I had Willie with me and he did not want to play so we went on up to Connolley's where I bought a work basket, paper of needles, two spools of thread and a steel thimble and already had a paper of pins to put in it and Jennie bought a

pair of scissors to put in it for Carrie. I bought a knife for Jimmie and one for Lizzie and a half piece for Ma & Mary, that was about all I got. Jimmie went to church in the evening and I wrote to the folks. The two boys stayed here while he was gone. I sewed until 11 o'clock on the new doll's clothes but did not sew any tonight being unusually tired. Called on Mrs. Richeson.

Thursday, December 24th, 1874-It was bright this forenoon and quite pleasant but by noon the wind arose and blew very briskly all the rest of the day making it very unpleasant. Lizzie came over with her work and stayed nearly all day. During the forenoon I was obliged to banish the children to the kitchen in order to get the doll redingote made. The new suit is blue delaine trimmed with plaid made with pockets and carved buttons on the redingote. The doll is a cheap wax one which Jimmie bought for her. In the afternoon I went out to get a hat frame for it and a knife for Fannie & Mary Moore. I have bought four to put on the tree. After tea, Ma, Mary, Jennie and The boys came over and popped corn and made candy and filled bags. Jimmie, Lizzie and I marked the things to put on the tree and when they were all gathered up there was quite a display in numbers if not in value. It is not the money value that makes the enjoyment after all.

Friday, December 25th, 1874- Grandpa Ricker sent the children \$10.00 each. This morning Maggie reached over from her crib and pulled her Papa's hair remarking as she did "So I've caught you Papa" showing that she did not thoroughly understand about catching people's

Christmas gifts. The day was bright and pleasant but rather cold. We went home by dinner and after dinner Pa exhibited his tree which he had gotten up as a burlesque and it was quite laughable. He had gone out and bought a gingerbread house, cookies & a star for Ma, Mary & Jennie and candy bags for the rest of us except Maggie & Willie who were favored with real toys. We had a peep at our own tree before going over home and Pa actually picked Willie up and carried him over himself. A wonderful sight to all of us. It's their day since Maggie took ill & has not been out since before today. After dinner we all came back, Fannie & Mary W. & Lou Smith were here and we

spent an hour or two before stripping the tree and then each had one or more presents. Enos & John deserve special credit for the gifts as they made them. John made a handsome table for the children. Enos made a travel for me, blacking box for Jimmie, coal box for Pa & Ma, work box for Jennie, framed picture for Maggie.

Saturday, December 26th, 1874- Once more Christmas is past and we all enjoyed it very much, Jimmie thinks he never spent a more pleasant one. I have taken cold and do not feel at all well today. Ma was over and sat all the afternoon with us. It rained this afternoon or rather sprinkled and threatened to rain.

Sunday, December 27th, 1874- Another rainy Sabbath, the eighth or ninth in succession I think. Jimmie went to Sabbath school and church in the morning and again at night as I had a cold and it was raining quite hard so did not think it prudent to go out. Was over home a little while after dinner to get some singing books which I was too hoarse to use much after all.

Monday, December 28th, 1874- Jimmie went to Cincinnati this morning notwithstanding it was raining very hard when he left. It was gloomy and lonely all day. I went over home after dinner to tell the folks he was gone. Jennie came home with me and stayed until after tea. She went home and Lizzie came and stayed to tea and all night. We had a pleasant visit together both Jennie & I and Lizzie & I.

Tuesday, December 29th, 1874- We all awoke safe and well this morning. Lizzie went home and to work immediately after breakfast and I was wound up to run all day as Lizzie said. After dinner Ma came once for me to go over home with the children. Just as we were ready to start Sallie & Mattie Peebles came in and visited our home. After they left, we went over home and stayed until after tea. When Ma came home with me to stay all night but just as we were settled in bed, Jennie & Bart came after Ma & she went home & Jennie came and took her place.

Wednesday, December 30th, 1874- Jimmie came home before we were up but I was not long in getting dressed after he came. He brought me a handsome beaver cloth sacque and a fur cap for each of the children, thinks we needed very much and for which I felt very thankful. In the afternoon he kept the children & I made six calls. Went to Mrs. McConnell's, Mrs. McCelan's, Mrs. Chris Young's, Mrs. Murfin's, Lucy Rifurberick's & Ella Bonsalls's, was gone a little more than two hours & walked 22 squares. Jimmie went to church in the evening.

Thursday, December 31st, 1874- The last day of the year closes a very happy year, we are all well except Maggie's head and it is improving. Lena Bolles Dauhau's husband was buried today. Lucy Rifurberick was down to the funeral and called here afterwards.

**On the last two pages of the 1874 diary, Louisiana made a list of "calls to be returned or made". Some names are marked by x's, possibly meaning she returned or made the call. Those without x's, she must not have gotten to by the end of the year.*

x Mrs. Pursell x	x Mrs. Reed	x Mrs. Jno Peebles
x Mrs. McClain x	x Mrs. J. C. Gilbert	Mrs. J. W. Lewis
x Miss Carrie Douham	x Miss Gould	x Mrs. Ketchum
x Miss Amelia Thompson	Mrs. Vincent	x Mrs. J. B. Nichols
x Mrs. T. J. Pursell	x Mrs. Jesse Swim	x Mrs. Glover
x Mrs. Thos. Dugan	x Mrs. Jno Kapps	x Mrs. Minill
x Mrs. Jno Overturf	Anna Holmes	Kate Glover
Clara Wallis	x Mrs. Huthins	Mrs. S. Gilbert
x Bertha Glidden	x Mrs. H. A. Towne	x Mrs. J. L Franklin
Mrs. Dr. Jones	Mrs. Geo Davis	Mrs. Lee Murphy
Mrs. C. S. Green	x Mrs. Dr. Gibbs	Miss Mattie Green
x Miss Mary Gibbs	x Miss Kate Creighton	Mrs. Col. Grahm
Mrs. L. C. Robinson	Mrs. Col. Bolles	x Mrs. J. W. Collins
x Mrs. E. F. Draper	Miss Ada White	Mrs. Dr. Cotton
x Mrs. Jas. Connolley	Mrs. E. E. Miller	x Mrs. Cuningham
Mrs. Jas Ramsey	x Mrs. Frank Cuningham	x Miss Libbie Pratt
x Mrs. Jno Lodwick	x Mrs. A. B. Voorheis	x Miss B. P. Hoover

x Mrs. D.W. Young

Mrs. C. P. Tracy

Mrs. Helphenstein

x Miss E. Hoover

Misses Stewart

Mrs. C. D. Elden

x Mrs. E. B. Moore

Mrs. G. H. Ghanky

Mrs. Ben Richardson

Misses Damarin

Miss Alice Young

Mrs. Sanford

Mrs. B. B. Gaylord

Miss Ella Green

Mrs. Al Thompson
Reed

Mrs. A. McFarland

x Mrs. D. D. Jones

Vonita Ramsey

Miss E. Bell

Mrs. R. Lloyd

Mrs. Sam. Reed

Mrs. W. H. Bonsall

Mattie Gaylord

Mrs. Jos Murray

Mrs. Geo. Warman

Mrs. Geo. Johnson

x Maggie Jones

Mrs. S. P Wickills

Miss Mary Glidden

x Mrs. C. G. Young

Mrs. R. P. Rifenbeick

Mrs. M. R. Tewksbury

Mrs. A. C. McCall

x Mrs. Col. Jones

Mrs. Joe

x Mrs. S. G. Johnson

Adele Ransey

Mrs. Gates

