

Saturday, January 1, 1887

Quite cold. We have had a busy day and one not at all like the holiday. Barton has been unloading their goods from the card and J. W. helped him with it. Then there was a load of things brought here for storage. I attend the funeral of my old friend Mr. D. D. Jones at the Baptist church this morning. He died suddenly Dec. 30th at 12:30 almost precisely the hour when the news of Jim's death reached them on Dec. 30th last year.

Sunday, January 2, 1887

Weather cold. The children all went to Sabbath School but Lizzie was hardly well enough to go.

Bartie and Elizabeth were here after S. S. I did not go out until evening. Margaret goes to S. S. and church in the forenoon and I take the evening turn. Nine new members were received into the church this morning, Bart + Jennie being of the number, by letter. Clara Miller united for profession + her mother by letter.

Week of Prayer

Monday, January 3, 1887

Weather cold. The children all went back to school this morning, Mary was well bundled up and was delighted to be permitted to go once more. Lizzie is scarcely able as she has a cough but she was anxious to go and much pleased to find herself at the head of the school. Jennie's children, Bartie and Elizabeth started to school at the upper 4th St. building. Their first time in Ports.

Tuesday, January 4, 1887

Weather cold and quite a sharp wind. I spent the morning at work then went on up to see Jennie whom I found trying to settle herself in her new quarters. It seems odd to see her in charge of Mrs. Greene's as she left it. Mrs. Greene is at Lanesville with Charlie's wife who is at the point of death. I stopped to see Mrs. Wells on my way home but she was still out. Ma went to Henley.

Wednesday, January 5, 1887

Quite cold and not very bright. I was busy at home all the forenoon. After dinner I went up to see Jennie and inquire about Bart who is not well. She wanted to come down to see Ma who was to return from Henley at 1:40 PM so I walked back with her then went out to Mrs. Kline's in search of Mrs. Wells when I found them. Had a long visit with Mrs. Kline and came home at supper time. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, January 6, 1887

Cold. I undertook to do a little ironing on the plain clothes and kept on all day until it was nearly all done. I could not attend an afternoon meeting at our church but went in the evening. Just before tea I went out to see Maggie Silcox to ask her to take the office of Secretary in the W. R. C. this year. She would not promise until she had seen the books and knew something of the work.

Friday, January 7, 1887

Cold. Was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner Maggie Silcox and I went to see Mrs. Draper on business and made a long and very pleasant call. This is Elizabeth Greene's birthday, seven years old, the little girls went to see her after school. The older children went to skate awhile before supper. In the evening we went to church, no but I all the others who could.

Saturday, January 8, 1887

Cold and icy.

The skating on the Scioto Bottoms is good and the boys have spent most of the day skating.

Margaret went in the afternoon after her work was done. Bartie Greene came down to go with the boys but they had gone and I went to part of the way with him as I wanted to see Mrs. Barnes about knitting some mittens for the little girls.

Sunday, January 9, 1887

Rainy and slippery.

The little girls could not go out today, it was snow instead of rain that fell this morning. I remained at home until evening when I went and heard the fourth of a series of sermons of the Prodigal Son. J. W. and the boys went to the Temperance meeting at the Palais Rink in the afternoon. Uncle Jimmie was here before the meeting.

Monday, January 10, 1887

Bright, clear and cold.

Lizzie still coughs so hard that she cannot go to school. May goes however and seems as well as ever.

Mary and Jennie went to Henley today to make Lizzie a little visit. Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Simmons called to see me in the afternoon. After the left I went to Mrs. Miller's and saw Minnie who is sick then hearing that Mrs. Russell's daughter, Mrs. Anderson was quite sick, I went then on an errand. Went to church in the evening.

Tuesday, January 11, 1887

Bright and clear, a little windy and not so cold as it has been, still everything is frozen hard. Our washer woman could not do her day's work at home so she came over and went with J. W. and me to church. The children had lessons to prepare and could not go. After church Rich came to make a call and sat until after 10 o'clock. Maggie Silcox called this morning.

Wednesday, January 12, 1887

Weather moderating. Walking very bad. Was busy at home all day and could not go to church in the evening as I very much wished to do. The meetings are very interesting and I am sorry to miss any of them but when I stay at home the others go. Had a letter from Mother Ricker which I answered after supper. She tells me Mr. Warner has gone to Mr. Eyster's funeral and would take her home to Kirkwood to live,

also that Mary and the baby might go with them for a visit. Large fire on 2nd + Court Sts. early this morning.

Thursday, January 13, 1887

Weather mild, snow and ice melting with indications of rain. Have had a busy day. The kitchen stove was undergoing repairs and we had a kind of lunch instead of dinner. The mending was to be done and after that was out of the way I wrote to Mary W. Moore, also to Mrs. Williams of Portland, Or. who sent me a book for Xmas. Had a letter from Mrs. M. E. Battels. J. W. Margaret + Will went to church.

Friday, January 14, 1887

Weather unpleasantly cold and chilly, penetrating. Was at home in the forenoon and after school I went to talk to W. R. C. matters over with Mrs. Kline. Found her at home and made a long call. Stopped a moment at Mrs. Blackburn's on my way home. Did not go to church in the evening because Margaret could go.

Saturday, January 15, 1887

Cloudy and rather cold.

I hurried through my morning work and went over to see how Mary was. She has not been so well lately, though is up and about as usual. Went to Mrs. Miller's to get a couple more Audubon pledges then down street in search of some toweling. After dinner I made the towels and did a little mending. Miss Mary Corton called to see me and Sallie Bedell was here to see Margaret.

Sunday, January 16, 1887

Rather mild with indications of rain, in fact Uncle Jimmie borrowed an umbrella after tea lest he should be caught in the rain going to church. I was not out in the morning but went in the evening and heard Mr. B. preach his sixth sermon on the Prodigal Son.

Upon his visitation at the close of the sermons, two persons rose for prayer. Mr. Hoffman and his wife.

Monday, January 17, 1887

Cold and windy with the signals indicating the approach of a cold wave. Was busy at home until the children came from school then I went to do an errand and called to see Mrs. Kline, also called at Mrs. Anderson's but could not make anyone hear my rap at the door. Lizzie could not go to school much to her regret. She coughs hard. Went to church in the evening. Wrote to Helen R. also to the Audubon's Society.

Tuesday, January 18, 1887

Again the black flag floats and the thermometer marks 6°. The cold wave has come and the clouds have gone by leaving it bright and snow clear and cold. I have been home all day and busy as usual.

Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Wells were here before dinner and Mrs. Hattie Johnson in the afternoon, also Jennie Greene for a little while. I could not go to church in the evening so Margaret could spare the evening from her lessons and I wanted her to go.

Wednesday, January 19, 1887

Weather windy all the forenoon, Ruth came to wash and I got ready to go out. After dinner went to see Miss Mary Damarin then Mrs. Draper, spent a half hour in Miss Ball's school then went to Mrs. Duke's, did not find her at home, saw Maggie Peebles and Mrs. Geo. Johnson at their homes then I came home. Went to church and upon my return found Ma waiting for me to go over and sit up with Mary who is much worse again.

Thursday, January 20, 1887

Mary was very sick all night so I could not lie down at all. Dr. Ellis sat up until after 12 then I stayed alone with Mary until 7 o'clock this AM. Came home and slept about two hours. Was back and forth several times today. Our Lizzie is not at all well and today we called Dr. Kline in to see what her condition really is. In the afternoon I did some writing and a little mending. Ruth is staying a few days with us as I am needed over home so much.

Friday, January 21, 1887

Weather mild and cloudy but the signal service predicts another cold wave. I had a good night's sleep and found Mary much better when I went over to see her this morning. Mrs. Duduit spent the day with her so I had time for some mending at home and some errands abroad. Was at Mrs. Kline's and Mrs. Duke's before dinner then to Miss Emma Bell's + Clara Miler's. Called to see Mrs. Westervelt after dinner. Maggie Silcox was here. The others went to church + I stayed with the children.

Saturday, January 22, 1887

Weather mild and bright but still quite damp. Was busy as usual all morning and after dinner I went to see Mrs. Pursell a few minutes, then to Mrs. Kline's where the officers elect of the W. R. C. met on business. Went to prayer meeting at our church. Afterwards I went home with Maggie Peebles for a little while. I find there is much to be done in the work I have undertaken for the year.

Sunday, January 23, 1887

Rainy and unpleasant. I hurried to get ready for church this morning as the Communion service was to be held at 11 AM instead of 3 PM as formerly. Lizzie was unable to go, so was sister Mary so L. went over to stay with her Auntie and wait upon her. There were new members received. In the evening I went again and Mr. Blackburn preached the seventh sermon on the Prodigal Son.

Monday, January 24, 1887

Weather pleasant. Very mild for the season. The pussy-willow is budding out rapidly. I was occupied with my usual work until after dinner when I saw down to do a little mending. Mrs. Connolley called to inquire about Mary Moore. I took a little work and went over home after she left, saw Jennie and Mrs. Warner there. After 4 o'clock I went to see Mary Damarin + Mrs. Selby then to Mr. Miller's to have some Audubon certificates signed. Church in the evening.

Tuesday, January 25, 1887

Beautiful day but it grew quite windy towards night. Was busy at home all morning except during a half hour I spent with Mary. Lizzie went to school today as the weather was pleasant and Dr. says to let her go out when the weather is suitable. She began taking Cod-Liver oil and I hope she will do as well on it as May did. I went to inquire about Grace Helfenstein, then to see Kate Reilly, Mrs. Simmonds, Jennie Greene, Mrs. Huber, Alice Terry, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Hard and Mrs. Selby. Did not go to church.

Wednesday, January 26, 1887

Bright and pleasant.

Ruth did not come today but I was busy as could be all day. Have to spend every minute I can over home with Mary.

Aunt Mary Sam will stay also but she will sleep unless Mary needs extra attention. Jennie stayed last night and until after church time this evening.

Thursday, January 27, 1887

Weather mild with indications of rain but none came today as Ruth was here to wash and iron. After dinner I went over home to stay with Mary, took Lizzie and Ma said if I left her all night she would try the effect of some little blisters on her as they seem to help Mary very much. L. was delighted, the blisters have no terror for her, she thinks it will be nice to be treated like her Aunt Mary.

Friday, January 28, 1887

Rainy and dreary.

Bart and Jenni went to Lanesville today to attend the funeral of Belle Greene who died yesterday after years of suffering. It is a happy release for Belle.

Mary is a little better we think, she is better during the day but cannot get through a night without one or more coughing spells and spells of great exhaustion. I cannot go to church much as I should like to do so. Uncle Jimmie was here to supper.

Saturday, January 29, 1887

Lovely bright day. I was very busy all the forenoon but had three callers on business, Mrs. Wells, Miss McNaughton + Bessie Hall were here before dinner. After I was through with my work in the afternoon I went over home and sat with Mary. Later I went to see Mrs. Kline a few minutes then came home, got supper and went to spend the

night with Mary who still needs close watching. Our Lizzie coughs yet but I hope is improving. Mrs. Tewksbury called.

Sunday, January 30, 1887

Bright and clear but quite muddy, as I sat up all night with Mary I could not go to church. Did not sleep any during the day but did the work as usual and went to bed early. Mary had the best night that she has had since this attack began and we feel quite encouraged now but Dr. Ellis will stay there all night as she has been doing but she expects to sleep all night unless M. grows much worse.

Monday, January 31, 1887

Beautiful day, sunshine and no wind. Have been very busy all day. Sent word to Mrs. Kline that I could not attend the W. R. C. meeting this afternoon as I must spend all the time I can with sister Mary. She is much better today but not able to be up at all. They got a girl this evening and I hope she will prove good and stay for Ma needs help very much, I was over home with Mary most of the afternoon.

Tuesday, February 1, 1887

Another bright beautiful day. The pussy-willow is budding quite rapidly and it seems quite spring-like.

Maggie Silcox was here this morning to tell me about the W. R. C. meeting held yesterday afternoon. In the evening I went to see Mary Damarin, Mrs. Draper, Therza Spry + Kate Crichton, it was very damp before I got home.

Wednesday, February 2, 1887

Rain began falling about 9 o'clock last evening and continued hard and steadily after we went to bed.

Ruth washed notwithstanding the rain, drying the clothes in the house. Went over home in the afternoon to sit awhile with Mary, she is still unable to sit up. The traditional ground-hog could not see his shadow in this part of the country today and if the old sign holds good our winter is nearly over.

Thursday, February 3, 1887

Rained nearly all day and Dr. Colton who has kept record. Miss Emma was here after dinner and after 4 o'clock. I went to see Maggie + Mary Peebles, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Selby + Mrs. Kline, also saw Maggie Silcox a few minutes.

Friday, February 4, 1887

Rained more or less all day and the river still rises. The boat went down today but must soon stop unless the water abates. I was over to sit awhile with Mary late in the afternoon. Went to church in the evening, the first time for quite a while. Had letters from Mother Ricker and Mr. Warner and answered the former. Lizzie went to school this afternoon but it grew raw and cold again before the night.

Saturday, February 5, 1887

Very damp and cloudy, snow on the ground in the morning but it soon melted away and the indications are high for more wet weather and high water. River reached the 51, 8 inches mark and many fear another flood. This week in 1883+4 the water was rising rapidly. Enos came on the late train last night and called to see us while we were at breakfast. Mary had a very good night's rest but is improving very slowly. We heard today that Dr. Kline had had a hemorrhage this week.

Sunday, February 6, 1887

A mild day.

Was home most of the day, went to see Mary two or three times, she seems better, or did until late in the evening.

Went to church in the evening and heard the 9th and closing sermon on the Prodigal Son. It was just what I needed to hear and I want to profit by it. River began receding slowly last night some time, a few more inches would have stopped the Water Works.

Monday, February 7, 1887

A beautiful day, mild and spring-like.

Lizzie went to school again today, she has been out ever since the holidays excepts for a few days. I attended the meeting of the W. R. C. this afternoon and was installed Pres't of the corps. Mrs. Ewing was Installing Officer after all as Mrs. Kline could not be present owing to the Dr.'s illness. He cares some for California and she stands in as much of the trip she only both cannot well go and he must. Enos went to Va. The Peebles girls left for California.

Tuesday, February 8, 1887

Beautiful day until about 3 o'clock PM when it began to rain hard. I was over home with my work but came home and went to school with umbrellas and got Carl excused to take things to the older children at the High School.

Mary Bertzer Reinhardt brought her niece to us to see of some of us did not want a young girl to keep for training, board + clothes. Went to see Mrs. Smith a little before supper.

Wednesday, February 9, 1887

Rainy in the forenoon but cleared up in time for the clothes to dry out of doors. Mary Anne, niece of Mary Reinhardt came according to promise this morning and will stay awhile with us. She needs a home and I need help and we may suit each other well enough to make a permanent arrangement. I went to see Mrs. Floyd Smith late in the afternoon and took her Chloe Lankton's life to read, also a letter she wrote Mary a year or two ago and the photo of herself which she sent. Went to church.

Thursday, February 10, 1887

Bright and mild, damp underfoot. Sister Mary not quite so well last night but quite bright today.

Maggie Silcox was here in the afternoon, also Dora Hard but I had gone out so did not see her. Called upon Mrs. Emanuel Miller and Mrs. Dr. Corton. Am trying to secure 20 subscribers to the church Magazine. Had a letter from Mother Ricker, wrote to Lizzie.

Friday, February 11, 1887

Bright but cold and raw.

Was busy at home all the forenoon and in the afternoon I went to Mrs. Silcox's to meet her and Miss Hard and attend to starting the new year's work in the W. R. C. From there I went to Mrs. Kline's to see the Dr. and inquire about him. We fell very sorry that his health is breaking so and hope that his trip to California may restore him completely.

Went to church in the evening. Called upon Miss Murphy, Mrs. Blackburn's sister.

Saturday, February 12, 1887

A bright pleasant day and not very cold.

On this date in 1883 and 1884 the floods had reached their highest point. It was singular that the culmination came on the same date each time but so it was. Had the rains continued last week we might have had a repetition of the calamity. Ma went to Henley today to see Lizzie and found her very well. They have had very high water on Brush Creek.

Sunday, February 13, 1887

Rainy again. I went to church this morning as the little girl though she could do all that was necessary for dinner. We had lessons in the afternoon as usual. No service in the evening owing to Gospel Temperance meeting at the Palais Rink conducted by Mr. Thos. Murphy. I did not go as Margaret could go this evening and not tomorrow.

Monday, February 14, 1887

Icy and rainy. Went up to see Jennie's sick children in the morning, three of the have colds. On my way home stopped and paid Dr. Dennis what remained on the account due him, 9.00 in all. Went to the Temperance meeting in the evening and heard Mr. Thos. E. Murphy, son of Francis Murphy. Rink leaked badly and it was very unfavorable for the meeting still Miss Emma came to see me about Uncle Wood's birthday.

Tuesday, February 15, 1887

Wet and disagreeable though it has not rained so hard as yesterday. After our breakfast I went over home and prepared Mary's breakfast for her. She seems much better and hopes to be up tomorrow. This is Margaret Louise Peebles birthday, tow years old. I sent a letter to Lizzie. Jennie's Virginia is quite sick with fever.

Mrs. Evans was here this AM and in the afternoon Mrs. Spry and Miss Emma Bell were here. I did not go out after supper.

Wednesday, February 16, 1887

Bright and pleasant. As the ladies decided to give Uncle Jimmie's birthday party at our house we have been busy all day preparing for them, sweeping, dusting washing dishes and so on. He is not to know anything about it until he comes tomorrow evening. We went to prayer meeting which only lasted 1/2 hour then most of the congregation went to Monarch Rink to hear Thos. E. Murphy. His brother Wm. Was present and made his first little speech in public.

Thursday, February 17, 1887

Pleasant until about dark when it began raining. Uncle Jimmie Wood is 73 years old today and the ladies of the 1st Pres. ch. planned a little birthday surprise for him. Invited the church officers with their wives and all the oldest members of the church, about 74 in all and after dinner they came with their aprons and well filled baskets and prepared their supper. It was excellent and the guests had a most delightful time. I will give a more detailed account elsewhere.

Friday, February 18, 1887

Rainy and sunshiny by turns today, real April weather only colder. Ruth came to wash and managed to dry clothes in time to iron them before going home. Ma and I went to say goodbye to Dr. Kline who leaves Monday for Cal. From there we went to prayer meeting and found eight others present including minister and sexton.

Saturday, February 19, 1887

Bright and pleasant, though a little cool. We swept out the last tracks of the party today, was too tired to do it yesterday. In the afternoon J. W. took Lizzie to Dr. Kline to have her ears examined as she is hard of hearing lately. In the evening we took tea at Dr. Dennis' with Dr. Kline + family, Prof Lowes + wife, Mr. Work and wife. Had a pleasant evening. Found Mary with a fever + headache when we came home.

Sunday, February 20, 1887

Rainy and disagreeable. I went to church in the forenoon as the evening service was omitted owing to the Gospel Temperance Meeting at the Rink. Those meetings closed today, there being one at 3 PM, largely attended and in the evening it was estimated that 2000 poeople were present. I did not go today, knowing that crowds would be present and my room was more needed than my company. It snowed a little this AM.

Monday, February 21, 1887

Cloudy and unpleasant. Both the little girls are out of school with severe colds. Will went back this morning after an absence of 2 1/2 days/ Sister Mary is better but improves slowly. I was out awhile this afternoon, went to see Maggie Silcox. Dr. Kline left on the noon train for Cin. on his way to California. Mrs. K + the children went to the city with him.

Tuesday, February 22, 1887

Bright and pleasant for the season.

Enos came back from his trip to Va this AM. I was over home after tea with a letter from Lizzie and we decided that Ma had better go out for a day or two. The children had a quarter holiday as it is Washington's birthday. They do not get a whole one on this occasion. Uncle Jimmie is sick + Ma + I went up to see him.

Wednesday, February 23, 1887

A very rainy day, it continued so all day. Ruth washed, and dried the clothes in the house. Ma went to Henley on the noon train and I went over to sit with Mary in the afternoon. Went to prayer meeting in the evening and Margaret stayed all night with Mary. Was

Thursday, February 24, 1887

Quite damp underfoot and the river is rising again. It can hardly keep within limits. I have had a tiresome day, there was ironing to finish and many steps to be taken so when night came I was very tired. Have received cards to Ida Cragg's wedding Mch 3. She marries Mr. Chatterton. Went up to Jennie's and out to see Mrs. Kline who has returned from seeing the Dr. off for California.

Friday, February 25, 1887

Raw and disagreeable. Had set apart today for a general mending but at noon Jennie sent for me to make calls that I had promised with her, so I went. We called at Mrs. Tewksbury's, Mrs. J. E. Jones', Mrs. Drew's, Mrs. Stearnes'. Mrs. Evans', Mrs. Gates'. Mrs. Fulton's and Mister Murray's. I went to prayer meeting in the evening. Am taking a bad cold again. Ma came home from Henley.

Saturday, February 26, 1887

Rainy and unpleasant. Went over home awhile to see Mary who improves a little all the time and now sits up part of the day. Have been doing some mending for J. W. Enos came over after supper and we made candy and cracked nuts. He is fond of butter butts and has had node for a long time.

Sunday, February 27, 1887

A real winter day, cloudy and bright by turned with flurries of snow all day and a keen wind. I did not go out because of my bad cold which would have improved faster could I have gone to bed and stayed there awhile. I did not go over home as I usually do. The little girls were at home all day but the others went to S. S. and church.

Monday, February 28, 1887

Clear and pleasant but still cold. Ther at 20° this morning. The little girls went to school today, after a long stay at home. Carrie Stearnes and Sadie Jones were here. Also Mary Reinhardt, Anne's aunt. Wrote to Lizzie, also to Maggie Bell acknowledging the receipt to Ida's wedding cards. We are doing what we can to prepare for J. W.'s trip to Dakota next week. He expects now to go for the season to raise wheat.

Tuesday, March 1, 1887

A very pleasant day. Was quite busy all day with the mending which must be done and as Mary Bengleim is not going to stay with us I shall not have much time for sewing. She is a very capable little girl but she and I cannot agree upon the terms for her service so she will try elsewhere and I shall do without as I did before.

Wednesday, March 2, 1887

We heard this morning that Lizzie has another son, Robert, the call him arrived last evening and Ma went out today to call upon them.

Josie Murfin was here just before dinner to make some inquiries about the Murphys who held the Temperance meetings at the Rink last month. I was over home and saw Jennie who is spending the day with Mary since Ma left. Did not go to church.

Beautiful day.

Mary Bengleim left.

Thursday, March 3, 1887

Ma came back from Henley and Jennie went out to stay over Sabbath with Lizzie and the new boy.

This is Ida Cragg's wedding day, we cannot do more than wish her well though we would like to manifest our interest in the occasion more substantially. When we were married three of her cousins came from Louisville to our wedding.

Friday, March 4, 1887

Unpleasant. We have had an unusual number of rainy days this winter and it seems hard work for the river to keep within bounds. I am busy mending and putting in order Jimmie's clothes, summer and winter as he expects to be gone all summer. I did not go to church this evening, Jimmie was sick with cold and face ache and I did not go.

Saturday, March 5, 1887

Have been at home and so busy all day that I did not take time to go over home except for a moment to see how Mary was and got a little thread for the mending I had to do. It was a wet day though it did not rain all the time. I went to see Miss Emma Bell before I had supper. She was hurt last Sabbath, fell on the stairs and sprained her foot.

Sunday, March 6, 1887

Rainy most of the day.

I was not out until time for evening service. The children all went to S. S., and morning service with their father.

Uncle Jimmie took dinner and tea with us, he seldom comes more than once a day. Will went to church in the evening. Mr. Blackburn preached from Eccl. "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity saith the preacher." Mrs. Col. Peter Kinney was found dead in her home last evening + it is thought she died Friday evening some time.

Monday, March 7, 1887

Rainy in the forenoon but pleasant later in the day. Jimmie has been doing what he could to prepare for his trip. I dread to think of his going and yet do not see that he can do otherwise. I had to spend the afternoon at the W. R. C. meeting as it was the first regular meeting since I was made president. Stopped to see Miss Emma Bell who is laid up with a badly sprained foot. Jennie came home from Henley but I did not see her.

Tuesday, March 8, 1887

Beautiful bright spring day. Fires low, doors and windows open. We arose early to pack J. W.'s trunk prepare his lunch and help him get ready for the 10:30 train on S. V. R. R. He left at that time for Dakota expecting to stay all summer. We intend trying to do without help while he is gone and it seems a great undertaking. Will has been learning to milk and will have two cows + a calf to care for. Mr. Vincent bought Mollie and we all felt sorry to see her go, though glad to have her in such good hands.

Wednesday, March 9, 1887

Cloudy but did not rain. Ruth washed + ironed. After dinner Ma + I drove up to the Bayner's and she bought a cow. Mrs. Miller called while I was out. Clara was here later to see me on Corps business. Went to church + took the magazines to distribute. Went to Mrs. Warner's after wards then stopped at Uncle Enos' a few minutes.

Thursday, March 10, 1887

Lovely day but a little cool. Was busy all the forenoon with the morning work and finishing the ironing. After dinner I went to pay some bills for which J. W. left money. Called at Mrs. Lynn's + got her subscription for the church magazine.

Was over home a few minutes then went out to see Maggie Silcox on business.

Friday, March 11, 1887

Pleasant. Jennie and Barton have been married twelve years today and Father + Mother helped them celebrate the day by dining with them. I might have been with them had I been able to leave the children.

Margaret + I went to prayer meeting this evening and Enos walked home with us then made a little visit. Had a postal from J. W. from Chicago.

Saturday, March 12, 1887

Beautiful day and quite warm. I was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner attended a called meeting of the W. R. C. Maggie Silcox came here and we went together.

Was over home a few minutes before tea.

After tea I went to Mrs. Miller's to take some pledges and a book to Prof. Miller. Clara + Minnie came home with me and watched me church, it took only six minutes.

Sunday, March 13, 1887

A beautiful day, bright and pleasant until late in the afternoon when it turned cold. Uncle Jimmie was here to dinner and tea. The five children went to Sabbath School + church in the evening and I went with Will in the evening.

Monday, March 14, 1887

Freezing cold again with snow on the ground. A very great and sudden change since yesterday. Have been at home all day and so busy that I did not even get over to see Mary. She is now able to go downstairs occasionally. Had two letters from J. W. from Fargo. He had not yet reached his destination. I cut out a pair of jeans pants for Will today. Sent five more names, or rather ordered five more copies of the magazine.

Tuesday, March 15, 1887

Still quite cold, though not so cold as yesterday. The peach buds on some trees show the pink color + I fear the fruit will be killed. I put the children's dinner on the table then went over home and ate turkey with the home folks. Sewed on Will's pants after dinner. Maggie Silcox, Mrs. McCall and Mary Murphy were in during the afternoon. I wrote to J. W. in the evening.

Wednesday, March 16, 1887

Bright. Ruth came as usual and we had a busy day. Just before tea I went out to Mrs. Silcox's to take some blanks which came today. I cut out and began a pair of jeans pants for Will yesterday but I did not do much at them. Today I went over home to run them upon their machine as it does not object to heavy work. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, March 17, 1887

Quite clear and cold and by evening it was real winter weather. Miss Hard sent me word to meet her at Mrs. Silcox's this evening. Mrs. S., was here before supper to get a key and before I was done the dishes they came together for me so I went with them to G. A. R. Hall after some papers then to Mrs. Silcox's where we made out the Quarterly Reports to be sent the W. R. C. Headquarters.

Friday, March 18, 1887

Bright through the day but cold and windy this evening. Have tried to sew a little on pants for Will but make slow progress. There is mending and other duties pressing so I get little time for new work. Carl and I went to prayer meeting. May came from school feeling badly and looking as though she had a cold. When I came from church she had fever which continued all night. Have had letters from J. W. from Fargo but not the farm yet.

Saturday, March 19, 1887

Quite bright but rather cool. The fire alarm sounded this forenoon and Carl went to see where the fire was. Found quite a start for a big fire at Mr. Ben Ball's house on 2nd street. Part of the roof was burned off.

Will has been changing the stable today and has had a hard day's work. Put a new floor in one stall then put the little cow in it. The weather turned very cold in the afternoon. I shivered all evening.

Sunday, March 20, 1887

Pleasant for the season. Was not out in the morning of course but went to church in the evening, Will and I.

May has not been well since Friday but Margaret was at home awhile and saw Bessie Hall there, she called to see how Mary was.

Monday, March 21, 1887

The day has been a busy one but I have not done much that can be remembered. A lady called this afternoon in search of boarding but I find my hands full with what I now am trying to do. She wants to locate here and start a Woman's Exchange and Employment Office, something that might be successful I think.

I was over home a few minutes and afterwards went to see Mrs. Warner and Miss Emma, then did an errand at the store before supper.

Tuesday, March 22, 1887

Pleasant as May. We had a fine turkey for dinner, a present from the home folks and as it came from the oven "done to a turn" I sent for Enos and he shared it with us and made his maiden effort at carving. May was in bed and not able to eat with us but I gave her a few tiny bites with her milk.

We have had no doctor for her though she has been real sick.

Wednesday, March 23, 1887

When I got up this morning May said she was better and would go to school as it was Exhibition day but while we were at breakfast she broke out with measles so it was decided that she would remain in bed. Lizzie went up and got Uncle Jimmie Wood to come and dine with us and go with her to school. Ma also went with her and as she had no dress for the occasion she wore Margaret's outgrown blue silk and was as happy as she will ever be in all her life.

Thursday, March 24, 1887

Quite bright but windy.

Ruth came over this morning to finish the ironing as I had all I could do without that. May gets along well but it takes some time to attend to her wants even though she is good. She has had rather a hard time this winter with diphtheria, colds and finally measles.

Mr. Ben Ball was shot by a boy today, the result of a quarrel between his son and the boy over a bon fire I think. Mr. B. was just Father R's age.

I could not attend Mrs. Tewksbury's Reception.

Friday, March 25, 1887

Bright and pleasant for the season. This is the closing day of school and I was sorry to miss the exercises but could not possibly go as May is still in bed with measles. Will has been very much interested in his preparation for the Latin play to be given by Prof. Sparks' class. Margaret has no part in the exercises this year. None of us went to prayer meeting in the evening. Mrs. Lloyd and Nettie called. The latter recently returned from London.

Saturday, March 26, 1887

Bright and pleasant.

Margaret went to Henley to spend her vacation and see the new cousin. May is better but not yet well enough to be up.

I have been so busy that I did not go out anywhere except to do an errand over home. May coughs very hard. I wrote a letter to Lizzie to send by Margaret, also sent one to Mother Ricker and Will sent a large envelope full of letters to his father. Finished Will's pants.

Sunday, March 27, 1887

Quite cool though bright. I was not out anywhere today. Late in the afternoon it rains some.

This was the day set for a Memorial for Dr. Pratt as it is nearest the date of his death. He died March 29th 1886 and a collection was taken for some kind of monument in his memory. The boys represented our family at church. Lizzie was sent home from S. S. because May has measles. May was up today.

Monday, March 28, 1887

Cloudy, rained in the night and has been trying to snow a little all day. Had a long, and very cheerful day, letter from J. W. Mrs. Lowes called this afternoon.

This is the children's vacation weeks, and unpleasant weather as it usually is at this season. March came in as a lamb and goes out fairly roaring like a Lion. Had letters from Lizzie and Margaret.

Tuesday, March 29, 1887

Thermometer registers 17° this morning, it seemed like real winter but was bright and clear all day. Cut out pants for Carl. The boys are so helpful and good about the work. Will does all the milking + stable work and Carl attends to the coal, kindling, fires, washes or dries dishes and helps in many ways. Our children are treasures, every one of them.

May is getting over the measles nicely. Jennie came to the kitchen but feared to venture nearer.

Wednesday, March 30, 1887

Damp and unpleasant though there was enough sunshine and wind to dry the clothes. I have been busy sewing on Carl's pants all the spare moments I could get.

Such work goes on very slowly in my hands at this time. In the evening Uncle Jimmie came to tea and I went with him to church. Heard Miss White deliver a good Temperance lecture after prayer meeting.

Thursday, March 31, 1887

Two or three inches of snow on the ground this morning though it was not so cold as yesterday. I hurried all the forenoon in order to get ready to attend a Temperance Meeting at our church. Miss Narcissa White talks awhile to the ladies the helped them reorganize the society which has existed here since the Temperance Crusade 13 years ago but had grown very small + weak. I made a few calls afterwards on business errands. Letters from J. W. Wrote to Maggie Bell.

Friday, April 1, 1887

Bright and the snow has disappeared except in shaded spots. Very wet and unpleasant underfoot.

Have been at home all day and very busy. Had letter from Mother Ricker which I answered, also wrote J. W. Almost finished Carl's pants. Did not go to church this evening, was sorry not to do so.

Saturday, April 2, 1887

Bright and pleasant. Was busy all the forenoon and until late in the afternoon. Margaret came back from Henley at 2:30 pm. I finished off Carl's pants and he put them on immediately. Was over home a little while, then went to see Mrs. Nichols + Mrs. Gilbert about getting cream Saturday. Went to see Miss Emma while I was out, did an errand at Mrs. Spry's and Mrs. Murphy's. After supper Margaret + I went to see Mrs. Silcox about W. R. C. business.

Sunday, April 3, 1887

Pleasant. Was not out anywhere today. Could not go in the morning and in the evening Mary did not seem well so I could not leave her. She has been recovering from measles very nicely but must be watched carefully. Pa came over this afternoon and after tea Uncle Sam came in for a few minutes.

Monday, April 4, 1887

Rainy in the morning but it cleared off after dinner. The little girls are neither of them well enough to go to school but the three older ones began again this morning after a week's vacation. I attended the regular meeting of the W. R. C. this afternoon, did an errand or two and came home. Had a letter from J. W. and wrote one after bed time.

Tuesday, April 5, 1887

Beautiful day. Have been at home and busy with little to show for it.

Jennie was here before dinner, Clara Pursell the afternoon and Dell Ramsey after tea. My call over home was very brief. Sister Mary still improves and May is better though not yet well.

Wednesday, April 6, 1887

Ruth came as usual and did the washing + ironing. I went to church in the evening and remained to the elections of Trustees. The same board was re-elected, their report was good, church out of debt, insurance paid for three years and 200 in the treasury. Not a large sum but it is on the right side.

Thursday, April 7, 1887

Weather quite pleasant. The days go gliding by and I can hardly tell what is done at the close of one. Every morning I am busy with the housework and this afternoon I expected to fix Margaret's dress but Pink Holmes came in and said she would stay with the children and let me go to the Temperance meeting at our church. I went to church in the evening, an extra service preparatory to Communion next Sabbath.

Had a long letter from J. W.

Friday, April 8, 1887

Pleasant. Busy as usual and cannot accomplish all that is waiting for me. Margaret + Will went to prayer meeting this evening so I remained at home and attended to some matters that had to be done. Wrote to Mother Ricker and Jimmie.

Saturday, April 9, 1887

A beautiful day and quite like summer. We have had a variety of occupations and interruptions today. The tank sprung a leak which Enos came and fixed. Will went the High School under Prof. Sparks' management and had a grand game of Hare + Hounds. Mary, Margaret + I prepared a lunch which M. + Jennie took to the goal as a surprise to the boys. After dinner Will went to Wheelersburg after a horse + Pa + I drove down to Pond Run to see the Stave Mill.

Sunday, April 10, 1887

Beautiful spring day. As we had Communion service in the forenoon. I arranged to go and get dinner after our return. The service was largely attended and two members were received. I went again in the evening and took Carl and May. Lizzie had gone with Uncle Jimmie and the two older ones went to the Episcopal church.

Monday, April 11, 1887

Beautiful day. Before the breakfast dishes were washed Miss Dyas came again to beg me to reconsider my answer to her and allow her to rent our front room upstairs for two weeks if no longer so I finally did so and she paid me 2.00 in advance then sent her trunk. After dinner Mary + I spent the afternoon doing errands, the principal being seeing after pasture. This is Mary Warner's birthday. Pa had a load of things brought up from the mill. I wrote two letters tonight. Ma went to Henley. Margaret left school today noon for a while on account of her eyes.

Tuesday, April 12, 1887

A lovely bright day, fruit trees blooming and it seems like summer. I had a man take out the oleanders and clean up the yard a little. Mary + I went out to Mr. Renshaw's to inquire about pasture. Have done a great deal of talking on the subject lately and am still unsettled though I closed a bargain with Mrs. Lodwick for three cows, Ma's + Jennie's. Ma came home from Henley this afternoon.

Wednesday, April 13, 1887

Beautiful day which Ruth improved by doing the washing and ironing. The days go flying past and I can scarcely see what has been done still I am busy as a bee all the time. Went to church in the evening and Miss Dyas accompanied me. Mr. Blackburn is away at Presbytery still there was a very good attendance.

Thursday, April 14, 1887

Quite pleasant. Was busy as could be until late in the afternoon when I went to attend to some errands and while out stopped at the Temperance meeting a little while. After tea I went to see Mrs. Helfenstein on W. R. C. meeting business. The usual letter from Jimmie did not come this evening and we have had none this week. Presume he is busy. Ma and I called upon Mrs. Jno Miller this evening. I wanted to see Clara.

Friday, April 15, 1887

One of the windiest, dustiest most unpleasant days that I remember.

I was out awhile with Jennie in the buggy looking at hats and bonnets. Hardly felt that I had the time to spare but she wanted me to go so I went. After dinner I sewed awhile on a jacket for Margaret but it is not finished. After tea I went to see Dr. McClure about M's eyes, met + talked with Prof. Sparks also about her.

Saturday, April 16, 1887

Cloudy and a little coo so that we could work in the yard comfortably. Will put the stable in order in the forenoon. I was busy all day and did not go anywhere. Jennie's children spent the afternoon here.

Missed writing to Mother Ricker this week, it is very seldom that I am too busy or sick to send her a letter. Had a small private flood in the kitchen this AM. The tank burst in the night and I found the floor flooded this morning.

Sunday, April 17, 1887

A cold rain was falling when we arose this AM and it continued nearly all day. Margaret's eye was so painful that she remained at home all day. I went to church in the morning but not in the evening as I was reading the story of Joseph to the children and they did not want me to stop. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea as usual.

Monday, April 18, 1887

Wet and cold. Rained most of the day and fires are just as necessary as in winter. Was busy at home all day or rather until 4 o'clock when I went to do some errands. Called at Miss Dyas' office, the P. O. Mr. Ewing's where I bought a pitcher and wooden

spoons to replace one I broke, one I had bought many years ago. Called to see Mrs. Draper and Miss Emma Bell. Margaret was at home this afternoon, the first time she has been absent from school this year.

Tuesday, April 19, 1887

Bright and pleasant. Barton was here on an errand and asked me if I would go with him to lecture, Jennie cannot go and he has two tickets. He also promised to do an errand at the Bank which I was just going to see after when he came. Margaret is still out of school with her eye and I feel she will lose considerable time. Lizzie is better of her deafness. The rest all well.

Wednesday, April 20, 1887

Ruth had a good day for drying the clothes and she got through in good time. Somehow I have been very busy yet do not accomplish much. Jennie was here a few minutes today after dinner. I was busy upstairs when she came. Went to church in the evening though I was too tired to do so very comfortably.

Thursday, April 21, 1887

Pleasant during the day. Barton was here on an errand and asked if I thought I could go hear Gen'l Len Wallace's lecture on Turkey + the Turk. I wanted to hear him and accepted Barton's invitation for the evening. There was a good large audience and the Young Ladies Mission Band must have made some money though the Lecturer charged 100.00. Began raining as we came home.

Friday, April 22, 1887

Unusually stormy all day. In the morning it was so black and threatening, and the rain so heavy that I kept the girls at home. About 11 o'clock Mr. Ewing came to see of Mrs. E. was here. She had gone away and no one knew where she was. After dinner I went to inquire at the store and found she had just gone home after being out about six hours in the storm. I also went to Mr5. Blackburn's and Miss Emma's while out.

Saturday, April 23, 1887

Bright and pleasant after the hard rain of yesterday. I swept and dusted upstairs and down until I was all tired out. Miss Dyas being away all day gave me a good opportunity to put her room in order. Late in the afternoon I found I had to go down street again to see about the pasture then out to see Mrs. Kline on Corps business. That pasture has given me a great deal of trouble.

Sunday, April 24, 1887

Rain and hail in the surrounding country has made it quite cool here. My winter clothes + wrap were very comfortable. Margaret could not go out so I went both morning and evening though in the evening I felt much more like going to bed.

Was over home awhile in the afternoon and Uncle Jimmie came to tea as usual.

Monday, April 25, 1887

Very pleasant day. I had intended trying to sew but was hindered in various ways. Stopped the morning work to trim Margaret's hat so she could do some errands for me. Then a man came after the potatoes and I had to stop other work to rub the sprouts off so they would look better. After dinner I took my work over home but could not do much. Sewing is very slow work when mixed in with so many other things.

Tuesday, April 26, 1887

Bright but rather windy. Will hurt his hand last night and I poultice it but his morning it was so very painful and the cinder still in it, that he could not use the hand, milked both cows with his right hand and then spent the rest of the day trying to get the cinder out. I became a little uneasy at supper time + was going after a doctor when he succeeded in taking it out himself. Mrs. Frank Johnson was here.

Wednesday, April 27, 1887

Beautiful day. Ruth came to wash as usual and I was busy all day. Tried to do something at Margaret's jacket but there was not much I could do until Miss Boyer altered the fit of it a little. Went to the store for a hood lining which afterwards had to be changed. Did not go to church, was so tired I was nearly sick so I went to bed at 7:30. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, April 28, 1887

Stormy all day with a few gleams of sunshine between heavy showers. Ruth came to finish the ironing and after that washed the parlor curtains. I was very busy all day and missed the Temperance meeting much as I wanted to go. Had a letter from J. W. written Monday. Weather still cold in Dakota though they have seeded one section.

Wrote to him today.

Friday, April 29, 1887

Hurried through the work and took up Margaret's jacket which I worked at until it was finished. She like it very much which is a satisfaction after all the time that has been spent on it.

Went to prayer meeting.

Saturday, April 30, 1887

Warm. Was busy as usual all the forenoon and was in the midst of baking cake after dinner when Mary came with the buggy and wanted me to go rising. I sent her off until I could get ready + just at that time Mrs. Evans came in. After her call I went with Mary up to see Jennie then she + I came home together. Mrs. Duke called later in the evening and lastly Grace Young came in to wait until the Library was open so I had several calls.

Sunday, May 1, 1887

A pleasant day which was spent in much the same way as usual. Church in the morning, lessons and reading after dinner and then church again in the evening. Uncle Jimmie came and took the little girls to the Temperance meeting. Took tea with us and then he + Lizzie went to prayer meeting. I went later, Carl and I, and sat with Ma.

Monday, May 2, 1887

Quite warm. Had a busy forenoon and as soon as dinner was over I started to the Corps meeting. Went to the High School first on an errand. The hall has just been carpeted and some screens + curtains put over the gallery railing which greatly improves the look of the Hall.

Had a letter from Mother Ricker, also one from Jimmie.

Miss Ryan went to Ma's to do a little sewing before coming here.

Tuesday, May 3, 1887

Weather pleasant but growing quite warm. The usual duties occupied most of the day. Wrote to J. W. + Mother Ricker. Late in the afternoon I was out on business then called to see Mrs. Kline awhile. The Dr. is doing well she says but she feels very much concerned about him all the time.

Wrote to Mrs. Bagley the new Pres't of the W. R. C. Miss Dyas moved to another boarding place today.

Wednesday, May 4, 1887

Quite warm and depressing. Ruth washed and ironed and I did the usual work then ripped my gray dress skirt to wash it and have it ready when Miss Ryan comes. Was down street in the morning, had to see after the pasture again and while made a call upon Mrs. Dennis.

Went to church in the evening, Margaret + I. Wrote to J. W.

Thursday, May 5, 1887

Warm. Late in the day we had a hard shower, during which I set out some tomato plants which had been sent in from Henley. Was busy at home all forenoon and in the afternoon attended the W. C. T. U. meeting at the Reading Rooms, elected as Secretary Pro. term. and was elected Supt. Of Narcotic Department. Jennie was here a little while. Father + Mother Ricker were married May 5th 1840, so this is their 47th anniversary.

Friday, May 6, 1887

Rained hard last evening and had some showers today so it has been quite cool and pleasant. I swept nearly all the house today and Margaret dusted and prepared some things for tea. She had Mabel Russell here to tea with her. We went to prayer meeting, Uncle Jimmie and I, he came in just while we were at supper.

Saturday, May 7, 1887

Quite pleasant. Will and Carl spent the forenoon in the woods with Charlie Murphy hunting for flowers.

I was so tired from sweeping that I could not do much today. Miss Murphy was here twice on an errand and Miss Dyas came to get some cream.

May Pursell spent the afternoon with the little girls.

Sunday, May 8, 1887

A lovely day. Was out to church twice as Margaret could not go out at all. Mr. Blackburn preached two good sermons. After night service Will and I remained and got some of the lovely white flowers from the pulpit decorations. Mrs. Helfenstein was very generous with them. The children said Miss Emma Bell was at S. S. today, the first time since her accident which was in Feb I think.

Monday, May 9, 1887

Beautiful day, cool and clear after the late rain. Miss Ryan came this morning and we began sewing for Margaret. Have altered a black dress for her and nearly made a blue calico. Mrs. Frank Kehoe and Miss Beyerly called this evening.

Wrote to J. W. as usual this morning. Had a short note from Lizzie who is still sick in bed, has been sick now for more than two months.

Tuesday, May 10, 1887

Warm. Sewed as much as I could while attempting to do other work.

Miss Ryan cannot use my machine so I do all the stitching. I was busy all day. Mary went with Dr. Ellis to see Lizzie today and will return tomorrow. Lizzie does not get along very well at all so Mrs. Hill told us and we felt that someone should go out to see her.

Wednesday, May 11, 1887

Still warm. Jennie came down with her work today and made me quite a visit. Ma wanted the buggy to go and meet Mary at the train when she returned from Henley. I had some errands to do and was obliged to go and leave her here for which I was sorry. She told me that Dwight Greene had gone to Zanesville to live + that Barton had gone to take D's place at the Brick works.

Life elderships were voted in again and Messers Tewksbury + Johnson were elected in addition to those we have.

Thursday, May 12, 1887

Rained some. Ma went to Henley with Dr. Ellis and brought Lizzie and her children home as it seems that she cannot get well out there.

I had promised to read a selection at the Temperance Meeting so went and fulfilled my promise, did some errands and then went to see Lizzie a few minutes.

Friday, May 13, 1887

Weather warm and dry. Have been sewing busily. We began making a dress apiece for the little girls this afternoon.

A fire alarm this evening proved to be from Dr. Davis' house, his stable burned quite a good deal.

Saturday, May 14, 1887

We had a busy day trying to finish up the garments begun. Got all done except fastenings on the dresses and making Will's shirts. One of them is nearly done. We have made the dresses for Margaret, made over a waist and altered a dress skirt so she has four, my grey dress made over and the little girls each have one new dress. I was so tired that I had Miss Ryan quit early.

Sunday, May 15, 1887

Pleasant though quite warm. Went to do the upstairs work while the children were at S. S. and lay down to rest until they came home. Margaret went today the first time for several months. We had no service as Mr. Blackburn went to Adams Co. Springs to hold Communion service.

Monday, May 16, 1887

Warm. Was busy at home all forenoon with the work then attended a called meeting of the W. R. C. after which Mrs. Silcox + I made two calls on Corps business, then I went alone to do some errands. Wrote to Jimmie as usual this morning.

Called to see Lizzie a few minutes. She is improving slowly all the time.

Tuesday, May 17, 1887

Warm but cloudy though no rain fell.

Mrs. Behrens washed for us today. I have done quite a good deal of work in the yard and will soon have it in tolerably good order. I dined over home with the three sisters, it has been some time since we were all there together at the table. After dinner Mary took me in Jimmie's buggy to do some errands.

Went to make Mrs. Murphy a farewell call after tea as she moves to 2nd st. soon.

Wednesday, May 18, 1887

Pleasant. Was busy sweeping and dusting all forenoon and while dressing to go over home after dinner, Mrs. Whitney, called before she left Mrs. Dennis came then Mrs. Pratt. It was six o'clock when the last of the callers left.

I went to prayer meeting and afterwards called to see Mrs. Pursell who was not at home, Mary Y. Moore went with me.

Thursday, May 19, 1887

Clear and warm. Went over home to say good morning to Lizzie then after the dishes were washed I wrote to J. W. and did some other writing that had to be done. Was busy until 2 o'clock with work then revised the list of Committees for Decoration Day. Then took the list to Mrs. Amanda Pursell to see if the arrangement suited the Monumental Society. Those ladies unite with the W. R. C.'s and the G. A. R. is Memorial + Decoration services.

Friday, May 20, 1887

Warm and dry. I was over home a little while this evening with some sewing + Jennie asked me to go home with her to tea. I had not taken a meal with her since the 1st of January so I went. Stopped at the P. O. on the way and got five letters and some papers. Went to the Friday evening meeting with Barton then came home.

Saturday, May 21, 1887

Was busy in the kitchen nearly all the forenoon and found it very warm. Was over home a little while to see the girls. Barton took Carl + the little girls with three of their little folks + Harry Greene's two little girls up to the Brick Works to spend the day. They had a fine time but got very, very tired.

Sunday, May 22, 1887

Quite warm. Margaret went to S. S. then came home to stay as it is too hot for her to be out near noon. Her eyes now have three little spots on them. I went to church in the afternoon. Went with Uncle Jimmie to Mr. Rob't Wood's funeral. He was a cousin of Uncle J's and died very suddenly last Friday. I never knew him. Went to church in the evening.

Monday, May 23, 1887

Pleasant. Was expecting Mrs. Behrens today to help me with house cleaning but she did not come. About 10 o'clock a telegram came from Mrs. Reynolds, my North Haven friend whom I met in Europe, saying her son James would be here Wednesday so I had to fly around and hunt someone to help me put the house in order. I shall be very glad to see him and wish his mother was to come with him.

Tuesday, May 24, 1887

Rained a little. Rob't came to turn the carpet, Ma sent Effie to stay a few days with us, and found a woman to do half a day's work for me so among us we did quite a good deal. Mrs. Miles kindly came and helped me awhile but we will have hard work to get the house in order by tomorrow night.

Wednesday, May 25, 1887

It rained slightly this morning but did not prevent Rob't from cleaning the bedroom carpet and putting it down again. Mrs. Miles helped me sew it, no it was yesterday the carpet was changed. Mrs. B. washed today and I was busy finishing up the various rooms. Mr. Reynolds came on the 4:42 train and I invited Mary over to take tea with us. Went to prayer meeting and afterwards to a Temperance lecture by Col. Bairn of Kentucky. Had two letters from Mrs. Reynolds today. She was anxious her son should stop here for a day if possible.

Thursday, May 26, 1887

A beautiful day and one which we have enjoyed very much. After breakfast and prayers, Mr. Reynolds, Mary Moore, Margaret + I went over on the Ky hills. After dinner we had a delightful carriage drive, a contribution from Lizzie Peebles then after tea we

had planned to go to the Temperance meeting but found Mr. Reynolds had to leave this evening so we made a short call over home then came back and spent the evening "going to Europe again." He left on the Big Sand for Cin.

Friday, May 27, 1887

Rather cool and quite pleasant. After breakfast I sat down and wrote letters to Jas and Mrs. Reynolds, telling each about the nice visit we had from her son. Also wrote to Mother Ricker during the day. Went to prayer meeting in the evening and after a short service we went to the Rink to hear Col. Bain's closing lecture, Boy + Girls, nice and naughty. His lectures have been very interesting. Temperance being his topic.

Saturday, May 28, 1887

Cooler than it was early in the week. I have been so tired that I could not do much today. Spent part of the forenoon over home with Lizzie and then came home and tried to take a nap. Decided to keep Effie awhile until I finished house cleaning and got rested. Dora Heard was here this afternoon to talk over preparations for Decoration Day.

Sunday, May 29, 1887

Beautiful day. Margaret was not well enough to go out today on account of her eyes. I went with the other children and in the afternoon I went to Memorial service at Bigelow church, sermon by Rev. Davis of Sixth Street M. E. ch. was very good. In the evening May and I went together to our church.

Monday, May 30, 1887

Weather showery in the afternoon. Bright and pleasant all forenoon. I was engaged all day about Decoration Day exercises and they were not as satisfactory after all as in former years.

Clara Miller and Dora Heard had charge of a dozen little girls who had part in the exercises and as Lizzie, May and Elizabeth Greene were among them, I rode out with them. Had a letter from Jas today. He was very much missed today, in fact none of the usual experienced hands were busy and he result showed how much they were missed.

Tuesday, May 31, 1887

Showery all day. Was busy at home in the forenoon and after dinner I went to Dr. Dennis' and had my teeth treated, they have hurt me for several days but needed no filling. Afterwards I made Mrs. Dennis a visit then came home and took my work over home to sit awhile with Lizzie P. She is still unable to sit up though she is getting better.

Wednesday, June 1, 1887

Warm. I don't know where all my time went today. I am busy all the time and yet very little seems to be accomplished. Pa came to the door today and handed me some money, I was just going to send to the shop today to get some to pay Effie. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, June 2, 1887

Rained hard today and I improved the time by doing some work at home. Intended going to the Temperance meeting but it rained in torrents just at the time to go.

Had a letter from Jas as usual, and wrote him one. Lizzie Peebles has not been at all well today. Margaret's eye is looking worse again and she must retire into darkness again. Our two doz silver spoons that have been lost so long were found today over home where I had taken them for safe keeping.

Friday, June 3, 1887

Rather cloudy but still warm. The rain of yesterday made this a very delightful day. Maggie Silcox and I were out making a few calls this afternoon. We had agreed to go yesterday but it rained so we went today. Called upon Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Duiduit, Mrs. McCall + her daughter Mrs. Calder, Mrs. Reilly and lastly Miss Damarin. Instead of going to church I stayed with Lizzie who has not felt so well for a day or two.

Saturday, June 4, 1887

Weather warm. This is Jno and Mary's wedding anniversary, they have been married two years.

Will went over on the Ky hills to spend the day with a picnic party. Miss Ball having invited a number of her pupils to go. Lou Davey Purdum, the bride called on an errand this afternoon, I have not yet been to call upon her, but will go soon.

Sunday, June 5, 1887

Warm. Was at church both morning and evening. Margaret was unable to go, she has been obliged to stay in more closely for a few days and we hope she will get better now. Father went to Buena Vista today to see his mother, she will be 95 years old today the 30th of July next.

Monday, June 6, 1887

Weather warm and like rain. Went to the Corps meeting after dinner, called at Mrs. Miller's on my way and waited for Clara. After the meeting Mrs. Johnson took Maggie Silcox and me in her carriage to do a few errands. Wrote to James after I came home. Had the usual letter from him today.

Tuesday, June 7, 1887

Quite warm. Sewed today on a white dress for May, one which was ripped to make over. Was going up to spend the afternoon with Jennie but she came down to sit with Lizzie so I stayed there instead. Went home with Jennie about 4 o'clock and stayed to supper with her then came home and did errands until dark.

Wednesday, June 8, 1887

Very warm and bright. Have been busy all day on pants for Carl. Made him a pair of corduroy from an old pair of his father's that looked like they wouldn't make anything but rags. Lizzie Peebles is still in bed but better than she was a week ago.

Thursday, June 9, 1887

Warm. Had a pleasant shower in the afternoon while I was at the Temperance meeting, and more later in the day. Had the usual letter from Jas and wrote him. He speaks encouragingly of his prospect.

Our summer has been very pleasant so far but small fruits are scarce, cherries raspberries ect. a failure. Few apples they say.

Friday, June 10, 1887

Warm but pleasant.

Have finished fixing the little girls white dresses. This evening after tea Mary and I went to call upon Mrs. Solomon at Uncle Enos' and afterwards called upon Clara Miller and her mother. Did not go to Teachers' meeting as I supposed it was too late by the time I was ready.

Saturday, June 11, 1887

Weather warm. My face has been paining me all day and has begun so well. Have been busy as usual, notwithstanding and was both up and down street this afternoon getting the necessary thing to trim up the little girls hats. They have waited long for them a small out lay, a contribution from Mary in the shape of a nice straw she was done wearing, and Lizzie's skillful fingers to trim, made two very pretty hats.

Sunday, June 12, 1887

This is Children's Day in the churches and I wanted to be present but my face was swollen and my jaw so painful that I could not go out. It continued to grow worse and worse until I decided to go to Dr. Dennis and see what we could do to relieve me. He said the only relief would be to have it out so I took gas and had the tooth, wisdom on the left side lower jaw, taken out. Rev Mr. Jackson filled his pulpit at Bigelow today having returned from Europe.

Monday, June 13, 1887

Weather warm, This is Fannie Moore Gieger's birthday. Have been sewing a little. Had the usual letter from Jas and sent him one.

The children are finishing examinations this week and will soon be out of school for the summer.

My face is still much swollen but is better and will soon be well now that the cause of the trouble is removed. I am glad whenever I think of it's being out.

Tuesday, June 14, 1887

Clear and warm

Sewed today on underwear for the little girls. Late in the afternoon I went up to sit awhile with Jennie. Stopped to see Dr. Dennis and paid him \$ 150 for the trouble he had taking out my tooth. Was surprised that it cost so much. Had another letter from Jas the second one this week. He still thinks the prospect fair for a good crop.

Wednesday, June 15, 1887

Warm. Carl is eleven years old today. After school he went to the pasture as usual and then came home to find that Margaret had baked him a cake + made ice cream for him. Bartie + Elizabeth Greene, Jno and William Peebles were here to supper.

Went to church in the evening as usual.

Thursday, June 16, 1887

Weather still exceedingly warm. Effie and I have been cleaning the dining room, took up the old carpet and will make over and put down the one that was once in the sitting room. In the evening I went with Ma + Margaret to the new Opera House to the High School commencement exercises. Eight graduates were on the stage. Frank Densmore had the first honor and Kate Newman the second. Beatrice Glower, Eliza Smith, Mary Vincent, Retta Reed, May Johnson and Hattie Gates composed the class.

Friday, June 17, 1887

Hot and dry. Fannie M. Geiger came up on the boat this morning to make a visit to her old home. I called to see her on my way home to the Alumni meeting in the evening. The meeting was held at Sect's parlors and was very largely attended, a good program was well carried out and the managers for this year, Mrs. Heins, Pres't did themselves credit.

The extreme heat was much felt and made the ices and lemonade very acceptable. I missed my usual escort, had to go alone.

Saturday, June 18, 1887

Very warm and sultry.

Lizzie Peebles celebrated her birthday by coming over to see me early this morning. She has not been here before since last Nov. Mrs. Hattie Johnson was here also and I went out in Jenni's buggy to do some errands, saw Miss Hard and Mrs. Silcox on business and called to say goodbye to Mrs. Kline who leaves Tuesday for Cal to join the Dr. and return home with him. Put down the dining room carpet. New shoes for Margaret, Carl, Lizzie and May.

Sunday, June 19, 1887

Very, very warm with no cloud to indicate rain though the atmosphere feels as if a storm might be near. I went to church in the morning but was compelled to lie on the bed until time to dress in order to be able to go. Bible Meeting at Bigelow in the evening took the place of the regular service in most of the churches. I was not feeling able to go out so I went to bed early.

Monday, June 20, 1887

Very hot, dry and dusty.

Had letter from Jas as usual and sent him one, Will also wrote and I enclosed one from his mother so he will have several. The usual household duties were performed today and I was busy from early to late. Margaret went home with her uncle Rich to gather up some things which he has been unable to find for Lizzie. Clara Miller was here before tea and after dark Mary came and spent the rest of the evening with me.

Tuesday, June 21, 1887

The exceedingly hot spell has been broken by a delightful rain today without wind or other unpleasant accompaniment. Margaret returned from her short trip to Henley. Lizzie was able to come over this morning. She is now preparing to go to Mr. Peebles' to spend a few days.

Wednesday, June 22, 1887

Quite warm. Lizzie and her children went up to Mr. Peebles' this evening to spend a few days. Ma is not at all well and went to bed with a sore throat and a bad cold generally. (Had Mary apply a blister and thinks when that has done its work she will be better). I went to church in the evening after doing what I could for her.

Thursday, June 23, 1887

Pleasant. Ruth came down and reports Lizzie feeling much better. She walked down to Dr. Ellis' this morning and after dinner walked again to the Reading Rooms to attend the Temperance meeting. I did not go out as we were busy with the carpet in the boys' room. It had to be made over and put down. This was the day the blister was put on Ma's back and she hopes it will relieve her.

Friday, June 24, 1887

Very warm. Went over early to see Ma and dress her blister then came home to make over the mattress for the boys' bed. It took me a good while but is much better than before. Lizzie has not been quite so well today, has exerted herself too much. I went to see her this evening late.

Saturday, June 25, 1887

Warm. Margaret had a letter from Jennie Ricker today from Franklin F'ce where she + Mary are visiting Minnie Gould. They will be here sometime in July. Mrs. Tewksbury called to tell me she was expecting them soon.

Sunday, June 26, 1887

Bright and pleasant.

Children went to S. S. as usual after which I went with them to church in the morning. In the evening we had no service as Mr. B. went up in Ky to preach to a small congregation among which some of our members Lizzie, Carl, Will, Henry H. and I went to hear Mr. Jackson at Bigelow M. E. ch.

Monday, June 27, 1887

Very hot. I was busy all forenoon at home, Mrs. Lampman called on an errand for Miss Emma who wanted me to help with a birthday party for Mrs. Molster. O promised to do what I could but could not undertake the running. In the afternoon I took some work and went up to sit awhile with Jennie, stayed till a time.

Had a letter from Jas who feels quite encouraged with his prospects.

Tuesday, June 28, 1887

Warm. Three years ago today Enos and I sailed from New York for Europe and four years today, Father + Mother sailed from the same port bound for Liverpool. Enos + I landed at Queenstown.

I wrote Mrs. Bond, my roommate on the Austral, a not today, having kept up on irregular correspondence ever since our return. Lizzie's baby was taken quite sick yesterday with cholera infanture (sp). Was up to see him this evening.

Wednesday, June 29, 1887

Weather warm, dry + dusty. Have busied myself in various ways but more of them made much show in the way of results. Lizzie's baby is still quite sick but she has plenty of help in the house and the Dr. is so near that we hope she will not get sick caring for him. Went to church in the evening, Mary, Lizzie + I.

Thursday, June 30, 1887

Hot and dry. Effie and I washed four pairs of blankets today before noon. After dinner I took some button holes and went to sit awhile with Lizzie. At 4 PM I went to the Temperance meeting and read Dr. Talmage's sermon on Narcotics, a most excellent article. Called to see my old friend Mrs. Jones afterwards.

Margaret was out to take tea with Mabelle Russell this evening.

Friday, July 1, 1887

Very warm. Effie and I had another little "picnic" this morning in the yard washing bed comforts.

We began early and were through early. Did not get up to see Lizzie as I was busy until church time and I knew there would be a houseful there gathered to welcome the girls home from Cal. On the evening train. The flies have been quite distracting and I must have the wire doors put on.

Postal from Jas.

Free postal delivery began Tuesday.

Saturday, July 2, 1887

Warm and bright.

Was busy until late then started up to see how Lizzie and her baby were. Stopped at Mr. Lamore's on an errand after which I called at Mr. Peebles'. Found Lizzie so nervous and discouraged that I offered to come home and arrange my own family for the night then go and stay with her, an offer she gladly accepted. Saw Maggie, Mary + Mattie Peebles who have just returned from a five-month trip to California.

Sunday, July 3, 1926

Warm and in the evening it looked much like a storm was coming but it did not rain until after bed time. I sat up all night with Lizzie's baby and he slept so nicely that I was at liberty to sit by the window most of the time and enjoy the cool breeze and beautiful moonlight. The family had a good night's rest and all are feeling better this morning. I did not go to church in the morning, slept all the forenoon and went in the evening.

Monday, July 4, 1887

We had planned nothing for ourselves today. Margaret is not able to attend a picnic on account of her eyes Lizzie P. not able to go anywhere. And Jennie G. could not even come down home. Will + Carl accepted an invitation to dine with Tina and Fannie Smith, then went to the Brick Works for the afternoon with the smaller children who were invited by Barton to go with their children. In the evening we all went to Uncle Enos' to see the 4th St. Fireworks. Left by postman: letter from Mrs. Bagley on business.

Tuesday, July 5, 1887

Another splendid shower today. It was much needed and very welcome. Lizzie was down this morning in the buggy, the first time since last Mon week, she is much exhausted from the care of the baby but it is now better.

Today I cut and almost made the basque to the new dress Mary gave Margaret a beautiful light blue gingham embroidered with white.

Wednesday, July 6, 1887

A delightful rainy day. Margaret went to Cin today to see the Doctor about her eyes. I regret that she did not go in the spring when the trouble began. Mary Moore went with her. The first letter left by the postman for me was an invitation from Minnie Gould of Franklin F'ce, to spend next Friday with Jennie + Mary Ricker + others at her home.

Thursday, July 7, 1887

Pleasant. I intended sewing on Margaret's dress today but had to make Will some collars and finish off two cheviot skirts for him as they were more needed than the dress. Sewed all day on them and got them done, except button holes. Lizzie came down this afternoon to Ma's but our visit was all spoiled because Ma had a pasture difficulty to settle. I had a small bill presented from Brunner's that I had to go and see about as it had been paid and I had it on my cashbook.

Letter from James.

Friday, July 8, 1887

Pleasant. Margaret came home from Cin this morning and says that Dr. Ayers prescribed glasses made to order for her eyes. I have long thought it was what she needed. At noon I went to Franklin F'ce to spend the day with Winnie Gould and her guests Jennie + Mary Ricker. Helen was there from Ironton and besides myself, Julia + Margaret Johnson, Lillie Johnson, Minnie Tewksbury + Josie Murfin went from Ports.

It rained all afternoon but was pleasant notwithstanding. We came home in time for preparatory lecture in the evening. Mr. Redford preached.

Saturday, July 9, 1887

Pleasant day after the rains we have had. In the afternoon Ma and I went up to see Jennie and as we were starting home a very hard rain began falling, we got home and into the house but I could not come to my own home until the most of it was over.

Sunday, July 10, 1887

Weather pleasant. Was not feeling at all well today and slept after breakfast until well today and slept after breakfast until time to dress for church. Being Communion day I felt I must go but could scarcely remain, however I managed to do so then came home and went immediately to bed for the rest of the day. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea and brought us some peaches for supper. Margaret's glasses came today.

Monday, July 11, 1887

Weather very warm.

Dad a postal from James today, he is well but busy. I shall be busy myself and will not have time for much letter writing and will not have time for much letter writing for a while. Was not feeling able to do much today but succeeded in getting a man to clean out the cistern and fix it. Uncle Jimmie sent him.

Tuesday, July 12, 1887

Weather warm. We have had some delightful weather but fear it will be hot when our guests are here. I wanted to sew on Margaret's dress and finish it for her to wear this week but had to use the time on other things. The yard, the cistern and many such things had to be looked after. The man finished the cistern today. Mrs. Barr was here. Josie Murfin came to ask me to spend Thursday evening at her house.

Wednesday, July 13, 1887

Very hot. Have been busy as usual all day.

This is what I call Edinboro day, the anniversary of the day we reached Edinboro three years ago. Went to prayer meeting this evening. Had a note from Josie Murfin saying her company was to be a card party and she thought best to tell me. I am glad she did as I have never attended one and do not wish to do so. Will call and see her. It is 24 years ago today since the Union Army reached Yazoo City and we decided to leave there with the army.

Thursday, July 14, 1887

Warm. We have been busy with our house cleaning, those of us who were at home. Margaret went with Ma, Mary, Fannie + Mary Moore to Buena Vista to see Grandma Moore, Aunt Maria and her family. Roby McCall + Arthur Moore being with her now. They had a picnic dinner with them and enjoyed the day.

I went to the Temperance meeting + afterwards called to see Jennie, Mary + Winnie at Mrs. T's. Did not go to Josie's.

Friday, July 15, 1887

Warm. Ruth came today to wash and iron. I made over a carpet for the upper hall, out down the stair linen and was busy all day. The day has been intensely hot, so hot that I did not want to send the children out on errands in the sun. This is Jas' birthday and I wish he could spend it with us.

Margaret sent him a box of candy knowing he was so very fond of candy.

Saturday, July 16, 1887

A very hot day. I have been unusually busy however and managed to get the house in very good order. We are about ready for our visitors next week and if we had cooler weather might hope for a pleasant time. Mrs. Barr was here a few minutes this evening to look at our spare room.

Sunday, July 17, 1887

Exceedingly hot. I was not at all well and spent the day on the bed, unable to hear lessons or do anything.

The children went to Sabbath School but we have no service as Mr. Blackburn is taking his vacation Ma was sick in the night and Enos came after me to I was up and felt badly today. Her attack was similar to the one I had a week ago only her was worse.

Monday, July 18, 1887

The weather is extremely hot and it will be next to impossible to make the guests comfortable. The three girls, Jennie + Mary Ricker and Winnie Gould came about 1:30 pm and proceeded at once to make themselves as comfortable as possible. In the evening Enos, Dr. Geo Dennis, Mr. Wilner, Clara Miller, Fannie Greiger and Mare Moore called.

Tuesday, July 19, 1887

Very hot all day. A storm threatened in the evening but none came. The girls were invited boat riding again by Geo. Dennis for this evening. Before they left Maggie + Mary Peebles, Bessie Hall + Sallie Coats called. The boat ride proved a delightful affair and the sheet lightning only made the evening more beautiful.

Wednesday, July 20, 1887

Very hot all day. Late in the afternoon I was out doing errands and a very hard rain came up and caught me at Dr. Dennis'. While we were at tea Kate Corton called. After tea we went to return calls made by Clara Miller, Fannie + Mary Moore. Returned + found Jose Murfin Jessie + Eliza Smith here. Later Dr. Rickletts of Cin, Carl Winter and Geo Dennis called.

Thursday, July 21, 1887

Warm as ever. The girls went to pay two or three calls + have a tintype taken there. Mr. Milner called and we went with him to the C. H. to hear a little of the McCoy trial as none of us had ever been present at a trial. Went over home to take tea + spend

the evening. Fannie Geiger, Mary Moore, Dr. Merrill Rickletts, Geo Dennis + Mr. Wilner were there besides ourselves. Had a pleasant evening.

Mrs. Tewksbury called after we had gone. We almost had a fire about midnight. The curtain + shade burned in Margaret's room.

Lizzie P. was in also.

Friday, July 22, 1887

We arose early this morning and after breakfast started to Henley. Enos had a barouche full, Mary, Jennie + Mary Ricker, Winnie Gould and myself. Mary G. M. was to have gone but could not. We had a delightful drive, reached Henley at 9:30 + were met by Lizzie P. + Margaret R. who went out on the freight at 6 AM. Geo Dennis + Carl Winter reached there at dinner time in a single buggy and we had a delightful day. Came home had tea, the girls packed and left for Franklin at 10 PM. Margaret came home with us.

Saturday, July 23, 1887

It seemed quite lovely this time morning with only our own family at breakfast, and not all of them as we can't all be there at once. I spent considerable time writing today. As I had to write Jas. Mother R. L. B. and the girls. 28 pages was the sum of it all.

In the afternoon Jennie came with the buggy and I went home with her to sit awhile. On our return I saw a cruel little boy killing a kitten and went to tell his mother + upon her request reported him to the Pres't of the Humane Society.

Sunday, July 24, 1887

Rainy and more comfortable than it has been for some time. Will was unable to go to S. s. or church today and I felt unable also. Lizzie was our only representative and she went to Bigelow with Martha. We had a very hard rain in the afternoon just before the Temperance meeting was dismissed so I had to go after Lizzie who was there without an umbrella.

Monday, July 25, 1887

A rainy, sticky, warm day. I was called up soon after 5 o'clock to go to Jennie and remained until late in the afternoon. A little daughter, Mary, came about 10:45 AM. Came home about 4 PM then called to see Dora Hard who has gone through much trouble during the past three months. Had a letter from Jennie Ricker, also one from Maggie Bell who is now in Leadville, Col.

Tuesday, July 26, 1887

Very warm again, a little cloudy in the morning but no rain. Margaret went to Henley also Bartie Greene. I took them to the train and then Carl + I drove to the S. V. Depot and saw Jennie, Mary + Winnie as they passed on their way to Cin. I afterwards went to see how Jennie Greene + her baby were, found them doing nicely. Mr. + Mrs. Jno Waller celebrate their 50th Anniversary this evening.

Wednesday, July 27, 1887

Weather still hot.

Am trying to do a little sewing for Carl who needs underwear.

Went to prayer meeting. We miss Mr. Blackburn at such occasions,

This is Rich Peebles' birthday. We have several in family connection in the next few days.

Thursday, July 28, 1887

Warm as ever. Was busy until late then dressed and went with Lizzie P. in the buggy to do her errands after which I went to the Temperance meeting and she to the Dr. She will stay all night with Jennie and go home tomorrow. Went to see Maggie Silcox after tea and stopped to talk a few minutes with Clara Pursell.

Friday, July 29, 1887

Very warm. This is Lizzie's birthday, nine years old. She had a very happy time. I gave her a small penknife, her Grandma sent her a box containing a little orange silk halkf (sp), a bordered halkf for May, and some stationary for both. Lizzie Peebles went home on the early freight train so I did not see her again.

Saturday, July 30, 1887

Hot weather continues and the summer has been said to be exceptionally hot according to authorities.

Grandma Moore is 94 years old today. I have not seen her since her last birthday but she is still able to be around, sees without glasses but her memory has foiled very much.

A new girl came today and Effie went home. I was up to see Jennie a little while and promised to spend a day with her next week.

Sunday, July 31, 1887

Very, very warm. The four children at home went to S. S. Lizzie + I went to Bigelow both morning and evening as we have no service at our church and it is too hot to walk out to the 2nd church.

It is probably the last time I shall hear Mr. Jackson as his time is up this fall and he will be away now until Mr. B. returns + we have service at home.

Monday, August 1, 1887

Very warm. The new girl left this morning, having been here less than two days. I did not regret her going though it is pretty warm weather to be doing kitchen work.

In the afternoon I went to a called meeting of the W. R. C. On the way home Maggie Silcox and I stopped to see Miss Emma Bell and I called alone to see Hattie Scudder and Miss Mary Damarin. Will went to Cin this AM to spend a few days.

Tuesday, August 2, 1887

Very hot and sultry. A little thunder in the afternoon gave us hope of rain which was not realized. The little girls and I went to spend the day with Jennie and her family. Went in the morning and remained until after tea. Jennie is doing nicely but is not up yet. Had letters from Jas for myself and the little girls. He keeps well and hopes to be home in three months.

Wednesday, August 3, 1887

Not quite so hot as yesterday. Ruth came early to wash and I have been busy all day with the house work. Had a postal from Will and letter from Margaret. They are having their summer trips.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, August 4, 1887

It has been a hot day + was made hotter in our house by the ironing. Ruth came this forenoon to finish what she left yesterday. I was so busy, and warm and tired that I failed to get to the Temperance meeting this afternoon. Wanted to go and see Mrs. Floyd Smith but did not get even that far.

Friday, August 5, 1887

Quite warm, I became very much heated over the work but find it more satisfactory in some ways than keeping a girl. This is Lucy Moore's birthday, 9 years old and just one week younger than Lizzie. Elizabeth Greene spent the day here with our girls. Those little girls will have good time together when they are older, if they should live. There are so many of them near one age. Maggie Silcox was here twice today. Will did not come home as I expected and I am disappointed though I had not told him to come.

Saturday, August 6, 1887

Much more pleasant than it has been for some time past. I swept, dusted and put the house in better order than it has been for some time. Margaret is 16 years old today and away from home. I sent her a letter with two others enclosed. Have been very busy all day and was not even over home, unless I should go later in the day.

Sunday, August 7, 1887

Will came home early this morning and was surprised that I looked for him sooner. Thought I knew he intended staying all week. I know Henry + Carl both expected him to do so. In the morning I went to the Baptist Church taking Lizzie, in the evening I went again with Will to the praise meeting held on account of the church having been freed from debt. The first time in the 40 yrs of its existence.

Monday, August 8, 1887

Will went back to his work this morning and things are moving on as before. I sent letters to Mother R. and Jas this morning then was busy with my work. Mrs. Lowes

made me a pleasant call this forenoon. Ma + Mary came in during the time and we had quite a nice visit.

Tuesday, August 9, 1887

Pleasant though still warm. The little girls were up to see Elizabeth Greene this forenoon and after dinner Bartie brought the horse + buggy down to take me to see his mother. I was glad to go, Barton came in the morning to get out tax receipt to pay our taxes and at the same time paid for our harness which he had concluded to buy. It was quite providential as I needed money badly.

Wednesday, August 10, 1887

Beautiful day, not as hot as some we have had and a pleasant breeze stirring most of the time.

Lizzie and her boys, and Richard came in today and I saw them over home for a little while. She is still under treatment from Dr. Ellis, but seems to be improving all the time.

The little girls and I went to prayer meeting, after which we walked up home with Mary Moore.

Thursday, August 11, 1887

Quite warm. Was busy all forenoon and then dressed to go to Temperance Meeting. Maggie Silcox came to go with me, I took the little girls as they wanted to buy Anniversary presents for Ma + Pa, this being their 40th Anniversary. They finally found some small glasses that would do to hold table bouquets and after filling them, took them over with long tags of paper explaining their purpose.

Friday, August 12, 1887

Warm. I had enough to keep me busy all day but Ma insisted that I should drive out to the train to meet Margaret and bring her home, the train was late so I had time to make Jennie a little call while waiting for the train. Margaret came and her eyes are looking very badly, the result of having taken a little cold.

Saturday, August 13, 1887

Rather cooler than it has been in the morning still the days are warm. Was busy until after dinner in the kitchen then had the housework to do.

Margaret is unable to do anything. I wrote to Mother Ricker after my work was done. This is Mary Y. Moore's birthday, she is out at Camp and expects to dine at Lizzie Peebles' today.

Sunday, August 14, 1887

Warm but the early morning was quite pleasant.

The children went to S. S. as usual after which I went with them to church. Margaret is staying home under Ma's care and of course was not out at all.

Her eyes are very much inflamed. It seemed good to get to our church home once more after four weeks of visiting among other churches. We all went to both services and there were large congregations each time.

Monday, August 15, 1887

Quite warm again though a pleasant breeze has been stirring. Was busy with the work all the forenoon and after dinner I borrowed Jennie's horse + buggy and took Mrs. Duduit out to do a little Temperance work. She is Supt of the line of Scientific Instruction in the Public Schools. I am on her Com, or rather am her Assistant. Had a card from Jas. Wrote him and sent a letter to Mother Ricker. Second number of our Union Signal came and I am much interested in it.

Tuesday, August 16, 1887

Quite pleasant, Cooler than it has been. Was busy at home until after dinner. Ruth came and washed before dinner. In the afternoon the little girls and I went up to Jennie's just to visit awhile. I had mending with me and did a little for her when mine was done. After tea Thyrsa Spry came to sit awhile with me. I was very tired tonight and Mary was not at all well, has headache and toothache.

Wednesday, August 17, 1887

Cloudy nearly all day and rained morning + evening. Have worked in the yard a good deal today, walks were being overgrown with grass. Could not leave Mary to go to prayer meeting as I had hoped to do. I am using a discarded pair of Ma's glasses for my writing at night have tried them once or twice and find they help my sight. Can see well enough in daylight.

Thursday, August 18, 1887

Mary went to Henley this morning to see Lizzie and found them in the midst of preparations for coming to town. They had been sent for to see Mattie + Jim Boal who are at Mr. P's for a few days.

Jennie and all her children were down, L. had four of her and we had quite a gathering of big and little.

Friday, August 19, 1887

Weather pleasant.

Lizzie and her folks went home on the early train from Mr. Peebles' so we did not see them again. Elizabeth Greene went with them.

Saturday, August 20, 1887

Weather quite like fall. Night cool and pleasant for sleeping. I was down street this afternoon to do some errands and see Enos for when I had a telegram. Maggie Silcox came on W. R. C. business and we went to see Miss Emma Bell then I went to see Mattie Boal at Mr. Peebles' but she was not in.

I then went on down street. Saw Maggie + Mary Peebles who said Mattie would leave Monday for Ashland. Her home now is in Cal.

Sunday, August 21, 1887

The children went to Sabbath School and then Margaret remained at home and got dinner while the rest of us went to church. We have large congregations as Mr. Work is still away and some of the 2nd ch. people came to the 1st ch. Carl and I went again in the evening and Will + Henry went together.

Monday, August 22, 1887

This is Will's birthday, fourteen years old. He has been very busy this summer, has had very little play aside from what he manages to get at meal times. Enos was making arrangements today to go to Newton after John. Pa told him he had better go and he goes on short notice, leaves in the morning on the early train.

Tuesday, August 23, 1887

Wednesday, August 24, 1887

Cloudy but did not rain after all. Ruth washed and the clothes dried nicely. Went to prayer meeting. Carl went with me and Henry was with Will.

Thursday, August 25, 1887

Pleasant, quite cool in the morning but delightful for work or pleasure after the sun was up. Before dinner Minnie Gould came to see if I could go with her to return the few remaining calls she had owed. I had to go to W. C. T. U. at 4 PM and after that I went with her to call upon Sallie Coats, Kate Corton + Mrs. Beldon Nichols. She hadn't time to go over home so I sent for Mary to come here. In the evening Will + I went to Bigelow to hear a lecture on Japan.

Friday, August 26, 1887

Delightfully cool and pleasant. Wrote to J. W. after breakfast and sent him some papers. Ruth ironed today. Will came home from the shop before noon with a bad headache.

I was over home all the afternoon, Ma had some gingham which she wanted to make up into a dress for me but we did not get it commenced until Jennie and her baby came, Ma + Jennie went to hunt a girl and I kept the baby and visited with Mary, Went to Friday evening meeting.

Saturday, August 27, 1887

A pleasant day but a very busy one with me and I became very tired.

Just as I was dressing in the afternoon Aunt Mary Sam and Dell Ramsey called and before many minutes Jennie drove up in the buggy and as the others left, she insisted that I should take a little ride with her. We went out on Gallia and saw the top of the Balloon which was to have made an ascension at 1 PM but disappointed the crowd. Stopped at Mollie Murray's and Belle Coles' of Ashland.

Sunday, August 28, 1887

Beautiful day. Margaret was at home all day, I went to church twice. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea as usual.

Reese Edwards preached in the evening.

Monday, August 29, 1887

Delightful day. Mar and Mary drove out to Henley and one went over home to get dinner for Pa and sat with him.

I was busy cleaning in the kitchen nearly all day. Wrote to Jas and Mother Ricker.

Tuesday, August 30, 1887

Weather warm, dry and dusty. Days are all short for what must be done and when they are gone it is hard to remember what was accomplished. I am frequently out but usually on errands and occasionally slip in a little visit.

Wednesday, August 31, 1887

This is Rich and Lizzie's Anniversary, married 11 yrs. Also Edward Greene's birthday, 5 yrs old I think.

Went to church in the evening as usual.

Thursday, September 1, 1887

Weather dry and warm.

Was occupied at home until time for the Temperance meeting at the Reading Room. Had one or two reports to make. Ladies went to do some work at the County Fair.

Friday, September 2, 1887

Have been very busy all day and yet there is little to show for it.

Went to the Teachers' Institute in the afternoon and heard Mrs. Leiter talk to the Teachers about Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools.

This morning Maggie Peebles and I were out on a little business for the W. C. T. U. and she took me several places in her carriage. Pa + Ma left unexpectedly for Cin to be home tomorrow.

Saturday, September 3, 1887

Cloudy but no rain. This being the last day of vacation I took the children to the sandbar above town for a play in the sand + water. Mrs. Smith, Mia + Fanny, Neil + Fanny Browne, and the Greene children all went. We took brunch but made a change in our plans and things did not turn out as well as we had hoped, still it was an excursion and the children had a boat ride.

Sunday, September 4, 1887

Weather pleasant.

All went to S. S. except Margaret + myself and I went to church with the children later. M. stayed at home and got dinner. Went to the Rink in the afternoon to hear Mrs. Leiter lecture on Compulsory Temperance in the schools.

Monday, September 5, 1887

Beautiful weather only rather dry. School opened this AM and Will entered the C. class in High School. Carl the D Grammar under Miss Lynn, Lizzie the A Primary under Miss Bessie Hall and May the C. Primary under Mrs. Reininger. Margaret cannot go on account of her eyes. I went this AM with Mrs. Leiter to see the School Board about Temperance Instruction. After dinner I went to W. R. C. meeting in the evening with two Temperance meetings, one at Reading Rooms + other at Rink.

Tuesday, September 6, 1887

Weather dry and warm.

Was busy at home all day. Margaret is painting the kitchen walls and we want to put things in as good order as possible for the winter. In the evening I went to Maggie Peebles' and we went together to Uncle J. W.'s to meet the Prohibition Club as a Com. from the W. C. T. U.

After that I went to Maggie Silcox's and helped make out the quarterly reports for the W. R. C.

Wednesday, September 7, 1887

Cloudy most of the forenoon but cleared up before noon. It has been 24 years today since we came to Portsmouth. Was busy at home all day and in the evening went to prayer meeting as usual. Ruth was here washing. The children seem to be so settled into school as though there had been no vacation. All glad to get back.

Thursday, September 8, 1887

Weather dry and warm.

Took Margaret's dark red cashmere dress over home to make over as Miss Maggie can assist me in the fitting which I help her in some way. Went to the Temperance meeting as usual and was pleasantly surprised by Maggie Peebles who wished me many happy returns on my birthday and gave me a pretty chair cover in token of her remembrance.

Spent the evening over home sewing on the new brussels carpet for the spare room.

Friday, September 9, 1887

I was called to the window before I was dressed by L. who had come after little Margaret. They went home on the early freight train.

I went over home after breakfast and sewed on Margaret's dress with Miss Maggie O'Connor to give me suggestions.

Went after supper and finished the carpet, that is Ma and I together did.

Saturday, September 10, 1887

Bright and warm. Sewed over home on Margaret's cashmere dress until nearly 4 o'clock when I went to the Reading Rooms to meet Maggie Peebles. Maggie Silcox came here to go with me and attend to some business in regard to the W. C. T. U. at the County Fair. It was late when we got home. Have had a very busy day. Lizzie + her whole family including nurse and cook came in today.

Mrs. Kline called.

Sunday, September 11, 1887

Showery and warm.

All well and went to the usual services, except Margaret who remained at home and got dinner and took care of Margaret Peebles. It rained in the evening and our congregations was quite small.

Monday, September 12, 1887

Quite warm again, clouds promised rain but only a slight sprinkle fell.

Sewed over home in the forenoon and remained there at dinner. The home folks are busy cleaning house and preparing for the bride who is to come the last of the week. Lizzie went out on the early freight and her family followed later.

Letter from J. W. Wrote him twice today.

Tuesday, September 13, 1887

Weather quite warm.

Have spent the day sweeping and putting the empty rooms in order, rather the unoccupied ones as they are not empty by any means.

Mrs. Titus came for me to go to a meeting at the Reading Rooms this evening and I went. The joint Committees had called in a number of citizens to discuss what should be done in reference to the Two Mile Law and consults as to the best way of having it enforced during the fair.

Wednesday, September 14, 1887

Cloudy but only a light sprinkle fell then it cleared off. Mrs. Gallagher came to do a little sewing for me on Margaret's dress. Ruth washed and M. put up peaches.

During the afternoon Maggie Silcox + Ella Smith called on an errand. Later Miss Lynn came, then Clara Miller and while I was finishing my supper, Mary Y. Moore came. Have had a busy day + could not get out to prayer meeting. Enos and Helen Robinson were married today at 2:20 PM at her home in Newton Mass. We had cards but none of us could go. We were sorry that none but John could be with him on the important occasion.

Thursday, September 15, 1887

Warm and pleasant though still quite dry. Had a busy time, Margaret was finishing the peaches and got 2 1/2 galls. from her 1.00's worth. Ruth finished the ironing. Miss Gallagher finished her second day's sewing on Margaret's dress and I shall do the rest when I get time. Went to W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon.

This is Ma's + Mary's birthday.

Friday, September 16, 1887

Weather pleasant. All hands at both houses have been busy preparing to receive Enos and his bride this evening. It is Uncle Sam + Aunt Mary's Anniversary also.

Jennie was over home helping and Lizzie and her family came in on the afternoon train. We sat up to wait for the train, Father, Mother, Mary, Lizzie Margaret and I. Enos and our new sister came about 10:30 PM so we had not long to stay with them but will see them often after.

Saturday, September 17, 1887

Beautiful weather. We were all anxious to greet the new comers and all had to make an early call over home, after which I was busy at my own home until after dinner when I went up to see Maggie Peebles about a little business. Came home and found Helen here. When she left I wrote a note to Frank Coles in reference to situation for J. W.

Sunday, September 18, 1887

It was raining when we awoke and it was cloudy all day. Rained while we were at church.

Mr. Blackburn preached two excellent sermons today AM Job 15th, 11th Are the consolations of God small with Thee?

Pm Jer. 17th, 7th Blessed is the man that trusteth in the lord + whose hope the Lord is.

Monday, September 19, 1887

Beautiful day. Have been busy writing some business letters and seeing to getting them off properly. Went to the shop and P. O. and when I came home found Janie Beasler in the kitchen all ready for work. It is a great relief to have her back again and if I can only make such arrangements as will justify me in keeping her I shall be very glad.

Tuesday, September 20, 1887

Weather delightful. Wrote letters in the morning then swept and dusted. Intended sewing after dinner but as Enos + I were planning to go to Pond Run to look after the machinery, we decided to go this afternoon, he hired a surry and took Ma + Helen along. We had a delightful drive. Am hoping to make a sale of the machinery and be done with it. Went to see Mrs. Miller after the children were in bed as I had heard that Walter was to go to Nevada to fill a Professorship in the Nevada University.

Wednesday, September 21, 1887

Pleasant though quite hot in the sun. Have sewed some but did not finish the work on hand. Went over home once or twice with work but could not stay. Miss Addie Young, Miss Vigus, Maggie Peebles and Mattie Wood were here. Also Mrs. Chas. Nichols on an errand. Went to church in the evening. Clara Miller was here.

Thursday, September 22, 1887

Quite warm. Sewed on M's dress until nearly noon when I took the waist and went up to Jennie's to make her a visit while making the button holes. Wrote to J. W. and sent him some papers. Went to the Temperance meeting at 4 o'clock. Quite a good attendance. Mattie Wood was there with Mary Peebles.

Friday, September 23, 1887

Weather cloudy and uncertain. Sprinkled some and spoiled all picnic plans which had been made by a party for today.

Carrie Swim called in the morning. She and her husband are here on a visit after an absence of six years. He made a fortune in real estate business in Kansas City.

Did not go to Teachers' Meeting. Am taking cold and not feeling well.

Saturday, September 24, 1887

Weather very pleasant. Have had quite a good deal of company today. Mattie Wood and Uncle Jimmie took tea with us. Helen. Lizzie + Jennie spent part of the afternoon here, Ma + Mary, Aunt Mary B. Moore and Mrs. Behevens were here also. Lizzie trimmed Margaret's hat for her. I was up to see Margaret Peebles this morning. Lizzie + her children are there to spend Sabbath but was not in when I called.

Sunday, September 25, 1887

Weather pleasant for the season. I have been taking cold and felt chilly all day. Went to ch. in the morning but not in the evening. Was feeling badly so went early to bed and had the children go also.

Rich + Lizzie had their baby Robert Denny baptized this morning.

Monday, September 26, 1887

Pleasant. I was out all afternoon with Maggie P. Maggie Silcox, Carrie Stearnes + Helen at the Fair Grounds. We could not do anything however because of the exhibitors were busy with their own preparations. Came back to town and left Maggie P + Maggie S. Took in Mary Y. Moore + my little girls then went out again on an errand.

Wrote to J. W. Mary Moore and Margaret went to Cin today to see Dr. Ayers and visit friends.

Tuesday, September 27, 1887

A steady rain set in during the night and completely drowned out the fair.

I was to have been on duty at the Temperance Hdgrs this morning but was unable to go. Started in the afternoon with Mrs. Selby to relieve Maggie Peebles but met her walling home so Mrs. Selby took us all home again and we gave up for the day. There were very few aside from exhibitors at the Grounds anyway.

Wednesday, September 28, 1887

Rainy all forenoon but clear in the afternoon however, the wind was deep and the walking bad for the Fair. None of us went except Will who has a job on the grounds and

will be out all week. He is anxious to earn all he can to help along. Is keeping the Telephone Station? My cold was so bad that I did not venture out to church this evening.

Thursday, September 29, 1887

Spent the forenoon at home cutting carpet rags and visiting with Helen who told me all about her wedding. While we were at dinner Lizzie came in unexpectedly, had brought the boys to go to the Fair with their Grandpa and she visited us. I had to go after dinner + gather up bills so while Jennie was visiting over home I used her horse + buggy. Took Helen awhile. Had card from Mary + M. Lizzie went home in the evening the weather unsettled.

Friday, September 30, 1887

Weather uncertain, cloudy in the forenoon and bright and cooler after dinner. I was busy with the bills most of the day. Went to see Mrs. Pursell and Mrs. Kline on business matters. Carl took me in Jennie's buggy to pay the bills and saved me a good many steps. Did not go out to Teachers' Meeting in the evening. My cold is much better. Wrote to J. W. and Mother R. Carl bought a pair of rubber boots.

Saturday, October 1, 1887

Cloudy in the morning but it cleared off and was beautiful all day. Had planned to go to the Fair with the children and perhaps remain all day but the Fair Association turned over the management of the Trotting Association as a kind of dodge to evade the law and open the saloons so I did not go. Carl and Lizzie had started on and consequently got there and stayed. Enos + Helen went to Henley to stay until Monday. I visited with Ma most of the day. Letter from J. W.

Sunday, October 2, 1887

Beautiful day. The children went to Sabbath School and I went with them to church. Prof. Lowes preached in the morning, unusual occurrence. Uncle Jimmie was here in the afternoon and again after tea time. We all went to church in the evening.

Monday, October 3, 1887

Beautiful weather though a little cool in the evening. Attended the W. R. C. meeting in the afternoon. Enos and Helen returned from Henley. Wrote to J. W. and Mrs. Folsom. Had cards recently to Stella F's wedding on the 5th.

Had letter from F. M. Dorothy about the machinery.

Tuesday, October 4, 1887

Lovely day but dusty and a little cool. Helen and I went out to return some of her calls and needed wraps. Called upon Aunt Mary Sam Mary Ellen and Mary Y. then to Mrs. Blackburn + Mrs. Lowes and lastly, Jennie. I stopped to call upon Mrs. M. B. Wells and her new daughter now about five weeks old.

Wednesday, October 5, 1887

Weather quite pleasant. Was busy at home in the forenoon + after dinner I took some mending and went up to sit awhile with Jennie. On my way I stopped to see Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Duke (who was out) and Mrs. Pattin. I had been to see Miss Emma Bell, Mrs. Mercer + Mrs. Silcox in the evening on business while doing some errands with Helen. Went to church in the evening.

Stella Folsom was married today in Fargo to a Mr. Steele if their plans were not changed.

Thursday, October 6, 1887

Beautiful weather.

Sewed on Lizzie's aprons awhile today but did not accomplish a great deal. There were come other stitches and carious interruptions. In the afternoon Helen had some errands to do and I asked her to go with me to W. C. T. U. meeting and I would go with her to do her errands.

The Misses Flora + Grace Hibbs were married this evening, Flo to Ned Peebles and Grace to a stranger whose name I do not know.

Friday, October 7, 1887

Pleasant if it were not so very dusty. Was busy at home all forenoon sweeping and cleaning up. After dinner took my sewing over home but did not do much as I was told that Mary, Margaret and Lillie Fuller were coming on the 2:30 Pm train.

Went with Jennie to try and find some help for her as her girl left her + Lillie is to visit her. Geo Dennis called to say goodbye as he leaves this AM for St. Louis to locate. Wrote to Mother Ricker. Went to church.

Saturday, October 8, 1887

Lovely weather. This is Father's birthday.

Jennie and Lillie Fuller were over home in the forenoon and I saw them just a few moments. Had some letters to write which took me most of the forenoon together with a trip to the shop which was a part of the business. Had a letter from F. M. Dorothy and wrote him + Jno D. Oram besides. J. W. was out in the afternoon to get envelopes and look after a last postal note or rather one which did not bring a reply.

Sunday, October 9, 1887

Beautiful day but dusty,

All the children went to S. S. and I went with them to ch. Had Communion service and three persons were received on examination, Floyd Knowles, Chas. Storck and Mrs. Frank Amann. Two upon letter from another church. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea. Enos + Helen were here before tea and after tea I went over home to have a little sing for father, Ma, Helen + I doing the singing.

Monday, October 10, 1887

Warm and pleasant in the morning but about noon a very slow and steady though light rain began to fall. It is much needed as the river is very low and farmers are suffering on account of drouth. Have been at home nearly all day busy in various ways. After dinner Mrs. Johnson and Maggie Peebles came as a Com. to talk over W. R. C. matters. No mail today for us.

Tuesday, October 11, 1887

Pleasant in the forenoon and for a while after dinner. I finished off the blue aprons then took one of them up to Jennie's to make the button holes. I met her and Lillie on their way down street but they returned after doing their errands and I did an errand at Mrs. Duduits in the meantime. A hard rain with a little sleet fell while I was out. Bartie brought me home in the buggy. Margaret + Helen went to the Foundry to see the casting.

Wednesday, October 12, 1887

No letter from J. W. this week so far. Have been mending and doing various things today. Do not get much sewing done. Wrote to Mother Ricker. All of the children and I went to church this evening. Helen and I were out this afternoon doing a few errands and enjoying the pleasant afternoon.

Thursday, October 13, 1887

Pleasant and very much like Indian Summer. Was busy at home most of the day. Expected to go to W. C. T. U. meeting but was turned aside to look after the potatoes and some other matters. Mrs. Pattin called in the afternoon. Had a letter or rather note from Lizzie asking me to let Margaret go out and help her with the children. I thought of sending her but concluded it was best not to do so as she might get sick + have more trouble with her eyes.

Friday, October 14, 1887

Beautiful day but cool enough to make a fire necessary to comfort. This is Henry Hausman's 21'st birthday and the first one he has ever known as it was only traced up in the Records this year. I asked Barton + Jennie, Lillie Fuller + Mary Y. Moore, Enos + Jennie, Mary Moore to take tea with us. Partly in honor of H's birthday but he went to Ironton and was not with us. All the rest came except Mary Moore. Ma went to Henley and Lizzie came in to see Enos Wright.

Saturday, October 15, 1887

Beautiful day. Had letter from A. C. Ladd of Atlanta, Ga. And answered it. Did the morning work and then Margaret and I took dinner over home with B + J and Lillie Fuller. After dinner a party gotten up by Jennie went over on the hills and out three girls went. Lizzie and May had never been before. Will painted on the roof nearly all day then he and Carl went over the river in a boat. I put out 18 rose slips this evening given me by Miss Allman. Letter from J. W.

Sunday, October 16, 1887

Beautiful weather but quite dry. The children all went to Sabbath School as usual and all of us except Will went to church in the AM. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea and we all went to evening service except M. who did not feel like going. Mr. Blackburn preached the first of a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. Began this evening with the Preface to the Commandments.

Monday, October 17, 1887

Lovely day. Dry and warm. Had a letter from J. W. and wrote one to him. Was busy all forenoon cleaning up the coal. Found Will's gold pen in the yard while raking around. He lost it the first day of school. After dinner I went to Maggie Peebles' to meet the Executive Com of the W. R. C. Mary Moore and Lillie Fuller drove out to Henley this forenoon.

Tuesday, October 18, 1887

Quite a pleasant day.

Mary and Lillie returned from Henley this morn. Jennie had a little family tea party this evening and was so unfortunate as to be sick in bed all day after having asked her company so Margaret spent the day helping the new girl prepare for the company. I was there in the afternoon and then came home to dress. Pa, Mary, Lillie, Enos + Helen, Ella Wright and I were there. Ma could not go.

Wednesday, October 19, 1887

Weather still bright and pleasant but for the dust. I have been out all the afternoon seeing who would want some of our potatoes when they came. Stopped at Ella Fulton's to see her roses. She gave me two beautiful ones which I gave to Jennie on my way home.

Mrs. Greene, Chas. W. + little Helen came today to visit B + J. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, October 20, 1887

Cool enough to make a fire feel quite necessary to comfort. A little windy and very dusty. Ma and Mary went out to make some calls so Helen and Lillie Fuller came to sit awhile with me. We sewed, talked and read. Did not go to W. C. T. U. Just before tea we three walked up to Jennie's for a short call. Was very tired when I returned so I went at once to bed when supper was over.

Friday, October 21, 1887

Weather quite cold, dusty and disagreeable. Went to Mrs. Harriet Damarin's funeral at 10 o'clock this morning, at her late home on 4th street. After dinner I went up on Chil. st. on an errand then spent the rest of the day at home. In the evening I went to Teachers' meeting at the church.

Trimmed over my bonnet for the winter season. Did not cost anything but my time as I used material from the scrap box.

Saturday, October 22, 1887

Rather windy but not so much so as yesterday. Very dusty and cool. Will and I were out in the forenoon seeing after the pasture money which has not yet been paid. and also to see Mr. Prescott about potatoes.

Will made arrangements to go after sawdust in the afternoon. Took Carl Bartie and Oscar Ren. Were all gone until supper time. Helen and I went out and made some calls. Went first to Mrs. Henry Greene's then to Jennie's, Clara Waller's, also Mrs. Draper's, Mrs. Connolley's, Mrs. Graham's. Retrimmed hats for the little girls.

Sunday, October 23, 1887

Showery in the morning but did not rain after all, except a slight sprinkle. All the children went to Sabbath school and we all went to church in the forenoon. In the evening all except Margaret went. Mr. Blackburn preached on the 1st Commandment. Uncle Jimmie did not come to tea.

Monday, October 24, 1887

Rather cloudy all day and not so cold as some days have been lately.

Have been at home all day except when over home on errands. Worked in the yard a little. Wrote to J. W. as usual. No letter from him. Literature on Tobacco came from St. Louis today, was ordered Sept. 19th.

Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Wright called. Attended a Prohibition Political meeting + heard the Silver Lake Quartette sing. It was very entertaining.

Tuesday, October 25, 1887

Beautiful and bright. The potatoes have consumed a good deal of my time + still they are not here. Was out this morning on errands and also in the afternoon. This is Geo and Maggie Bell's anniversary and I must write her a letter.

Wednesday, October 26, 1887

Bright and pleasant but for the dust and a little wind. Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Wright called today to see what I thought about Ella going to see Lizzie. I think it unsafe as Ella is delicate and might take the scarlet rash fro, the children who are just recovering.

Went to prayer meeting as usual.

Thursday, October 27, 1887

Pleasant. I became uneasy about the car load of potatoes and had just made arrangements to have them "traced" when a letter came saying they were or had been detained in Chicago. Barton came up just before the letter to say that they were in at last so he and I walked out to the S. V. Depot and saw them. They look very fine and we must now begin the work of removing them from the car.

Friday, October 28, 1887

Pleasant weather but very dry. Will had to remain out of school today to weigh out all the potatoes from the car and send them where they were wanted. I shall be busy finding out where to put them. My whole time will be needed to attend to them until they are safe. Ma and Lillie Fuller went to Henley today and sent Lizzie in to visit with Ella Wright. I called at Mrs. Draper's today and saw all of them.

Saturday, October 29, 1887

A raw, windy, dusty and very disagreeable day. I had to be out both morning and afternoon about the potatoes. Walked to the S. S. V. Depot after dinner then came back and attended Mrs. Floyd Smith's funeral. A beautiful rose attracted my attention out on Chil. Street today and when I went to the door to ask its name the man of the house, Mr. Bode, gave me a slip which I planted this afternoon. I hope it will grow, it was a very beautiful rose that I saw. I went home and Ma + Lillie came home.

Sunday, October 30, 1887

Weather still pleasant but dry. Children all went to S. S. as usual and then to church with me. After lessons the children wished to go over home and sing so I went with them but we did not sing after all.

(Went to church in the evening and heard MR. Blackburn) No I am mistaken it has been cold today and Mr. B. went to Wheelersburg to preach to we had no service in the evening.

Monday, October 31, 1887

Weather quite pleasant again though it turned so cool Saturday evening that there was danger of the potatoes freezing before we got them safely stored away. Will got through unloading today. I was out most of the day seeing where sales could be made. Margaret went to Mabel Russel's to spend the evening and celebrate Halloween. This is John Peebles' birthday.

Tuesday, November 1, 1887

Bright but cool enough to make my heaviest wrap comfortable. Was out this morn to see Miss Ball and do another errand or two, was not gone long.

Spent the afternoon working in the yard and weighing out potatoes to fill an order. I have done a great deal of walking and talking on the subject. Was down to see Mrs. Dennis who returned Friday from St. Louis. Will found a beautiful calf beside Flo this AM.

Wednesday, November 2, 1887

Another beautiful day. I spend most of my time out of doors from necessity and find it good for me. Today, Margaret and I began fixing up the back room for Henry to occupy. Janie joined us later. We pieced out a covering for the floor of carpet and matting and will succeed in making it quite pleasant. We have a number of changes to make. Will move the boys into the front room and fix up Janie's up while we are about it.

Went to church in the evening as usual.

Thursday, November 3, 1887

Pleasant weather. This is our seventeenth anniversary and it has been spent in a very matter of fact way. I have improved the fine weather by doing a little outdoor work. In the evening Mary came over to say that Mr. Nichols had come there to have a sing so I went over. Barton + Jennie, Helen + Enos called at house to pay their respects then joined the rest over home and we had some music.

Friday, November 4, 1887

Beautiful weather only still very dusty. Had a letter and box of chrysanthemums from Mother Ricker. The flowers were very beautiful, especially the white ones. Ma went home with Lillie Fuller today on the boat, the little Sam Jones. The river is still too low of boats of larger size than that. Carl, Lizzie and I went to Teachers' Meeting this evening.

Saturday, November 5, 1887

The weather continues dry and dusty. The usual Saturday work occupied the morning with turns both in and out of the house. Will finished the roof but still has part of the guttering and the porch roof to pain. In the afternoon Mrs. Sarah Gilbert called. Had a letter from Mrs. Emma K. McCammon of Carthage, O. who comes Monday next to inspect our W. R. C.

Sunday, November 6, 1887

Beautiful weather but cool enough for fire. In the afternoon the children went out with the sunshine for a while as these days must be nearly ended.

Went to church twice as usual and Mr. Blackburn preached the third of his series on the "Decalogue." The 2nd Com. being the text in the evening.

Monday, November 7, 1887

Pleasant only for the dust. Was busy all forenoon helping put the house in order for company. Margaret + I made new curtains for her room. Went to the W. R. C. meeting. Mrs. Emma K. McCammon the Inspector came on the S. V. train. Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Kline went to meet her + I met her in the Ante room. She came home with me to spend the night. Goes to Ironton from here and she will remain until Wed. noon with us.

Postal from J. W.

Tuesday, November 8, 1887

Pleasant as regards temperature but very dusty. Mrs. McCammon spent much of her time writing out her reports. Had calls from Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Drake and Miss Hard. After dinner Helen came over while and Mrs. Smith called on business. We spent the evening alone and very pleasantly. Thyrza Spry came to invite me to their Reading Club but I could not go.

This is John's birthday, I wish he was with us.

Election day.

Wednesday, November 9, 1887

Hazy with indications of rain. After breakfast we had a call from Mary then Mrs. Miles. After they left Mrs. McCammon and I went to return Mrs. Dennis' calls. She offered us her buggy so we used it the rest of the morning. Called to see Mrs. Hall and her five children visiting Jennie. I took her to the 11 AM train for Ironton then came home to care for the calf which does not seem to be well. Made calls with Helen after dinner. Mrs. Belden Nichols, Mrs. Chas. Nichols, Clara Miller, + Ida Williams + Jennie. Went to church. Mr. McConnell died last night.

Thursday, November 10, 1887

Rained a little in the night + was cloudy and cool all day. Went to the P. O. and mailed letter. Paid the remainder of C. B. Higgins' bill. Called on Mary Damarin but did not see her. After dinner did some mending then went to W. C. T. U. and did a few more errands. Went to see Maggie Silcox but met her on the street. Mary came over to tell me that John was coming on the late train. I sat up but did not go over as it was so dark. I wrote all the evening. I went to bed after 11 o'clock.

Friday, November 11, 1887

Went over home only to see John and found him looking very badly, very weak and in great need of medical aid. We telegraphed Ma to come home and then Enos, Mary + I stayed right with him all day. We looked for Ma on the afternoon trains but she did not come and I stayed all night with Mary as she felt that I must be there since Ma did not come.

Saturday, November 12, 1887

This has been one of the long, trying days such as we have seldom known tho' the experience was not new to us. Enos, Mary, Helen + I spent a sleepless night with John and I started out very early to telegraph Ma to come home and to get Barton to help Enos through the day. The day was one of anxiety. We called Dr. Kline and upon his advice it was decided to place Jno under treatment so they left on the evening train for Cin. Ma came on the C. W. + B. and stopped at our house before going home.

Sunday, November 13, 1887

Weather mild and pleasant. The children went to S. S. as usual after which we went to church, no I did not as Mary was hardly well enough to go and I stayed with her in the morning. In the evening Helen came, and went with me as neither Ma nor Mary were going out.

Monday, November 14, 1887

Rainy most of the day so the clothes could not be dried out of doors.

Helen brought her work over a while this morning. Enos and Barton came home on the O + N. W. this afternoon and report having left John pleasantly located where he will have the best of medical treatment and attention and we all feel much encouraged

now that something is being done. His health has been failing so long that his system is sadly broken down but now we felt that there is hope of his being permanently helped.

Tuesday, November 15, 1887

Cloudy most of the day but no more rain.

Helen went to Henley on the noon train to make Lizzie a visit. I went over home to take dinner with the folks as they had turkey and wanted me to enjoy it with them. Their girl met with a bad accident after dinner cut her wrist so bad that it had to be sewed and splintered. Had our sitting room grate torn out and rebuilt.

Wednesday, November 16, 1887

Weather still pleasant and mild. Was busy all day sweeping, dusting and so on.

Margaret went home with her Aunt Jennie to dinner and was gone until late in the afternoon. Finished paying for the resetting of the grate and felt that it was money well invested. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, November 17, 1887

Beautiful day and temperature mild. We spent the forenoon cleaning windows and putting the house in order as the weather is so favorable for such work. I finished the curtains for Margaret's room. Maggie Silcox was here on an errand. Went to the W. C. T. U. in the afternoon. Settled with Mr. Knittel after so long a time. A balance of 2.25 was paid me.

Friday, November 18, 1887

Weather mild and pleasant. The usual round of housework occupied my time in the forenoon. Helped Margaret with her dress when the other work was done.

Went out to see Mrs. Silcox and Mrs. Kline on W. R. C. business but was not gone long. Paid the pew rent for the coming quarter. Wrote Mrs. McCammon.

Did not go to Teachers' meeting as I had too much to do at home.

Saturday, November 19, 1887

A queer day in many respects. Hazy, cloudy, windy in the forenoon. A telegram announced J. W.'s coming on the O. + N. W. at 4:45 PM. The boys went out to the depot after dinner and finding the train late they walked over the bridge to meet it on the other side. Snow and rain set in and it was dark before the train came along. They signaled + stopped it, got on board and found their father had changed his plan and come another way. Ma and Enos were on the train, however and paid their fare home. J. W. came on the S. V. R. R. about 4 PM.

Sunday, November 20, 1887

Quite cold. Mercury down below freezing and light snow on the ground.

All the children except May went to S. S. and all of us went to church. Mr. B. preached on the 4th Com. Went to church in the evening and heard a good sermon to young men from 119 Psalm. "Where with all shall a young man cleanse his way?" etc.

Monday, November 21, 1887

Not quite so cold still the ground is frozen and icicles have hung on the shed roofs in the shade all day. I have spent the day mending pants for Will, after supper mended Carl's school pants. Was over home with my sewing a few minutes and saw Maggie Peebles how called upon Mary and Helen. The latter had gone to the Y. L. S. Circle.

Tuesday, November 22, 1887

Weather mild and pleasant. Helped Margaret with her dress which she is fixing over. After tea J. W. and I went up to sit awhile at Barton's. Remained until 9 o'clock and had a pleasant evening.

We seldom go out to make calls in the evening but can only see Barton at that time.

Wednesday, November 23, 1887

Weather warm and damp. Was busy at home all forenoon until three o'clock Pm when I went to the W. C. T. U. meeting. Met Lizzie and Ma there, attendance small.

Went to church in the evening as usual. Saw Rich and Lizzie there. They are in for the family dinner at Mr. P's.

Thursday, November 24, 1887

Thanksgiving day has been as unlike the proverbial day as possible. Weather warm and cloudy. Went to church as usual, Mr. Work preached the sermon at our church. Uncle Jimmie was here to dinner. Rained in the afternoon. No two families dined together today. Barton was called away suddenly yesterday so Jennie and her children were alone. Lizzie and hers were at Mr. P's. The home folks are not well and had no company and we only had our usual Sunday family. Wrote to Jno.

Friday, November 25, 1887

Warm and cloudy with a slow rain. Was over home and saw Lizzie a few minutes then later I went up to Mr. Peebles' to see her again on business. Saw Hattie Peebles and three of her children.

Did not go out in the evening to Teachers' Meeting but went with J. W. to see Aunt Mary B. Moore who is not well.

Saturday, November 26, 1887

Beautiful warm, bright day. Windows and doors all open and fires out, just like Spring. Margaret went up to stay all night with her Aunt Jennie as Barton has not yet returned from Ganesville where he went to see Dwight who is very sick. Have been busy at home all day, did not go over home even. Intended going up to Mr. Blackburn's after tea but did not do so.

Sunday, November 27, 1887

Rainy and warm, quite warm I wore no wrap to church in the forenoon. In the evening it rained and as umbrellas were scarce I remained at home with Carl and Mary.

We were all out in the morning. Father is laid up with cold.

Monday, November 28, 1887

Four or five inches of snow in some places and thermometers down to 14°. Cleared off and was bright and cold all day. Have been busy in various ways. Margaret and Helen went to Henley today. Ma and Pa are both sick but nothing serious. After dinner I went and paid Mrs. Corson the last of the pasture money. Called at Mrs. Blackburn's and saw her friend Miss Harsey. Mary + I then called to see Gussie Halderman.

Tuesday, November 29, 1887

Snow deep enough to be very unpleasant under foot. Very cold also and the sun did not seem to affect the snow and ice very much. I was over home a number of times, as both Father + Mother are sick in bed with colds. I was out seeing after a girl for the home folks and while out went to Mrs. Sam Gilbert's and there met Gussie Halderman again.

Wednesday, November 30, 1887

Not quite so cold, I have taken a bad cold and have tried to stay in as much as possible. Lizzie came in today and could stay with Ma so I have not been back and forth as much as I should otherwise have been. Mrs. Evans came to see me a few moments about potatoes and then Clay Newman came on an errand and made a call at the same time. She had been to Mr. Gilbert's funeral. Did not go out in the evening.

Thursday, December 1, 1887

Sloppy and disagreeable so I did not venture out to the Temperance meeting, much as I wished to do so. Lizzie went home again on the noon train.

Have been mending nearly all day and still have work of the same kind to be done.

Friday, December 2, 1887

Have been at home all day with my cold which is quite bad. Wet and gloomy. Helen came home this afternoon. Mrs. Lowes and Mary Moore were here this afternoon.

I have been mending on the stockings nearly all day. Did not go out except for a few moments when I went home.

Saturday, December 3, 1887

Rainy and unpleasant.

Was busy at home all the forenoon, and after dinner I took my work and went out to do a few errands and sit awhile with Jennie. Called first at Mr. Blackburn's then to see Mrs. Silcox and from there to see Mrs. Duduit. Sat awhile with Jennie and finished the days employment and enjoyments by a call upon Mrs. Dennis. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Sunday, December 4, 1887

A rainy, dreary kind of day with no gleams of sunshine. Carl was not well, neither was Mary and both remained at home. I was not able to be out to church owing to my

cold and the day was a long one to me. In the evening J. W. Will and Lizzie went to hear Mr. Blackburn preach the series on the Commandments.

Monday, December 5, 1887

Bright after 9 o'clock and milder than it has been. Was at home all forenoon except for a few minutes when I went over home.

After dinner I went to the W. R. C. meeting and spent the afternoon there. It was the time for election of officers and most of the old ones were re-elected. My anticipations of a release were disappointed and the work of another year is before me.

Tuesday, December 6, 1887

Bright but rather damp underfoot. Devoted all my spare time mending up out grown underwear which I hope will do some other children some good. After dinner Helen brought her work to sit with me but Miss Hard came for me to go with her to Mrs. Silcox's to make out the reports. Miss Emma was there spending the day. Between 11 + 12 o'clock tonight Anderson's Flour Mill burned and Mr. A. himself was killed by a falling wall. The mill was located on 4th near Market and made a very hot fire.

Wednesday, December 7, 1887

Damp underfoot. Was busy at home most of the day. Had the usual week's mending to do besides altering some night dresses for Lizzie. Late in the afternoon I took the Petition papers on the square between Court + Market on 6th street and so began that work. Did not go out to prayer meeting as it had begun raining and my cold is still troubling me. Morning brought news of the loss of two lives last night with two or three others so badly hurt that they may die.

Thursday, December 8, 1887

Damp but not rainy. Was over home until after dinner when I went to see after someone to make Carl's pants which I cut out in the forenoon. Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Miles and Mr. Dodge were in this morning. Went to see Mrs. Silcox after dinner and as she had started to my house I came home to wait for her. We went to the Temperance meeting together, after which I went to Dora Hard's, and the shoe factory for Mary. Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn and Miss Harvey called in the evening.

Friday, December 9, 1887

Wet and dismal but no hard rain. Was busy all forenoon straightening up scrap bags and doing such work.

After dinner Helen came over with her to a Com meeting at the Reading Rooms at 4 PM. Cut out some underwear for Carl but did not sew much as there was something else to be finished. Have received a few more names on the petition for Temperance Education Law.

Saturday, December 10, 1887

Mild. Spent the forenoon in the usual way, sweeping and dusting. After dinner sent Lizzie up to Mrs. Hard's to take the Petition to Elsie Boynton for circulation. L went with her and Mary went to see Elizabeth. Sewed on Carl's underwear but did not finish it. In the evening went with Ma, Enos + Helen to hear Hon. Geo Wendling deliver his lecture on "Saul of Tarsus" at our church. Enjoyed it very much.

Sunday, December 11, 1887

Rained a little and was quite dull all day.

Children went to S. S. as usual and we all went to church. In the evening it became very dark and owing to our accident at the Water Works the electric lights were not in use so those who had lanterns used them to find their way to church. The darkness was uncommon.

Monday, December 12, 1887

Damp but not rainy. After breakfast I told Jas that Mary wanted me to go to Cin with Helen and Enos to do some errands for her. He said go and I proceeded to get ready. Went after Carl and took him with me, to his great delight. Mrs. McCall and Anna went down and we had quite a pleasant trip together.

Took my knitting and put in my time on it. As the boat proceeded down the river the passengers came on until the cabin was full.

Tuesday, December 13, 1887

Beautiful day down in Cin where we spent the forenoon shopping. Boat reached the city just after breakfast and we went at once to attend to our errands. Helen and I went to Shillito's where we made the most of our purchases. Hurried from place to place until nearly everything was accomplished then returned to the boat. Helen and Enos then went to the Hotel and Carl and I started for home. No acquaintances coming up to Ports. except Roby.

Wednesday, December 14, 1887

Quite pleasant for the season only very damp and cold under foot. The boat reached Ports. just after we had finished breakfast and we came directly home. Found all as well as usual. After putting the room in order I went over home to report to Mary about her errands then to see Uncle Sam and lastly to see Jennie. After dinner went to a W. R. C. com meeting at Mrs. Silcox's. Afterwards did some errands and added a few names to the Petition. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, December 15, 1887

Cooler than yesterday, no rain but damp underfoot. Was busy at home all forenoon. Went over to see John a few moments as he came home last evening with Enos + Helen. Helen was over with her work before dinner. I cut out and began making a white cashmere wrapper for our newest baby, John + Mary's little girl.

Mrs. Murphy called to invite us to tea at her house Friday evening. John made us a nice long call, Jennie also came down.

Friday, December 16, 1887

Rather mild and pleasant. Lizzie and her boys came in today to do errands. Was here a few minutes. In the evening we went up to Mr. Murphy's to tea and met there Drs Kline + Dennis, Messrs McCall, Simmers, McGinley, Lloyd and their wives, also Mrs. Wells, Mr. W. being out of town. Had a pleasant evening.

Saturday, December 17, 1887

Awoke this morning to find quite a heavy snow fall and more coming down. My Saturday work kept me busy with indoors nearly all day. Lizzie and the boys went home on the noon train. Mary is quite busy with pretty things which she is making for friends near and far.

Sunday, December 18, 1887

Snow still on the ground. The children went to S. S. and we all went to church both morning and evening. Mr. Blackburn preached on the eighth Commandment. Will pumped the organ for Mrs. Draper's playing. It is hardly probable that Grace Helfenstein will ever be able to play again.

Monday, December 19, 1887

Bright and pleasant, except underfoot. Snow is melting and walking is bad. Our packages came this morning after so long a time. The things we bought in Cin when we went down.

Tuesday, December 20, 1887

Cold and raw. Have been out quite a good deal today, take the Petitions with me wherever I go and am getting them well filled. Made an apron for Tania from a white overskirt which I do not need. It made a very nice apron. I am doing very little in the way of Christmas work.

Wednesday, December 21, 1887

Cold and clear but damp underfoot. After doing my morning work I went out to get some ribbon which Margaret wrote for. Spent the whole forenoon at the stores then walked to the P. O. with a letter which was too late for the mail. Then I took it out to the train and did some fast walking but succeeded in reaching there in time. The caps from Henley for Grandma came today and I went out after the ribbon and finished them.

Thursday, December 22, 1887

Cold and frosty. Was busy at home all forenoon and almost finished a pair of drawers for Will. Put aside my work and went to the Regular Temperance meeting. Took Lizzie and Mary, having promised to take them to Mr. Ewing's to look at his display. We went a small box to Grandpa and Grandma. Margaret made a pretty cushion for Grandma, Mary made her a needle book and Lizzie made Grandpa a books mark. Uncle Jimmie + I put in a few things besides.

Friday, December 23, 1887

Cold and clear, ground frozen hard. Was home All the forenoon except for a few minutes when I went over home. After dinner I intended going up to the High School but John came over to mark an umbrella for me so I got something to do for Mary and remained at home. Late in the afternoon I went to the P. O. and afterwards called upon Mrs. Cox who has lately moved here. Went to Mrs. Spry's but did not get in.

Saturday, December 24, 1887

Quite bright and pleasant. Grace Helfenstein died this morning after an illness of five weeks, that is it has been five weeks since she was taken down the last time. She has always been delicate and her parents have lived for her during the twenty four years of her life. Last Sabbath was her birthday. She was an amiable, lovely girl and will be missed by a large circle of friends. Her mother will hardly know how to live without her.

Sunday, December 25, 1887

A bright, mild day and very unlike Christmas. We attended the usual services at church and had lessons in the afternoon. John was over a few minutes. Uncle Jimmie was not down today.

Monday, December 26, 1887

Weather pleasant for the season. The Christmas Tree was at the old home this evening and all six of us brothers + sisters were present, the first time in years when no one was missing. Barton, Rich, Jimmie, + Helen were present also and fifteen grandchildren. Only Mary and the two babies were absent and had they been present we would all have been there. The tree was a great success and much enjoyed by all. The little folks were delighted. Flo McConnell was there when the doors were opened and the children allowed to go in.

Tuesday, December 27, 1887

A beautiful day and mild for the season. I went to Mr. Helfenstein's as early in the morning as I could and was there most of the day. Have not seen Mrs. Helfenstein except as she passed. She is completely broken down and it does no good for anyone to try to comfort her. The funeral was largely attended. Mr. Blackburn conducted the services. I did not come home until nearly dark.

Wednesday, December 28, 1887

Quite cold and raw, a sharp wind was blowing much of the time.

I ripped and washed Mary's blue flannel cloak preparatory to making a dress of it for her. Late in the afternoon Ma, Helen and I called upon Mrs. Tremper and her sister-in-law from New Richmond. Then to see Mrs. Helfenstein. In the evening we went to church.

Thursday, December 29, 1887

Raw and cold. Was trying to sew and got something ready for the little girls to wear to school so did not go to the Temperance meeting this afternoon. Mrs. Silcox was here this forenoon and made quite a call.

Friday, December 30, 1887

Cold and cloudy.

Was busy sewing most of the day trying to get Mary's blue flannel dress done in time for Sabbath. When too late to sew longer without a light I went to see Miss Emma Bell. After tea J. W. + I went to Mr. Helfenstein's for a little while then to Teachers' Meeting at the church. She was here quite a while this afternoon.

Saturday, December 31, 1887

When we awoke this morning a sleety rain from the east was beating against the windows.

It afterwards changed to a slow rain and grew warmer. Was dismal all day. The usual sweeping and dusting was done in the forenoon but the remains of the Christmas candy and pop-corn made extra sweepings necessary.

In the afternoon George Dennis called, he is home from St. Louis for the holidays and kindly remembered us among his many friends here.