

1884 Louisiana Diary

Tuesday, January 1, 1884

Not very cold but rainy all day. We begin the new year blessed with good health. I have a severe cold but notwithstanding the drawbacks, I prepared for a small tea party. Our home folks father, mother, sister Mary, Enos, Lizzie + Rich, then Charlie, Belle Dwight and Fred Greene being the guests. We had a pleasant evening and wished Jennie + Bart had been with us, but they decided not to come home this winter.

Wednesday, January 2, 1884

Weather turning very cold with hard wind blowing. Was very busy all day and tried to find time to go over home a few minutes but when about ready to start, Miss E. Bell came in the front door + Ma the back door so I did not go. My cold is too bad to take out anyway. Began mending and fixing up the school clothes to have them ready for service next week. Miss Emma stayed to tea.

Letters from Mary Warner, Aunt Betsey and Jennie Ricker.

Began one to Mary, wrote to Jennie Greene.

Thursday, January 3, 1884

Weather very cold and windy too cold for snow. Thermometer 16° at 7:30 PM was over home with Ma, Mary + Lizzie awhile before dinner and after dinner Lizzie brought her work and spent most of the afternoon for me. Charlie and Dwight Greene came to a tea party call and when they left I found Lizzie had gone. She had been helping Willie cut out a pattern to saw out with his scroll saw. I wrote to Mother R Aunt Betsey and Maggie Bell. Had a short letter from Mary Warner.

Friday, January 4, 1884

Colder than yesterday but not so windy. Some snow has been falling. My cold is a little better. Have been mending coats and stockings today. Had a letter from Mother Ricker. Was out on an errand late in the afternoon and found the cold severe. Lizzie Peebles' baby is not well and I was over twice to see how she was. Willie began on a diary today. Margaret has kept one ten years and would be glad to stop.

Saturday, January 5, 1884

7:30 -13° 9 PM 8°

Weather very cold, the change has been sudden and froze a water pipe just back of the front door. When it was thawed out and burst the water ran down and froze the door open so it was an hour's work for J. W. to get the ice off so it would close. We have had all we could do to keep warm today. Ma came over and spent most of the afternoon. Lizzie + the baby went up to Mr. Peebles' to stay a few days. I have been trying to get Carl's school clothes in order for next week.

Sunday, January 6, 1884

7:30 AM -16° 9 PM -6°

Colder still this morning. Margaret + Willie + Carl went to S. S. and the two older ones went to church in the morning, there was no service in the evening as it was so very cold. I was not out on account of my cold. It is better but not well. J. W. + I went over home a little while in the afternoon. The steam keeps their house at summer heat and is delightful.

Week of Prayer

Monday, January 7, 1884

7:30 AM -2° 9 PM 12° snowing

Not quite so cold but still quite severe. We can keep the house more comfortable today. Children went back to school and Willie reported that his standing in the last EX. placed him at the head of his school. Margaret does not yet know hers. Went to Union prayer meeting at our church at 3: 30 PM. J. W. + I went again in the evening. Mrs. Tewksbury and Jennie Todd were here.

Tuesday, January 8, 1884

7:30 -16° Snowy 9 PM 18°

Was busy all forenoon mending. Went over home a few minutes after dinner and saw the folks. Saw two letters from Jno written from N. O. He is very well and happy, his letters are a treat lately. He seemed to have experienced a change in many ways and has at last learned to appreciate his home + friends. No, I am mistaken about being over home, I was only out to prayer meeting at the Baptist church. It was snowing when we went and came. There must be 15 inches of snow on a level.

Wednesday, January 9, 1884

7:30 10° clear + colder 9 PM 14°

Snow is banked up three feet in some places in our yard. We never saw more at one time I think. Busy all forenoon. Went over home a few minutes after dinner. Went to prayer meeting at Bigelow and found a large attendance + was much interested in the subject Children and the Family, Colleges. From there I went down to see if Aunt Mollie had rec'd their paper. Spoke to Enos in his office, went to pay Mr. Warner's bill, stopped at Mr. Brodbeck's, Dell Ramsey's then called at Mr. Peebles. Went to PM in the evening.

Wrote to Jennie Ricker

Thursday, January 10, 1884

7:30 14° Rained a little 9 PM 36°

Weather a little worse than it has been before this year. I had a call from Uncle Enos this morning, he was here nearly two hours. In the afternoon I went to prayer meeting at the German M. E. church after which I did an errand down street. Went to PM in the evening and when I came home wrote to Mother Ricker. Lizzie finished hemming Carl's red, frog chief, the first reas sewing she has done and it was quite well done for such a little girl.

Friday, January 11, 1884

7:30 30° snowed a little 9 PM 20°

Ice, and snow banks everywhere make a dismal, cheerless outlook. Was at home all day mending clothes except twice when I went over home to see Ma and did not see her. Had a letter from Jennie children had letters from Grandpa and Grandma but I had none this week. Went to prater meeting in the evening. Very few out.

 Jimmie spent most of the afternoon trying to make a knitting machine work.

Saturday, January 12, 1884

Clear and cold. Snowed a very little. Was over home a few minutes in the forenoon and Ma was here sometime. After dinner I went out to see Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary who has been sick for more than two weeks. Did not go to prayer meeting as I hadn't time to go to both places. Lizzie and her children came back from her visit to Mr. Peebles' and I stopped at home to see her then as I returned from Uncle Sam's.

Sunday, January 13, 1884

More pleasant than for several Sabbaths so Lizzie was allowed to go to S. S. and church once more. All of us except Mary went to church. Dr. D. B. Colton and C. Dwight Greene were ordained elders at the morning service. At 3:30 PM Communion service was held and several were received into the church. Eggleston L. Gates and his wife upon profession, Mr. + Mrs. Harry Greene, Dell Reilly, Lizzie Jack + a Mrs. Gregory from other churches.

 We stayed all night at Mr. Ramsey's last night.

Monday, January 14, 1884

Colder again, clothes froze on the lines almost as soon as hung out. River full of ice, no boats running. I spent today mending or making over a winter night dress for Margaret. Sewed on the machine until after 9 o'clock PM. Jimmie went to the G. A. R. meeting in the evening and I put in the time sewing. Sent a letter to Jno today, I began it several days ago but did not finish it because I was expecting one from him.

Tuesday, January 15, 1884

Still cold and snowy. Was busy today making button holes and finishing up the mending, I had begun.

 Willie went down after supper to see if they would need him at Mr. Ramsey's tonight, they said no but told him to tell us that Carrie + Emma would be here tonight.

Wednesday, January 16, 1884

7:30 6° Clear + cold 9 PM 16°

Was busy at home in the forenoon with household duties and after dinner I went to the store on an errand. While out I stopped at the Reading Rooms to inquire about Mr. Ramsey and see Carrie Swim (?) and Emma Nichols who came last night to see their father who will not live much longer. Mr. P. C. Kinney died at 1 PM today after an illness of about two weeks. Last Nov

he and J. W. made a trip west together. Lizzie Peebles brought her work and spent part of the afternoon with me, J. W. + I went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, January 17, 1884

7:30 10° clear 9 PM 24°

Sleighting excellent for those who have sleighs and horses. Have been at home all day except the three little trips I made over home. The two little girls are about sick so I have stayed by them pretty closely. Before tea I went to thank Enos for the nice big photo he gave me and Mary gave me an armful of new books which she had ordered for us before Christmas. After tea J. W. + I went and ate ice cream, Mary went sleigh riding with Dwight. Letter from Mary Warner + Mother R. Geo Bell was here to dinner. Mr. Ramsey died about 8 PM.

Friday, January 18, 1884

7:30 22° Thawing and wet 9 PM 34°

Little girls sick so I have done little besides nurse them. Had to send for Dr. Kline, the first time he has been sent for since last March I think. We have been wonderfully blessed during the past year. Enos is sick, has been in bed a day or two and Lizzie Peebles is hardly able to be around.

Saturday, January 19, 1884

7 o'clock 34° snowed a little 9 PM

Rained a good deal last night. Around 11 o'clock we were aroused by rapping at the door and found the Dr. there. He was out and felt anxious to know how the little girls were doing so came in. I was up a great deal with them and have been kept busy all day as they have been quite sick but at bedtime they seem better. Ma was here most of the afternoon. Jimmie went to Mr. Ramsey's funeral at our church. He had just passed his birthday and was 84 years old. Alice Ross came to get cream for her mother.

Sunday, January 20, 1884

7:30 12° 9 PM 6°

I was not out today as the little girls were too sick to be left. Margaret, Willie + Carl went to S. S. and the two former represented the family at church. Carl went over home to stay with Jno + Wm and Jimmie was after medium for Enos. Mr. Phillander C. Kinney was buried this afternoon from All Saints' church. He was nearly 63 years old.

Monday, January 21, 1884

Cold and clear 9 PM 12°

Miss Maggie O'Connor came this morning to help sew awhile. The two children are still sick but I have already put her off twice so will begin and do the best I can. Lizzie Peebles came over with her work and spent part of the afternoon. Sister Annie would have been 21 yrs old today had she lived. Went down street late in the afternoon to do a few errands.

Tuesday, January 22, 1884

7:30 18° Thawing in the sun 9 PM

Rather pleasant overhead but slipper underfoot. Have been at home all day trying to plan work for Miss Maggie and wait upon the two sick children. Lizzie was enough better to get up in the afternoon but Mary seemed not so well and the Dr. was in three times during the day. Ma was here awhile before tea and Mary a few minutes after dinner.

Wednesday, January 23, 1884

7:30 36° Snowy 9 PM 12°

The little girls are better. Lizzie was dressed in the afternoon but Mary was not able to be up. She suffers with her ears and cannot hear well. I did not go to church in the evening but Jas, Margaret and Will went. I wrote to Mother Ricker and told her I was going to send her a picture of Lizzie's boys which I had begged for her.

Thursday, January 24, 1884

7:30 18° Snowy 9 PM 12°

Lizzie seems to feel very well again but looks thin and pale. Mary sat up in a large chair all day and is improving. I help all I can with the sewing but it seems like there is improving. I help all I can with the sewing but it seems like there is not much chance when the little girls are unable to wait upon themselves. However, Lizzie can help me a little now and she and Mary look very sweet and old fashioned with their work baskets and sewing.

Friday, January 25, 1884

7:30 -15°

Very, very cold and frosty. The trees are loaded with frost and look beautiful. Even the horses are frosted, the slow ones are frosted nearly all over. It has been all we can do to keep comfortable. Lizzie, Rich and the children are still living in town and it is well they are since they could not keep warm at their own home.

Saturday, January 26, 1884

7:30 -5° 9 PM 10°

Sleighing splendid. Clear + bright and pleasant. We sewed away industriously until about 3 PM when Jas drove up with a sleigh and invited me to take a ride. I felt that my time was too precious to spend that way but he wanted me to go so I dropped everything and went for half an hour. It was my first genuine good sleigh ride and I enjoyed it. He afterwards took Lizzie Peebles + her boys and Mary Warner and Carl, Margaret rode to + from the stable for her share. Wrote or began to write to Mary W. Willie spent most of the day over home crocheting on his mittens.

Sunday, January 27, 1884

7:30 9° Clear 9 PM 30°

Beautiful day. Margaret, Willie and Carl went to S. S. and then went with us to church, in the morning. Had our lessons as usual in the afternoon the Jas + I went to church in the evening.

Uncle Jimmie was here to tea and Margaret + Carl went to prayer meeting with him.
Had a letter from Jno.

Monday, January 28, 1884

7:30 32° Icy and slippery. Sewed on the machine and tired myself out. Mary was over in the morning and showed me a letter she had rec'd from Chloe Loukton the subject of a book that we read nearly twenty years ago and thought must be dead years but she still lives and suffers. Says she has now been in bed nearly 50 yrs and is nearly 72 yrs old. She is a wonderful woman. Mary, Lizzie and I sent her some things to contribute to her comfort. I finished a letter to Mary Warner which was commenced last week. Jimmie went to a little oyster supper given by misses Burton + Kendall.

Letter from Maggie Bell.

Tuesday, January 29, 1884

7:30 35° Cloudy and sloppy

The snow is at its worst now, slushy and dirty. Have been at home sewing all day and thankful not to be obliged to get out. Began on Carl's coat and my black cashmere dress which is to be made over. Margaret went to Isabel Murray's birthday party this evening. Sent a letter to Mary Warner. Have felt better than I did yesterday but not very well yet. Had a nice long visit from Ma this forenoon. Wrote to Jno this evening.

Wednesday, January 30, 1884

9 PM 50°

Thawing rapidly, the ice on the streets + pavements is cut with little streams of water and the walking is very bad. We went to prayer meeting in the evening. Had a letter from Mother R. and when I came home I answered it. Ma and I were down street today and I bought velvet to make one basque, very dark garnet. Warner + Hawkes are selling very low and we have bought several bargains there this week. The velvet was 1. 65 pr yd.

Thursday, January 31, 1884

7:30 4 Sunny 9 PM 4 42°

The streets are very wet and sloppy. Pavements in some places feel as though they were laid on sponge and one can feel them spring or give when stepping on the brick. The old cow was sold this week and Mr. Smith brought the money (\$35.00) for her.

Finished by black skirt and began on a jersey waist to wear with it. Willie and I went to prayer meeting, this being the regular day of prayer for colleges.

Friday, February 1, 1884

7 AM 26°

Bright and pleasant. Snow all gone except where piled up in the shade, ice still on shady side of street. We worked on jersey waists for Margaret and myself today. Lizzie and her children went up to Mr. Peebles' to stay awhile. After dinner Ma + Mary brought their work over and Thereza Spry came with hers so we had quite a bee.

Saturday, February 2, 1884

7 AM 28° Bright and sunny. If this is the traditional Groundhog day, that animal would have no difficulty seeing his shadow so would return to wait six weeks longer for winter to break up, so the saying goes. I was tired today and after putting the buttons and button holes in my jersey waist I put it on and was just in time to receive a call from Mrs. Tracy and as she left, Miss Alice Ross came in. A remarkable fact is that Miss Alice was here just one year ago today and also one year ago the day she last called here.

Sunday, February 3, 1884

Warm and damp. Ther 29°

The three older children went to S. S. but Willie did not go to church as his frosted feet hurt him badly. Dr. Pratt preached two good sermons today, I was glad I was there in the evening especially. Ma and Enos were here in the afternoon. Barite Greene is 6 yrs old today.

Monday, February 4, 1884

7 AM 40° Rained hard in the evening and there was some thunder and lightning. Jas ha to go to the court house to sit on a jury but was excused and came home about 10 o'clock. We are still sewing hard and I am pretty tired though I do not sew much on the machine. Uncle Enos took the Bonanza out again today though there was considerable ice in the river. Letter from Jennie Ricker.

Tuesday, February 5, 1884

7 AM 62° Warm and rainy with some thunder and lightning. Sewed busily all day but twice I took my work and went over home as Miss Maggie had all she could do on the machine. Carl is struggling with the multiplication table and I am helping him most of the time he is in the house. Margaret went up to play with Lizzie's children at Mr. Peebles'. Rich was to have gone home today but the water is over the tow path and he can only go back as he came via Cin. a house on Front Street fell today.

Wednesday, February 6, 1884

Rained steadily all day and the river is so high the boat (Bonanza) did not go out. Telegram from Cin said there would be no place to land there. I stayed home all day and put in every moment as this was Miss Maggie's last day here to help me. She has been here 2 ½ weeks and we almost finished forty garments. Had letters from Mother Ricker and sister Jennie. Answered the former. Did not go to prayer meeting. Ther 53° this PM

Thursday, February 7, 1884

Ther 42° Rainy

Water still coming up. Was at home all day until about 4 PM when Jimmie + I went to Front Street to see the water. It came up into the 3rd st gutters this afternoon late. People are moving in all directions and boats are being built. I sent Will to have his hair cut and he had the barber cut it with the clippers. When he saw how badly I felt, he cried but we must both stand it now for a while. Called to see Lizzie at Mr. Peebles' then to see Uncle Jimmie. Wrote to Jennie Greene + Bessie Barr. Dr. Kline called to see Mary.

Friday, February 8, 1884

Cloudy and damp

It seems strange that another flood is at our door again within a year. The water now is just coming into our yard, about the middle of the afternoon and the prospect is that it will equate if not exceed the height of last year. We have sent the little girls over home and moved the books upstairs, are preparing to move other things if necessary. Boats + rafts are on 5th st. Between 4 + 5 o'clock Jimmie + Carl + I went in a skiff down Court and up 3rd streets to Uncle Jimmie Wood's. He is a prisoner in his room over the store. (see back of book)

This morning about 8 o'clock Ma, Mary, Carl and I walked down Court to 4th thence to Jefferson where we could see the Office. The water was up to the window. At night the water was just at the gate. It even came inside. Late in the afternoon we carried all the books upstairs and began to get things in order a little for a move if necessary. The two little girls and Maggie were to stay over home all night but Mary wanted me so they brought her home and she slept soundly all night. Jimmie had to put his mark on the house before as it became too deep to wade out to the gate post where it was. During the night two families opposite us had to move out and neighbors are getting scarce.

Saturday, February 9, 1884

54° Noon Cloudy all day with slight sprinkling rain most of the time. We arose about 6:30 AM and found the water opposite the windows of our bedroom. Has been rising all day and at 9:30 PM it has surrounded our house, filled the cellar and covered the top steps at the front porch and still rises slowly, about $\frac{3}{4}$ in an hour. The greater part of the town is under water and we cannot walk far in any direction. Our only way to get out of the yard being through the back alley. 5th Court + Market streets as far as we can see from our (see end of book) front windows are being navigated by boats, rafts etc. All day yesterday and nearly all night we heard the sound of hammer + saw people making boats + putting goods up higher. The weather has been so warm and mild that open doors and windows were not uncomfortable. We have all been boat riding today. Willie has spent most of the time yesterday + today on his raft, Carl had one in the side yard. Maggie went skiff riding with the home folks and in the afternoon Jimmie, Carl, Mary, Lizzie and I went out in the skiff.

We went down Court to 4th thence up to Chillicothe to see Uncle Jimmie. From there down to 3rd to Market, down Market to Front, down Front to Jefferson, then out to 3rd, up 3rd to Market, up Market to 4th to Court and landed at the alley north of Jude Townen's.

The little girls enjoyed it and Lizzie will probably never forget it. The sights are wonderful. Some ludicrous, some distressing. Tonight we took up part of the parlor matting and set the piano up on blocks, are prepared to tear up the carpet in short notice and go upstairs. Have moved clothing and many other things already, have coal and a good supply of cistern water in the house ready for use. The water is nearly into the stable and the feed was moved higher. Everything is ready to seal up the cistern if the water rises three or four inches more. The flood last year seemed terrible but this is much worse. It was a foot higher this forenoon and has risen steadily ever since. The mark of 1832 is said to be covered now. While I wait and watch the mark and Jimmie takes a nap, I'll write a few lines more to Mary Warner who was with us at this time last year and saw the other flood. Later began another sheet to Mary but did not write much. About 10:30 we decided water would not reach the floor before tomorrow so both went to bed and slept some I did not get up again but Jimmie was up several times and about 4 o'clock went out and sealed up the cistern as the water was almost up on it.

Sunday, February 10, 1884

Weather warm enough to work with open doors and windows. We arose at 6:30 o'clock to go to work tearing up carpets, moving up things etc. as it was evident that no more time was to be lost. It was within 3 inches of the floor and still rising. We had breakfast and then went right on with the work. Pa came over and sat an hour watching the water rise on the mark. I had already had the most of the tacks taken up in the parlor and so finished that first and Enos and Harry helped Jimmie lift the piano onto the paint chair block. All forenoon we worked (see end) moving up things. Carried in coal and prepared things upstairs for living close quarters had eat tables in the bathroom and were expecting to be shut in for a few days by the water which already surrounds us.

Just at noon the water came on the parlor floor. We ate dinner when it was just beginning to come in through the cracks in the dining room floor. By evening it was so deep in the house that it was decided best for all of us except Jimmie + Will to go over home to stay + Henry was to come and stay with them. A fire broke out in Greene's feed store early in the morning, caused by the water getting on the unstacked lime and it was impossible for the fire engine to get nearer than 6th + Market, four squares distant owing to the deep water surrounding the buildings. They finally got the steamer on a flat and took it near enough to do good service but several buildings Spry's drugstore + the Telephone Exchange among others were burned to the water's edge. All day people have been moving and building boats. It began to rain again in the afternoon and added to the distress of the movers.

Monday, February 11, 1884

Rained all last night and all day today making a dismal time more dismal and discouraging. The water rises steadily, has not made a halt since it first began. Before I was up Jimmie sent me a note asking for help to raise the piano again. It has been raised twice already. As soon as I could find help enough they went and put it up higher. The water is over rubber boot top deep in the house and makes such work very difficult. Jimmie was awake all night except 1 ½ hours and kept a record of the rise. Today has been dreadful.

Tuesday, February 12, 1884

River 66 feet by water marks weather still mild. This AM the sun, after a hard struggle broke thro' the clouds and cheered our hearts for several hours. People took courage and felt that the worst was past as the water began to slacken a little, but very little and it was anxiously watched and measured. The boat building went on however as the water is now so high that we cannot go from one house to the next without a boat or bridge or something of the kind, unless we have rubber boots and a man without them is of small consequence these times. Water began to fall very slowly this evening.

Wednesday, February 13, 1884

Water continued rising slowly most of yesterday and was deep enough for boats on the pavement in front of Pa's house. Before it stopped the waters from Market + Court streets had met on the south side of the street and those from 5th + 7th streets had met juts in front of the house but there were still some places left uncovered and they were tramped into deep mud by the throngs of people. Rained again at night.

Thursday, February 14, 1884

Bright and pleasant. Went over home in a boat this morning and was busy until nearly noon, both Maggie and I cleaning up the upstairs, putting it in as good order as possible under the circumstances. Jimmie + Henry had gone to take some feed to the cows, up past the car (?) shops where they had wandered. Saw Uncle Sam and a boat load of people riding past on 5th. Water has fallen a few inches. We were out after dinner. Rained hard again at night. Our house is a desolate looking place but does not compare with some we saw today. Wrote to Mother R.

Friday, February 15, 1884

Ther 22° The small spot of ground out of water is frozen hard. The water is still in our house. The furnace here at Pa's is under water so we have no steam, coal is scarce and Jimmie brings most of it from over home so we have only two fires to sit by. The water falls very slowly. It is hard times on the needy. Mrs. spry brought us 6 garments to make this afternoon so Ma, Mary + I sewed busily and made them, also finished three which Mary had on hands and she took the nine up before supper. I had a letter from Mrs. Phelps today, the first mail that has reached us since the high water come today.

Saturday, February 16, 1884

Ther 30° this morning, not so cold as yesterday. Water falls very slowly. This morning it is out of our house but is still much higher than when at its highest last year. The sun shines brightly and in all the houses where the water has gone out, men are busy scrubbing out the mud. Our house had over three feet of water on the floor. Our stoves were all nearly covered and are rusty for ten (?) but all have fires in them now. Letters from Mother Ricker + Mary W. Mails, telegraphs, telephone, R. R.'s in short everything has been demoralized.

Sunday, February 17, 1884

Weather milder and very damp.

Rained slightly several times. Water receding very slowly. Was over here part of the time today straightening up. Jimmie kept up good fires all day and when the water went off the pavement in the afternoon he + Will washed the mud after it. All along the street people were out with brooms and buckets scrubbing as fast as the water left the spot to scrub I heard the children's lessons and read some which was about all that could be done to observe the day. The churches have nearly all been damaged and it will probably be some time before there will be service in some of them.

Monday, February 18, 1884

Weather mild. A thick coat of yellow mud covers everything where the water has been. After breakfast this morning I came home to prepare the place for living again. We will not use the first floor except for cooking and eating, will sit and sleep upstairs. Will crowd into upper rooms. Took a walk down street with Jimmie and saw the mud and wrecks, and loads of bedding and clothing sent to sufferers. Altogether it was a woeful sight. Saw Mr. Tewksbury's house where the walls cracked and floor sunken coasted by caving in around foundation.

Tuesday, February 19, 1884

Bright and pleasant until between 3 and 4 o'clock when it began to rain. It rained hard thundered and lighted and after night the wind began to blow quite hard. Have things very comfortably fixed for living upstairs a while. Wrote to Jennie Ricker and began a letter to Mary W. Had one from Mattie Greenlee. Went down street to get some thread then up to Mr. P's but did not see Lizzie who was up at the Dr.'s. The steam fire engine is pumping out the cellars nearly everyone in town will have to be emptied someway. We had a new pump put into our cistern. The wind fairly howls at night.

Wednesday, February 20, 1884

The wind blew very hard all night it fairly shook the house and the piano being still hung up in the parlor made me uneasy so I could not sleep. Between 1 + 2 o'clock Jimmie and I went down and put the supports under one end of the piano steadying it after which I slept some. It has been cold today. Jimmie, Mrs., Lou Spry are the 2nd ward Relief com. and he has been busy with that today. I spent most of the day cleaning up my machine and the children's bed. The machine is not injured though it was all under water. Wrote to Mother R + Mary Warner.

The piano was taken down this evening.

Thursday, February 21, 1884

Ther 30° Not as cold as yesterday. Was busy all day trying to get the house in living order. Will not use the first floor for sleeping for some time. Jimmie was busy with Relief work all day. Had a letter from Mother R. She and sister Jennie have been very uneasy about us. Mrs. Lowes sent down to see if we could supply them with milk. Wrote to Maggie Bell tonight.

Friday, February 22, 1884

Pleasant until nearly night when it clouded up and rained. Went to see Aunt Mary this AM. They have moved in to the house on S. E. cor of Washington + 7th for the present but do not intend staying there. Have busied myself today straightening up and answering the calls at the door, the persons who wanted help from Relief com being the callers. Began mending stockings, something I intended doing weeks ago but could not get to it.

Saturday, February 23, 1884

Was busy all the forenoon and part of the afternoon then went with Ma and Mary to see Mrs. Spry and Thereza and talk over their losses by flood and fire. From there we went to see Mrs. Lowes who, we found busy washing the mud from her dishes. They had water just to the top of their closet doors on the first floor.

Sunday, February 24, 1884

Damp with a little rain. Sabbath school held up in the audience room, then church and we had a large congregation there being several churches which could not be used. Water was in both Episcopal churches and Bigelow and 2nd Pres had refugees from the flood staying in it.

In the afternoon the congregation of All Saints' ch had the use of our church and we attended the service. There was more in the evening. Lizzie had a letter from Mabel Peebles.

Monday, February 25, 1884

Cloudy and threatened rain all day still Janie dried the washing. I have had a hard day's work today. Scrubbed and cleaned in the hall all day, or until late and then to rest, I sat down and wrote to Mattie Greenlee, before bed time I also wrote to Mary Barr. Our house is drying out as fast as it can but the walls are still damp and in some places, a little mouldy. The water was in on the floor about 9 ½ days I think so they were thoroughly soaked. A large number of people has been here today seeing about cola. Jimmie has his hands full of work in distributing it, 6 car loads have been sent here.

Tuesday, February 26, 1884

Clear and sunny, late in the day it turned colder. Did not do much cleaning today as I was tired out with yesterday's work. Was at home most of the day but in the afternoon Mary + I went out to see Clara Pursell who was not at home, then we called upon Maggie Silcox, just across the street. Saw Lizzie a few minutes over home, her baby is sick at Mr. Peebles where she is staying. Uncle Jimmie was here tonight, the first time since before the high water. Card from Maggie Bell.

Wednesday, February 27, 1884

A little colder than yesterday and at night the wind began to blow. Jno came home from New Orleans this morning having spent several days in Kirkwood en route home. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary were here this forenoon, they talk of buying a home on 7th street. After the left Ma + I went up to Mr. Peebles

To see Lizzie's baby who is sick. After dinner I sewed on the machine, the first time I have tried it since the flood. Had letters from Jimmie and Mother Ricker today, answered both in the evening. Jas brought me a note from Mary Warner. Jno was here twice.

Thursday, February 28, 1884

Ther 18° at breakfast time, light snow on the ground and all day it has been growing colder. 10 PM 14° Almost made a pair of pants for Carl, have had a great many calls to the door to take orders for the free coal. Ma was here most of the afternoon. Jno made us a visit before supper.

Friday, February 29, 1884

6 AM 4° Light snow 9:30 14°

Busy all day taking coal orders at the door and finishing Carl's pants. Mattie P and Isabel Murray spent the day here with Margaret and Charlie Murphy was here most of the day with Will. Mollie Bryant practiced her music lesson here so we had a noisy time.

Saturday, March 1, 1884

6 AM Ther 16° Snowy

Have been at home all day receiving orders and mending stockings. Had a good visit from John and a note from Mary Warner, who has been too busy to write more. Jimmie is half sick from cold and weariness in the Relief work. It is a serious matter and one of the authorities are puzzled to know how to manage. Jimmie is attending to the cold + assisting J. W. Lewis the Gen'l Manager of Supplies and this afternoon they, the clks, issued rations for 1400 people.

Sunday, March 2, 1884

18° AM Still snowing a little 21° PM

Margaret, Willie, and Carl went to S. S. and I went with them to church. Jimmie was about sick with cold and headache and did not go either morning or evening. Had to go out in the afternoon to give some orders at the Commissary Dept. They will not issue rations today but have to get ready for tomorrow. The flood was not the worst part of the calamity it seems as the distribution of supplies sent in is making the people chronic beggars and very rough about it as well. John was here about three hours.

Monday, March 3, 1884

Ther 14° 6 AM Cold + windy

The sun has shone today but there was more light than heat in the rays for there was very little thawing. We have had a busy time with the motely crowd coming with orders for coal. Between calls, I ripped, washed and pressed Willie's everyday coat and the sleeves of Margaret's school dress. Fixed the sleeves ready for wear again but still have the dress to face. Sent a letter to Mary Warner, one I wrote Saturday night. John was here in the evening.

Tuesday, March 4, 1884

Ther 6° about 6 AM 9:30 PM 22°

Still snowy but so cold that very little new snow falls. The sun came out bright and warm in the afternoon, it thawed a little. Went out to do a few errands in the morning, and soon after dinner, Maggie Bell came with her work and spent the afternoon. We had a nice visit but were frequently interrupted by people coming with orders. Had a letter from Mother R. Finished repairing Margaret's school dress. Lizzie came and left Wm with us for the afternoon.

Wednesday, March 5, 1884

22° Snowing again, lightly

The snow turned to sleet, then to rain and so kept on changing all day but very little rain fell. Have been working on Willie's coat what little time I could get from the calls at the door, they have been numerous today. No one else came in until late when Mary came with her work and after tea John came to bring me a letter from Mary and one from Mother R. for Margaret.

Thursday, March 6, 1884

Weather cold and disagreeable.

The coal callers are so numerous that I have little time to do anything else. Have put in my spare time to do anything else. Have put in my spare moments on Willie's coat since Maggie's dress was fixed but it is not yet done and it may take the rest of the week at the present rate. Went after binding for this afternoon but was not gone long. Ma brought her work and came to sit awhile with me.

Friday, March 7, 1884

Cloudy with slight snow.

Nothing special occurred today except that I had a nice call from Mrs. Lowes in the afternoon. Mary was here at the same time. I had the usual run of "coal callers" and some who came to see if they could get clothes. While standing in the door talking so long, I took cold and was almost sick at night. The wonder is that I have not had a cold all the time while spending so much time at the door. John came here this AM to write a letter. Was here again before supper.

Saturday, March 8, 1884

Weather unpleasant snows a little nearly every day. Was busy all day doing little things, mending waists, stockings, etc. Much of my time is taken up going to the door. Late in the afternoon I went over home but could not stay long as it was so near tea time. Richard came in from Henley and I saw him while over there. Miss Maggie O'Connor is sewing for Lizzie over home and they have a busy time. John was here with three letters from K which he read and enjoyed.

Sunday, March 9, 1884

Wet and disagreeable. It snowed, rained and sleeted this morning but the wet ground settled, melted the snow and sleet so it was very disagreeable. The two boys went to Sabbath School and then Jimmie, the boys and I went to church. Margaret is not very well so stayed in the house all day, did not even come home, as she sleeps over at Ma's. Jimmie + I went over there a few minutes before tea.

Uncle Jimmie was here to tea. John was here twice today. We enjoy his visits and he seems to think so too.

Monday, March 10, 1930

Clear, sunny and thawing. The hills and shaded spots still have snows on them but the streets are muddy and wet. The coal distribution stopped today but a few orders came straggling in too late. I went out after dinner to get things to finish the sock savers I was making. Called at Mr. Peebles' a few moments. Saw Josie Murfin at Maggie Lloyd's. It will be one year tomorrow since her husband was buried. She looks very sad. Wrote to Jennie hoping she would get the letter tomorrow.

Tuesday, March 11, 1884

Rained all day and was very gloomy. I spent all my spare time making a little satin perfume sachet for Jennie and will send it by Ma when she goes. Had a letter from Mother Ricker, also one from Aunt Betsey, both written yesterday. Have so much cold that I did not go out today. Ma was here a while and advised me to stay home.

Wednesday, March 12, 1884

A little snow again which melts as fast as it falls and makes miserable walking. It is 3 yrs today since sister Annie died, being it the time two years and nearly two months old. Sarah and Amanda were here this evening a little while. Amanda was married Feb 7th I think it was at Jennie's home, where she has been living since she went there with me nearly two years ago. Both she and Sarah lived with me before they were married and were among the best girls I ever had.

Thursday, March 13, 1884

A lovely day. Enos has a new horse on trial and today was not driving. He intended taking Jimmie but for some reason changed his plan. He, John + Ma were here in the evening and he asked Jimmie to drive him tomorrow. Ma was here a few minutes. Mary came early in the morning and took home four waists to make the button holes for me, a new accomplishment which she has just learned within the past two weeks. She has been making a great many for Lizzie in her new work. Ma will have to go to Wenona tomorrow so I wrote to Jennie again and will send a letter by Ma. Had a letter from Jennie which passed mine away.

Friday, March 14, 1884

Another rainy day and a very disagreeable one for Ma's trip to Wenona. She and Mrs. Coleman left on the noon train S. V. R. R. I was over awhile before she went. After dinner I took my sewing and went out to spend the afternoon with Clara Pursell. Enjoyed my visit very much. Saw Mrs. Tracy while there.

John was here awhile. He comes so often that if one day passes without a visit from him, we miss him. Letter from Mary Barr.

Saturday, March 15, 1884

A very bright pleasant day. Was busy all forenoon, or until nearly noon sweeping and putting the house in order. Went over home a few minutes before dinner with my button holes which I was making in Maggie's white apron. As soon as Janie had eaten her dinner she left for a visit home of a couple of days. Maggie + I washed the dishes and I then went down street to do some errands. Got two odd platters at Mr. Ewing's. John was here twice today I think. Was tired and went to bed as soon as I had finished Maggie's apron. Had a nice visit from Maggie Bell who brought Mary some trimming she had made for her.

Sunday, March 16, 1884

Beautiful day. We were up and had breakfast about the usual time, Maggie came home before we were up and did most of the kitchen work until after dinner. She insisted upon my going to church and when we returned she had dinner on the table all ready for us. She was so tired however that she was almost sick so I finished the day's work. John spent the evening with me instead of going to church as Jimmie + Will did.

Monday, March 17, 1884

Mild and cloudy with indications of rain. Have been busy with the work nearly all day and now am tired so I shall put in the rest of the time writing. Hope Janie will return in time to prepare supper. Mr. Baker came to look at the house this morning and figure on his charge for raisin the back part another story. Janie came back after tea and we are very glad of it. I began a letter to Mary W. this evening but did not write much. Uncle Jimmie was here after tea.

Tuesday, March 18, 1884

Cloudy but did not rain much. Sewed a little and finished off the two white aprons which I began for myself some time ago. Late in the afternoon Jimmie and I went to see about paper to piece out our walls where the water spoiled the paper. Wrote to Aunt Betsey.

Wednesday, March 19, 1884

Rainy as early as we could we went down street again to see about the paper and found very few in the store so we had a good chance to see what we wanted. Had a letter from Mother Ricker which I answered at night. After tea I went over to sit a little while with Pa as he misses Ma when she is away. Lizzie is not well and was in bed when I went over. Uncle Sam

bought a house on 7th near Market today and will now have a home of his own. I am glad of it as he seemed anxious to get the place.

Thursday, March 20, 1884

Weather damp and disagreeable though not rainy. Have been trying to do a little at cleaning up but can get no outside help and cannot do much myself. This afternoon a note from Ma said Jennie's new daughter arrived this AM. They are doing well and we are all thankful. Wrote and sent off Mary's (W) letter. Went out to see Clara P. but she was not at home stopped to see Aunt Mary and congratulate her upon having a home of her own. Wrote to Jennie. Mrs. Gharky was here. She engaged milk to us. 1 qt per day from date.

Friday, March 21, 1884

Pleasant. Began cleaning in the parlor today with a determination to put that room at least in order before tomorrow night but after the ruined paper was taken off and the paint washed, I heard that Mrs. Gates who lives in a house similar to ours, had papered and the dampness moulded the paper so I again changed my mind and quit paper so I did not want to do the work twice. Jimmie had two nice buggy rides, one with Mr. Lynn + one with Enos. I dressed and went out to tell Clara about Jennie's baby. Margaret had a little candy pulling in the evening.

Saturday, March 22, 1884

Very pleasant most of the day but it rained a little in the evening. Was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner I prepared to go out to Clara Pursell's but Mrs. Willis came in so I did not go out until late. I also called at Mrs. Nichols' to see the two younger Mesdames Nichols whom have been staying there awhile. Both Charlie + Belden had to leave their houses during the flood. Saw a letter from Ma telling how nicely Jennie and her baby are doing. Mrs. Alex Warner called while I was out.

Sunday, March 23, 1884

Beautiful day, warm and spring like. Children went to S. S. and afterwards we all went to church. Dr. Pratt announced special services this week, union meeting conducted by ministers of all the Evangelical churches. After lessons I went over home awhile, saw Mary + Lizzie, then sat awhile with the boys. Mr. Peebles was in the parlor with Pa so I did not stop to talk to him.

Monday, March 24, 1884

Beautiful day. I have been busy all day, putting the house in order and doing a little mending. Cut out an apron for Lizzie but did not begin sewing as it was too late.

Tuesday, March 25, 1884

Bright in the morning and stormy at night. Was preparing for house cleaning when Lizzie came over and urged me to go home with her for company. Finally we decided to go home and Jimmie, Carl, Lizzie, Mary + I went in the carriage. Had a pleasant ride out though it rained

before we reached Henley and as we left there it rained hard. The tow path was almost impassable and on our return we did not reach it until nearly 7 o'clock. A hard storm was following us and overtook us before we reached town. Letters from Mother R. and Jennie.

Wednesday, March 26, 1884

Jimmie and I put the dado on in the parlor today, we were a long time getting started and worked slowly trying to economize the paper and succeeded very well. Wrote to Mother Ricker and in the evening though I was very tired. Had a letter from Jennie Ricker today.

Thursday, March 27, 1884

Bright and pleasant. Jimmie and I put the flood dado on our bed room today and Janie washed the woodwork so it begins to look like living once more. Mrs. Prescott called this afternoon. Had a letter from Lizzie this morning, she is beginning to get settled once more in her home after so long a time. It is just three months today since she + the children left there expecting to stay a few days in town. Willie and I went to church.

Friday, March 28, 1884

Rained in the morning so I concluded to go down street and get some border for the dado thinking Tom would not come to clean the carpet. Came back and found him here with his assistant, the sun had come out bright + warm so the men put down the matting in the parlor and after dinner they put down the carpet in the bed room. It helps the looks of the room greatly. Ma came home from Jennie's this afternoon. Reports her doing well. Went to church with Maggie. Mrs. Tewksbury and Mrs. Peebles were here today on errands.

Saturday, March 29, 1884

Weather mild and lovely, a little shower fell this morning but the rest of the day was bright. I have spent all day cleaning and putting things in order with very gratifying results. The parlor and bed room downstairs look as though they would soon be inhabitable. Ma was over and sat awhile. Jimmie and Will worked at the fence all afternoon. John was here a few minutes.

Sunday, March 30, 1884

Pleasant. All well and the children went to Sabbath school as usual after which we went to church and Mary joined us, it being her first regular attendance upon church service. She did very well and will probably go often now.

Monday, March 31, 1884

Beautiful bright day. I sent for Mrs. Behvrens so Janie could work with me at house cleaning. Mrs. B. could not come today so Janie began cleaning paint and taking off paper in the dining room. It was an all day job for both of us and we just got through at night. Jimmie has been working at the fence and we hope soon to have that up again we need it badly.

Tuesday, April 1, 1884

Rainy and somewhat windy all day. Mrs. Behrens came and washed and Janie went on washing paint. I with some help from Jimmie put the paper on the dining room, that is the dado and I just finished in time to huffy off to church, Carl and I. The moon was shining when we went but it began to rain just as we returned and after we had gone to bed a most terrific wind, hail and rain storm broke upon us. I do not remember one like it in all my life, but no damage was done here though there must have been in other places.

Wednesday, April 2, 1884

Clear this morning but cloudy and more rain later in the day. We took up the carpet in the front bed room and prepared to repaper it. The paper was so badly smoked that I thought it must have fresh so after I had started Janie on the woodwork Ma, Mary + I went to Mr. R's and selected a paper, went in the rain and the wind blew so we could hardly hold our umbrellas over us. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

Thursday, April 3, 1884

Pleasant. This afternoon Jimmie and I began putting new paper, a buff + brown mixed on the front room upstairs. It was a sudden notion of mine to have it done and I wanted to do it myself. Ma was over and watched us awhile. There are so many outside things to be done that Jimmie has very little time to help me, still he does it. Went to Union meeting in the evening with Ma and Jimmie.

Friday, April 4, 1884

Bright and cheerful. Worked all day at the papering upstairs and finally finished it all up except the narrow border for the bottom which I did not have. Mrs. Peebles was here in the afternoon to return a pattern. After tea Margaret, Willie and I went down street, I to get the border for the new paper and they on other errands. We afterwards were joined by Carl and all went to 6th St. M. E. ch to attend the Union meeting. I was too tired and real should not have gone.

Saturday, April 5, 1884

Bright but real cool. Was quite busy all forenoon and became very tired. Jimmie + the boys have been working in the yard and improved it very much. After doing the darning I dressed and went out to see Aunt Mary Sam in her new home. Stopped over home + Ma went with me. Later I went to see Clara Pursell and had a nice visit with her. The front room upstairs looks very pretty since it had been newly papers. Jno was here this P. M.

Moved down stairs to our own room after an absence of eight weeks to a day. It seems very pleasant to be back.

Sunday, April 6, 1884

Bright and pleasant though not so warm as some days we have had. The children went to Sabbath school and after that we all, Mary included, went to church. Had lessons in the afternoon. Jimmie went out to see Uncle Sam in his new home and Pa was there also and wanted them both to walk out to the Cemetery which they did. I did not go to church in the evening.

Monday, April 7, 1884

Bright and pleasant. Did my morning work then sat down to a piece of fancy work which I had planned a long time ago. Embroidered a satin perfumery sachet for Mary W's writing desk. Expect to send it by Jimmie for her birthday which occurs next Friday the 11th Ma was here in the afternoon and saw me finish it. The other work I have on hands is a stocking for Willie which I am knitting out at the top.

Tuesday, April 8, 1884

Weather variable. Light snow in large flakes. Have not felt well today and after doing the most necessary housework, I knit on Willie's stocking. Presbytery is opened in our church tonight by a sermon from Mr. Waller of Jackson but I did not go. Jimmie leaves so soon for an uncertain amount of time so I do not want to go out anywhere. He has been busy seeing after business matters. Letters from Mother Ricker and Mary Warner. John was here to say goodbye as he leave tonight for Kirkwood. Made apron for Lizzie.

Wednesday, April 9, 1884

Bright most of the day but quite cool. Jimmie has been busy all day preparing for his journey and as I had some mending and packing to do for him I was busy and could not attend the meeting of Presbytery. Maggie Bell was in attendance and not wishing to lose any time, she came here to dinner for which I was very glad. Jimmie left on the Boston about 9:30 PM for Fargo via Kirkwood and we do not know when he will return.

Thursday, April 10, 1884

Cloudy and cold, seems like snow. Was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner I took Lizzie + Mary out to see Maggie Bell, had a nice visit there then came in on Street Car again and stopped at Washington St. to call upon Maggie Mason. Had letters from Mother Ricker and Lizzie Peebles. The Kirkwood friends are greatly excited over the marriage of Miss Anna Sneed + Mr. Cairns which took place Monday evening. Father R. wrote Jimmie about it Tuesday and Mother R. sent an "extra" on accounting it. Mrs. Lowes + Mrs. Hawkes called while I was out.

Friday, April 11, 1884

Pleasant. Was at home nearly all day straightening up the drawers, closets, etc. but when I went to the store on an errand seeing her. Ma + Mary were here also, the former with a new wrap on but I missed them and then went over to see them later. Jimmie is in Kirkwood tonight I supposed and so is Jno and this is Mary W's birthday. Wrote to Lizzie and Jimmie.

Saturday, April 12, 1884

Cloudy with light sprinkles most of the day, rain in the evening. Mended and washed up Carl's school clothes. Went down street and bought a white dress for myself. Took tea over home with the folks, Ma, Pa + Mary, Enos was not there. No word from Jimmie yet but I hope to hear soon. Wrote to Jennie Ricker tonight.

Sunday, April 13, 1884

Pleasant though it rained last evening and looked threatening for today, Easter Sunday. The children went to S. S. and I went with them to church in the morning. In the afternoon Ma, Mary and I went to Communion, it was all there was of us in town to go. Albert and Margaret Johnson, Mr. = Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Drown + Miss Ollie Gates untied with the church. Ma, Mary + I went again in the evening. Enos came home from Ironton. Uncle Jimmie was here. Letter from Jimmie.

Monday, April 14, 1884

Pleasant though a little cloudy, Miss O'Connor came to sew with me. We began on pants for the boys. Four prs of jeans. Uncle Robert Wood died thirteen years ago today at Hanging Rock. Have been at home all day. Wrote postal to Jimmie this A M and a letter this evening.

Tuesday, April 15, 1884

Cool enough for fires in the morning which were not allowed to go out entirely all day. Sewed busily on the pants until they were all finished except the buttons. Ma came over and made most of the button holes. Made a hurried trip down street before tea after material for the little dresses. Miss Emma Bell was here to tea. A very threatening storm passed close by us but very little rain fell here. Had no letter today. Wrote to Jimmie, and Bessie H.

Wednesday, April 16, 1884

Cooler than yesterday. Cloudy but no rain. Tom put the carpet down in front room upstairs. Had a letter from Jimmie this morning and a postal in the evening. Went down street this morning to get a few things and see Carl's teacher. He makes very little progress in school and I fear will not be promoted. I have my hands full of work of all kinds but must take time out to help him along. The other children stand high. Mrs. M. B. Ross died today about noon having been ill only since Monday. Alice is left alone now. Father, Mother + sister all being gone.

Thursday, April 17, 1884

Pleasant. Was busy sewing all the forenoon but after dinner Ma + I went up to Mrs. Johnson's to see Alice Ross. Her mother died at the hotel but was removed to Mrs. Johnson's last night. Saw Lillie Cesina there in deepest mourning for her father Mr. P. C. Kinney. Alice says she does not feel or realize her mother is gone, talks very freely about her. After leaving there we did two or three errands and called upon Mary Warner. Wrote to Mother R and Lizzie Peebles.

Friday, April 18, 1884

Beautiful day. Have been home all day sewing on the little girls' dresses, pink, blue + white Moher Hubbards which look very pretty. Maggie Bell made some pretty rick-rack for May and when I began making it up found there was not enough yoke so I sent Will out to see if she had a note and some extra pieces ready to send in to me but not of the kind I wanted so she sent me both kinds. She is as good as kind as she can be. Letters from Jimmie and Mary Barr.

Saturday, April 19, 1884

Streets very dusty, looks as though no rain had fallen for weeks but that has not been the case. Had an errand up street and met Mrs. Pursell and Dollie who told me Clara had a third son, one who just arrived today it being the birthday of Earle her eldest son also. Had so much to do tonight that I did not write to Jimmie, will do so Monday morning.

Sunday, April 20, 1884

Cloudy and unpleasant. The children, four of them, went to S. S. as usual but as we had no service and I was tired out, I did not go out. Tried to take a nap instead. After dinner had the usual lessons. Enos came over in the morning to bring me a letter and stayed nearly an hour. Margaret and Lizzie went with Ma to Bigelow church.

Monday, April 21, 1884

Cloudy but no rain until late in the afternoon. We sewed on white dresses all day, work which we enjoy. Ma, Carl and I went to Miss Gharky's this evening to attend the class concert which was very good. It rained steadily all evening but there was a good audience notwithstanding the weather. Margaret, Vinnie Smith and Minerva Smith played a trio. Wrote to Jimmie after I came home.

Tuesday, April 22, 1884

Cloudy all day with light rain occasionally, harder rain just before supper. Sewed on Margaret's and Lizzie's white dresses. Had an errand up street so called to see Clara Pursell and her new son, found them doing nicely. In the afternoon Maggie Peebles called and made me a nice visit, came and went in the rain. Margaret who was out of school this time last year is very well this year and doing nicely. Letter from Lizzie this morning. Sent letter to Jimmie containing two notes which he sent for and I could not find until last evening.

Wednesday, April 23, 1884

Rainy all day. I had an errand up street however notwithstanding the rain. Went after the trimming for my white dress. Wrote to Jimmie in the evening but not to Mother Ricker as her letter did not come. John came home from St. Louis this morning and was over here a little while after supper. I went over to talk to Pa about fixing the house, he says do it now and do it right.

Thursday, April 24, 1884

Cloudy all day with some rain, and when we, Janie and I, went to church in the evening it was raining a little. Rev Mr. Nagler preached one of the most impressive sermons I ever heard. Ma and Mary were here nearly all day with their work so we had a kind of bee. It is more pleasant to work when there is plenty of company. My dress is nearly finished and seems to be entirely satisfactory to Ma and Mary. The latter planned it and I did as she said. Wrote to Jimmie after church. Had a letter from Rt. Paint (?)

Friday, April 25, 1884

Beautiful day, the air felt so warm and balmy in the evening that it seemed like rain. Was busy sewing all day and it did not go anywhere. After tea Uncle Jimmie called to inquire about Jimmie and walked down to church with William and me. We heard an impressive sermon from Rev. Barker. Had letters from Jimmie + Mother Ricker answered both after church and was up until 11 o'clock. Arber day in the schools. Margaret + Will had special preparations and did well.

Saturday, April 26, 1884

Beautiful day, the children have played in the yard and the doors been open all day. We sewed busily at altering and mending as a finish to our week's work. Have made fifteen new garments mostly dress and mine consists of four different pieces. Then we have worked on seven or eight other pieces which had to be made over or altered in some way. Mary Murphy was in a few minutes and Mattie P. was here in the forenoon with John who came in from Henley with his Aunt Mary yesterday. Miss Maggie left after tea having seemed too weak.

Sunday, April 27, 1884

Real April weather, we took umbrellas and gossamers to church and needed them when service was over. In the evening Margaret and I went, leaving Willie with the children during the entire service the lightning was very threatening, as we came home a storm seemed very near and in fact we had to hasten to escape the rain. Little Mary Moore walked up to 4th street with us.

Monday, April 28, 1884

Very pleasant. Ma and Jno Peebles went out home today, he has been visiting here and she has gone there for a little visit. I was down street with Carl who has tooth ache and he could not go to school. Dr. Dennis treated it and said perhaps it would get better but he thought not. Neither Carl nor I slept much last night. The Dr. found the tooth gathered at the root.

Tuesday, April 29, 1884

Warm and dusty. Have been a little better of my cold but had more to do than was good for me so am very tired tonight. The men took the hall stove out, cleaned the pipe and took the stove to the store to keep until fall. Ma and I spent most of the day looking for a piece of carpet

for the dining room. Mary + Louise went out to Henley to take the baby home. Maggie Bell was here again this morning and brought Mary a little more trimming.

Wednesday, April 30, 1884

Bright and warm and pleasant. Have been almost sick with cold today in consequence of yesterday's work but went with Jno to the Boston Quenette Club concert anyway. The concert did not begin until after prayer meeting and I was going there first but the folks protested as it was held in a house which was 8 to 9 feet under water during the flood and is not favorably situated for drying out. I have never made a practice of going elsewhere when I couldn't go to prayer meeting but in this case made an exception. It was enjoyable and I appreciated John's kindness very much. Ma came home from Henley and brought Lizzie's baby to stay the night.

Thursday, May 1, 1884

Warm and dusty. Have been a little better of my cold but had more to do than was good for me so am very tired tonight. The men took the hall stove out, cleaned the pipe and took the stove to the store to keep until fall. Ma and I spent most of the afternoon looking for a piece of carpet for the dining room. Mary + Louise went out to Henley to take the baby home. Maggie Bell was here again this morning and brought Mary a little more trimming.

Friday, May 2, 1884

Beautiful day but I have been obliged to sit still or as nearly still as possible all day owing to my independence yesterday. Ma went up to Mrs. Greene's this AM taking Lizzie and Mary and brought down Bartie and Elizabeth who arrived with Mrs. G. last night. She bought them each a bag of fruit or candy and late in the afternoon Lena + Flint Kline, Beatrice, Sam + Ada Moore came and they all had a sort of picnic, Maggie had the fun of preparing for and waiting upon the company.

Saturday, May 3, 1884

Lovely day. Was busy all forenoon though I did not feel much like work. After dinner Ma took Bartie + Elizabeth, Lizzie and Mary up to Mrs. Greene's where Bartie is to spend Sunday. Carl went with them also and Maggie went to see Beatrice Moore, Willie was playing with Earl, Artie + some other boys. Mary came back from Henley on the stage and Enos returned from Norfolk where he has been for a few days.

Sunday, May 4, 1884

Beautiful weather. The children went to Sabbath school and Bartie returned with them so we had him for company to church.

Willie has not felt well and having been out to pasture with the cows before breakfast he did not get to church. I intended going in the evening but a sudden and very hard rainstorm came up just at church time so I stayed home. I had a cold and was better at home anyway.

Monday, May 5, 1884

Rainy or rather showery all day. I went up to Mr. Connolley's all day late in the afternoon to pay a small bill and when I came home I was very much surprised to find Jimmie here. His card announcing his coming arrived later in the day. Elizabeth was here with the children all day. Bartie is visiting his Grandmother Greene.

Tuesday, May 6, 1884

Pleasant and spring like but there was a shower in the afternoon. Ma and I went to make a few calls but we met Margaret Johnson, with her baby and Emma Jennings, Mrs. Tewksbury, Julia + her baby on the street so we could not go to see them. We went on intending to call upon Minnie Johnson but the coming rain drove us homeward. We stopped at Mrs. Lowe's but she was not in so on we hurried home and it began to sprinkle before we got to 4th street but Maggie met us with umbrellas.

Wednesday, May 7, 1884

Rained quite hard today, in the afternoon. In some places the pavement was half covered with water. In the evening before prayer meeting time it cleared off beautifully and we went to the meeting at Dr. Corton's. Their home was deep in the water during the flood but it does not show it now, has been all newly papered and fixed. Had letters from Mother Ricker and sister Jennie. Wrote to Mother R.

Thursday, May 8, 1884

Pleasant but it threatened to rain in the afternoon, looked very cloudy awhile. Sewed on lace and made button holes. After tea Jimmie and I walked down to see Mr. + Mrs. McConnell awhile, he had seen Jno and Tom in St. Pane and thought the folks would be glad to hear from them. Wrote to Jennie in the evening. Was over home a little while with my work.

Friday, May 9, 1884

Beautiful day but rather windy. Have not felt well and have stayed at home, sewing on the little dresses which are still unfinished.

Ma was here most of the afternoon making button holes for me. Mary went to Henley and took Bartie and Elizabeth. Enos was here a few minutes before tea and Jno came later. I had a letter from Mary W.

Saturday, May 10, 1884

Pleasant. Nothing special occurred, I was busy as usual all forenoon and after dinner Ma and I went up to Mr. Connolley's and then down to the other stores where I got some hosiery the children needed. Mary and the children, Bartie + Elizabeth came back from Henley.

Sunday, May 11, 1884

Beautiful day. I was not feeling at all well today and did not intend going to church but as I managed to get ready in time, I went. A collection was taken for the Jamestown sufferers who have been visited by a cyclone and their town nearly destroyed. It is fourteen years today since Jimmie gave me my engagement ring. Went over and read awhile to Pa before supper.

Monday, May 12, 1884

Pleasant. Was at home all day trying to finish off the little dresses which seem to be a long time on hands.

Mrs. Tewksbury called in the afternoon, not formally but just to see how we all were.

Mary took Elizabeth Greene up to see Mattie Gaylord and Ma brought her work, button holes in Bartie's coat, and sat with me. In the evening I wrote to Mary Mason.

Tuesday, May 13, 1884

Rained very hard in the morning but cleared off before noon. Mary left on the 10:35 train taking Bartie and Elizabeth home with the intention of making a little visit at Jennie's.

Mother Ricker's letter came this evening being unusually early.

Wednesday, May 14, 1884

Beautiful day.

After doing the morning work I dressed myself to go down street after dinner then sat down and wrote to Mother Ricker, so her letter will get off early this week. After dinner Ma and I went to the hotel to make a call. I paid my bill at Mr. Bodbeck's and would have paid Mr. Brenner but he hadn't his bill ready.

Thursday, May 15, 1883

Beautiful weather. We still wear winter clothes and feel the heat of the sun very much but the nights are delightful. Wrote to Jennie Ricker to ask whether she + Mary intend on coming here this summer. After dinner Ma and I went out to make calls but found everybody either out or engaged so they could not see company. Julia Beyerly + Mrs. Tracy + Mrs. Sam Reid received. Mrs. Harry Greene excused herself, the Johnsons, Tewksbury + family con-family christening.

Friday, May 16, 1884

Weather delightful. Ma came over early and sat quite a while then when she left I ripped the ruffle of Mary's red cashmere and washed it in the afternoon. At 10:30 I went to visit Carl and Willie at school. Miss Russell says Carl is improving and Mrs. Spry seems to think that Willie is doing as well as he can. Was busy at home all the afternoon mending.

Saturday, May 17, 1884

Beautiful day and the children have made the most of it. Margaret went over on the Ky hills with Mrs. Smith, Miss Gharky and Mrs. Lowes and a number of little girls. Carl went with his father to Pond Run to see Mr. Nevies (sp). Will had his trip to make out to pasture so could not leave town. After dinner Ma + I took the little girls to the store to get shoes and then called upon Clara Pursell and her young son, now nearly one month old.

Ruth took Wm home today.

Pa sent Enos us to talk with me about going to Europe this summer. He had talked to me himself some months past and offers to pay my passage if I will go.

Sunday, May 18, 1884

Beautiful day. Children went to Sabbath school as usual after which all of us, seven, went to church. It is the Sabbath set apart by Gen'l Assembly as children's day so there was a praise meeting for them in the afternoon and in the evening the Dr. preached to parents. Lizzie attended the four meetings and did not go to sleep at night.

Monday, May 19, 1884

Weather very showery. Had several during the day and one was very hard. Mary came home from Winova, brining Jennie and her baby, little Virginia, now about two months old. We brought them over to stay all night with us as the home folks had no fire place open. I spent the day putting away winter clothes, straightening drawers + closets and was glad to sit down when the folks came.

Tuesday, May 20, 1884

Beautiful day. Jennie went with Mary up to Mrs. Greene's and soon after Ma took the baby over home as have opened up a fire place and are now ready for the young company. Telegram from Lizzie who is going to Cin today to the May Festival and wants some things.

Letter from Mother Ricker.

Wednesday, May 21, 1884

Dry and very warm. Jennie came over with her work and sat with me an hour or so this forenoon. When Carl came from school he said the Suspension Bridge over the Scioto river had fallen and killed two children who were crossing with their mother. It proved to be true. A heavy stone was being hauled over on wagon drawn by two yoke of oxen when it washed way over, the cables on one side broke or slipped off and the bridged turned over and fell bottom up throwing the entire load + all besides Mrs. Fulwiler and her three children into the river. Two of the children were killed but no harm done to either of the others. Wrote Mother R.

Twenty-four years ago today the great storm Portsmouth and killed a man besides blowing things to pieces in many places.

Thursday, May 22, 1884

Warm + dry. We are trying to visit together as much as we can while Jennie is here. The main topic now is the supposed trip to Europe which Pa wants me to make with Enos. I would enjoy it and probably be much benefitted by it but dread to think of leaving my family though I am sure they will be well cared for. Wrote to Mary Warner asking if she + her father wouldn't go also. Letter from Jennie Ricker.

Friday, May 23, 1884

Very close and warm all day and late in the afternoon it rained a little. The street com. is having the sewer in 5th street fixed and we hope it will improve our street very much. I have been mending and fixing up things for the children. Pa insists that I ought to go with Enos and they all seem anxious that I should. I do not want to get started unless it is best for all of us. Had a letter from Mary Barr.

Jimmie is examining the County Treasury, ordered by the P. Judge.

Saturday, May 24, 1884

Beautiful day. Lizzie and her children, yes + Rich too came in today so we are all home together as Enos came back from Ironton last evening but expects to return Monday. Mary, Jennie, Lizzie + Rich took tea at Mrs. Lowes.' After tea Enos sent me word that he would take all the children to hear Blind Tom if I would let them go. They were delighted. Fanny Moore was kidnapped and Lizzie Peebles joined the crowd. I had Enos' large photo framed and hung today. It is excellent.

Sunday, May 25, 1884

Lovely day and all of us went to church in the morning. In the afternoon Jimmie attended Memorial service at All Saints' church but I stayed with the house and boys. Margaret + Lizzie went to church. Lizzie Peebles and Enos were here, the latter came twice.

Monday, May 26, 1884

Sunny and showery in town but Janie managed to dry her washing between showers. Have been sewing for the children most of the day. Lizzie wanted me to go with her down street before she left on the stage for home. Jennie spent the day at Mrs. Greene's so I did not see her until night. Jimmie was gone all evening attending a Post meeting so I went over home and visited with the girls. Prof + Mrs. Lowes were here also.

Tuesday, May 27, 1884

Beautiful day or rather morning for in the afternoon a dark cloud overspread the sky and a hard rain fell. Jennie with her baby and Lizzie's Jno left on the 10:30 train accompanied by Dwight who will go home with her.

Her visit was short but very pleasant. Letter from Mary Warner telling how much she would like to go with us but she thinks she cannot. I am sorry she will not go as her father needs the trip so much.

Wednesday, May 28, 1884

Beautiful weather but quite cool. Sewed on the machine most of the day and made underwear for the children. Went to prayer meeting in the evening and after short exercises, an election of four elders took place. Mr. Tewksbury was elected for five years, Uncle Jimmie Wood for four and Messrs Murrar + Stearnes for three years. After coming home, I wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, May 29, 1884

Beautiful day but cool enough for fire morning and evening. Strawberries are fine, abundant, and getting quite cheap. Have been at home all day, mended several garments and cut out some new ones. Maggie Peebles came in this afternoon and I told her Enos and I were expecting to go to Europe in a short time. I need considerable encouragement to get me off, and she was in favor of my going. Pa came over after tea to talk routes. He is anxious for us to go. Letters from Mary Warner.

Bessie Hosford

Friday, May 30, 1884

This day has been exceptionally fine, it usually rains or is very hot on Decoration day but this year the day was nearly perfect. Jimmie has worked pretty hard this week helping raise a flag staff in Soldiers' Circle the Cemetery. The Ladies Aid Soc. Having presented the G. A. R. with a handsome bunting Flag so we all went out to the Cemetery to witness the ceremonies there but owing to the crowd we saw very little of anything else. Ma + I took the two little girls. The boys went with their father and Maggie went with the school children. Wrote Mary Warner.

Saturday, May 31, 1884

Beautiful day. Was busy as usual all the forenoon, after the homework, I sewed on underwear for myself. Lizzie with Wm and the baby came in the afternoon preparatory to going to Kirkwood next week. Before I was ready to go see her, Mrs. Tremper called and afterwards Miss Emma came for a few minutes. Later I and the little girls went over home and stayed until supper time. I finished the piece of work I had on hands.

Sunday, June 1, 1884

Weather delightful. The older children went to Sabbath school and I went with all five of them to church. Jimmie took cold and overworked himself last week and today has severe pain in his shoulder and also a stiff neck, so he was unable to be out.

Enos and Uncle Jimmie were here in the afternoon. None of us went out in the evening.

Monday, June 2, 1884

Another beautiful day. Mary and Lizzie and her baby left this morning on the Bonanza for Cin, thence to Kirkwood where Lizzie will visit Mother R. and Mary will visit Mary Warner. Wm will remain with Ma but he will spend every moment he can with our children. Jimmie and

Willie went to Pond Run this afternoon. Maggie Bell was here to see me this A M but as I was over home she went over there to seem me.

Tuesday, June 3, 1884

Pleasant. Have been sewing on my underwear. I keep doing whatever I find to do but there does not seem to be much that looks like preparations for a journey. Ma went with me this morning to see about having my dress fixed over instead of having a new one made. Had a letter from Mary Warner, she says she will not go to Europe, much as she would enjoy the trip.

Wednesday, June 4, 1884

Beautiful day. When the children went to school we put the three little ones under orders and Ma and I went over to see Uncle Sam's new home. It is greatly improved since they moved into it. New paint + new paper make it like new, then they have altered the inside by moving the stairs. Jimmie and Maggie went to the Pond Run Mill this afternoon. Uncle Jimmie was here before prayer meeting but I couldn't go as the folks had not come home yet.

Thursday, June 5, 1884

Warm and bright. Wm Peebles is under Ma's care and so she stays here most of the time also. We were down street in the morning together. After dinner I went over to Mrs. Wheeler's to see them Mr. Wheeler died last night. I then took the three children + went to see Carl at school.

After supper, Jimmie went to Cin in the boat to see about machinery for the mill. Uncle Jimmie was here to see him before he left. We had a letter from Mary saying they had arrived safely at Kirkwood. Bessie Barr graduates tonight.

Clara Pursell was here this A M and just before tea. Miss Tracy Francis and Mary Warner called.

Friday, June 6, 1884

Dry and warm. It seemed like rain today but none fell until late in the afternoon. Ma + I with Mary Ricker + Wm Peebles was down street in the morning and did some errands, also called to see Julia Pratt who was not feeling able to see company so was excused. In the afternoon Ma + I went up to Mrs. Theo Johnson's to call upon Mrs. Sherman Johnson. Called at Mrs. Lloyd's, Mrs. Tracy's and Mrs. Tewksbury's but all were out. Stopped at Mr. Peebles' and waited for a hard rain to pass by.

Heard that Bessie Hosford was dead but had no particulars. After tea Ma and I went up to see Uncle Jack who leaves tonight for Vicksburg. I wrote to William Ricker.

Saturday, June 7, 1888

Pleasant. Jas came home this morning on the Ohio, from Cin. He had heard about Bessie Hosford from Ironton friends. She died May 29th of Typhoid fever and we are very sorry to hear of it. It is a sad breaking up of a happy family leaving a husband and four daughters, Alice, Clara, Charline and Anna. The girls have gone to Penn to stay with their aunts.

Sunday, June 8, 1884

Beautiful day but rain is not far off, it has been quite war. Enos was here in the afternoon and brought a letter from Addie Ricker in answer to the one I wrote Helen asking about Bessie Hosford. The children were at S. S. and we all went to church in the morning. In the evening only Jas and I went.

Monday, June 9, 1884

Rained and hailed today, it was stormy all day and prevented Jas from going to the country as he had intended. I am trying to get things in order to be left in case I do go with Enos as it now seems probable I shall. Jas went to Post meeting tonight. Wrote to Alice + Clara Hosford telling them of my sympathy for them in the great loss of they have sustained. Wrote to Addie Ricker and a letter to sister Lizzie.

Tuesday, June 10, 1884

Rainy in the morning. J. W. intended going to Pond Run today with a man but it rained again, Mr. Nernes came up and so it was decided that J. W. should go tomorrow morning.

Did some errands, and mending which occupies all my spare moments. Had a letter from Mother Ricker telling how much they are enjoying the girls' visit. Wrote to Jennie Ricker this evening I think also to Mary Moore at Kirkwood.

Wednesday, June 11, 1884

Ma and I went to call upon Mrs. Elizabeth Mausfield Irving as early as we could. Jimmie and Enos left on the Ohio, one for Pomeroy, the other for Ironton. At Mrs. Duke's we met a number of ladies. After dinner about 60 ladies met at the G. A. R. Hall and organized a Relief Corp Auxiliary to the Baily Post. Ma + I being of the number. We went to prayer meeting at Mr. Peebles' then from there we went to the Hall to see the officers installed and hear Mrs. Irving read.

Thursday, June 12, 1884

Quite cool. I took Wm Peebles up to spend the day with his Grandpa and wore my heavy cloak dress, felt almost too cool without a wrapper. Met Mr. + Mrs. Rogers of Columbus at Mr. Peebles'. Came home and trimmed Lizzie's new hat, made over Mary's lace cap and did a few other things. Flo McConnell came and made quite a visit, I had sent for her this noon. She told me why she had not been to see me in such a long while. Mrs. Lowes called again today to say goodbye. Dwight called in the evening. I wrote to Mother Ricker.

Friday, June 13, 1884

Very warm and clear in the morning. Began raining just about dark. I spent the forenoon visiting. Saw Prof Cox first about Carl's Examination then went to call upon Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. Ewing, Miss Lillie Johnson, Mrs. Richard Lloyd, Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Tewksbury. As I left Mrs. T's, Mrs. Helfenstein + Grace drove up in the buggy and took me in, brought me home the

long way round. Was home all afternoon. Jimmie came very unexpectedly to us as he had expected to come Sat night. I was glad to see him. Wrote to Mollie York. It now looks as tho' Enos + I will sail on June 28th just one year after Father + Mother did.

Saturday, June 14, 1884

Beautiful weather, but quite warm. Maggie O'Connor came to sew today for me and make some alterations in my black satin basque. Maggie Bell was here in the morning. She has two cousins that sail today on the City of Rome, for Ireland. Janie went home at noon to stay until Monday evening. I proposed it to her thinking she needed a little rest before I leave. Ma has been here most of the day helping us. She brought some of her lace to make a shoulder cape for me. Aunt Mary Sam came to invite J. W. + myself to take dinner with them tomorrow.

Sunday, June 15, 1884

Lovely, bright day. The four older children went to Sabbath School then all of us but Margaret went to church. She stayed to get dinner for the children as J. W. + I were to go to Uncle Sam's to dine. We do not accept Sunday invitations as a rule, but as I leave so soon and Uncle Sam is only home Sunday noons, we made an exception and dined with them in their new home which is just now finished, he repairs on it, and is very nice. The chandelier in our church was in place today and adds greatly to the light. Carl's 8th birthday.

Monday, June 16, 1884

Beautiful day, but very warm. Jno said he was going to leave on the Bonanza for Kirkwood this morning and would take Carl if he was ready. I made haste to get him ready and his father + I went with him to the boat. Before we left however, Cousin Durall Young called to say goodbye to me, Ma had met him at Uncle Sam's and told him I was going soon. Janie came home in the evening. Mary G. and Hattie Scudder called. Wrote to Wannamaker and Mad Vaunt and sent regrets to the Alumni Association.

Tuesday, June 17, 1884

Bright and warm. Have been at home all day, fixing things which were not yet right. Made over my jersey waist. Miss Emma Bell was here directly after dinner and later, Maggie Silcox called. J. W. went to the country this morning but returned in the evening. Letter from Jennie. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Wednesday, June 18, 1884

Warm. Have been trimming Maggie's summer hat and it is the last one to be done. Maggie Peebles was here for an hour or more this afternoon. Lizzie Peebles celebrates her birthday today in Kirkwood. I intended writing a letter to Mary Warner tonight but did not get commenced in time.

Thursday, June 19, 1884

Warm. J. W. went to the country this forenoon but returned at noon. I wrote to Jennie when I had finished the morning work. It has been decided that Enos and I will sail on the 28th on the "Austral," Anchor Line so I can now tell my friends about it. I dread leaving the children and Jimmie but hope it will be a benefit to me. Began a letter to Mary Warner in the evening while Jimmie and the children were down street. This is Commencement night and a class of twenty graduates. 18 girls + 2 boys.

Friday, June 20, 1884

Very warm with a sudden and refreshing shower in the afternoon. Lizzie + Mary came home from Kirkwood this morning so much of our time was taken up in talking over the visit. A meeting of the Woman's Relief Corp. occupied most of the afternoon + the officers with their husbands took tea over home, where J. W. + I also were invited. Messrs E. E. Ewing, J. K. Duke, M. B. Wells, T. J. Pursell + their wives, Drs. Line + Litus with their wives, Mrs. S. G. Johnson, Mrs. d. Wilson and Mrs. Kline were present. Dr. Wilson and Miss Kline were present. Mrs. Geo Johnson was invited but could not be present. Letter from Bessie Barr.

Saturday, June 21, 1884

Very warm and bright all day. Have been putting away winter clothing and getting things in order so the family can find what they need when I am gone. We have not had a line from Mother Ricker since Carl went out to Kirkwood but he doubtless is well and happy. Lizzie Peebles is not feeling well since her return, Richard came in this afternoon. Dr. + Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Lloyd + Mrs. Tracy, Capt. Jno + Mrs. Lodwick were in, Mrs. Lottie Stewart came to the gate but seeing company went away without coming in.

Sunday, June 22, 1884

Very warm and bright. The children went to S. S. as usual and we all afterwards went to church. After dinner we had lessons as usual and just as I was finishing, Fannie Moore came in to say goodbye. She brought me her picture. Pa came in and talked for an hour or more and Uncle Jimmie was here to tea. In the evening J. W. Lizzie + I went to church.

Monday, June 23, 1884

Very warm indications of rain- but none fell. I have been packing my trunk today. Maggie Bell was here in the morning also Uncle Enos + Sam. In the afternoon Lizzie was here two or three hours. Mrs. Peebles called before dinner and later Mrs. Joseph Peebles, Judge + Mrs. Towne, Lizzie Stedman, Lizzie Smith, Thereza Spry + Aunt Mary Moore were in to say goodbye. After tea we all went over home and from there we went to the Scioto Valley Depot and started on our trip. Jimmie + the children and brother John went as far as the depot.

Tuesday, June 24, 1884

Weather fine. Finished packing my trunk and then put the house in order and received a few callers who came to say goodbye. Maggie + Mary Peebles, Maggie Bell + Dell Ramsey were among them. Lizzie went home this morning so I saw her off. After tea we all went over home and started from there. Jimmie + the children + Jno went out to the depot and saw Enos and me on the train for Chillicothe where we had to wait a couple of hours for the Sleeper to New York.

Wednesday, June 25, 1884

A storm which seemed to precede us all day did not result in anything until after we left Washington and then it rained very hard. We had breakfast at Cumberland, enjoyed a delightful ride to Washington but were late so had little time for lunch and almost missed the little we asked for. In the depot we met Mr. + Mrs. Aiton who passed through Portsmouth last Friday en route to Europe on the same steamer by which we go, the Austral. At Elizabeth I left the train to stay a day or two with Aunt Betsey, Enos went on to New York. It was raining very hard when the train

Thursday, June 26, 1884

Very rainy. A ceaseless rain fell from last evening until late this afternoon. I went into New York however expecting to meet Enos at the Ferry, missed him and had a long walk down B'dway, got very wet and then returned to Elizabeth. The afternoon was beautiful but I dared not go to call upon Ella Bonsall because I was hoping all this time to hear from Enos. Aunt Betsey + I had a pleasant visit together. Lizzie + Mr. Dimock are up in the Cats. Hills for a week so I did not see them.

Friday, June 27, 1884

Beautiful day. Had message from E. so went again and decided to send for my trunk + not try to go out again as the Steamer leaves at 10 AM tomorrow. We went to Cook's and had our tickets, monies ect. all fixed up. Took a walk in the afternoon then went to take a look at the Steamer Austral. She is very elegant. Went to call upon Frank Jordan and he took us to see the operators in Wall street Exchange. It was quite a sight to me. We went to St. George's Hotel for the night. Wrote letters to the home folks, Mother R, Jennie + Mary Warner.

Saturday, June 28, 1884

Weather delightful. One year ago today father + mother sailed from N. Y. on the City of Richmond bound for Liverpool. Today Enos and I go on the Austral of the Anchor Line. We were up early and left the St. George before breakfast time. Went to the Astor House and had breakfast then walked down to the Battery of the Austral Line office + got a picture of the Steamer to send home. Frank Jordan was there to see us off. Sailed at 10 AM or soon after.

Sunday, June 29, 1884

After a good night's rest I awoke early to find six letters on my trunk beside my bed. The weather was perfect and I expect to enjoy the voyage very much. My roommates Mrs. Bond of Toledo O. and Miss Leich of Eronsville are both pleasant and both sick today. Saw porpoises Enos has a cold and does not feel well. The captain read the Episcopal service at 10:30 in the dining salon. There are a great many pleasant people on board but I have not yet made many acquaintances.

Monday, June 30, 1884

Weather lovely, ocean smooth, air warm and wraps unnecessary. Britanic has been in sight all day. In the evening we watched the sailors play on the lower deck. After dark we went to the Music room and had some good music. Captain Charleton, the Purser + Surgeon are all good musicians and there are a number of passengers who either play or sing. Run 349 miles in twenty-four hours. Began letters home.

Tuesday, July 1, 1884

Weather very fine but the sea rolls a little more than yesterday consequently many passengers feel worse today but Enos + I are enjoying every moment of the time. The Britanic has been nearer this morning than at any previous time but we lost sight of her later and met the Aurania en route to New York. Run 374. Some passengers saw whales but I could not see them. The days are very uneventful but most delightful to me. My roommates are so pleasant.

Wednesday, July 2, 1884

Weather cooler and not a glimpse of the sun all day. Were in the fogs last evening + night but during the forenoon we passed out of them and were glad of it. Sea a little rough but not unpleasant for me. We had a fire drill this afternoon by way of variety and it was interesting to see how it was managed. The boats were lowered, hose used and everything done as if the fire alarm had been real.

Have written 42 pages in letters so far.

Thursday, July 3, 1884

Weather bright again this AM. I arose early hoping to see the sun rise but it was too quick for me, these mornings are very long, day breaks between 3 + 4 o'clock. I was too early for breakfast that I had to take a nap as it was too chilly to stay on deck. In the evening a Concert was given for the benefit of the Seaman's Orphan's Home. The room was crowded and a good collection taken. Capt. Charelton sang "The Calibar" very amusingly. The singers were all gentlemen except one Mrs. Appleton of Boston.

Friday, July 4, 1884

Weather pleasant but rather breezy and the sea a little more rolling than yesterday. Have enjoyed every moment of the time one way or another. In the evening we had a kind of 4th of July celebration, an address from Rev. Mr. Van Anthony, songs by the passengers, in all of

which the Capt. had an active part. After which we had the sailors burn fireworks and colored lights which were very beautiful. The day was delightful.

Saturday, July 5, 1884

Lovely day but I have spent most of it in the salon getting letters ready for the mail at Queenstown. Jas, Maggie, Willie, Carl, Father + Mother, Mary, Jennie, Mother Ricker + Mary Warner. 64 pages in all. We are near the end of our journey and I am sorry, it has been so delightful that I wish it could be longer. I had to make my preparations for leaving the steamer as we will land at Queenstown and will be there some time tomorrow morning. Quite a number of passengers go ashore there.

Sunday, July 6, 1884

A surprisingly lovely morning which everyone enjoyed. People were out looking for land very early and when I went on deck the coast of Ireland was in sight with its light houses and surrounding buildings so white that they were fairly dazzling in the sunlight. The view of Queenstown from the Harbor was enchanting, a small tender came out to the ship and about fifty of us said goodbye to our new friends and went on board the tender. Enos + I went to Cook office passing the Custom H when it began to rain.

Monday, July 7, 1884

Still raining but we left the hotel about 5: 30 AM in a jaunting car for Blarney Castle. The ride was delightful in spite of the rain, the grass trees + flowers were lovelier than ever in the rain and after a peep at the famous old castle we went on to Blarney Station, took the train from Killarney, which we reached before noon. Would have gone via Bantry + Gelngoriff only it rained so persistently. Can only refer to my notes for particulars of the delightful stay at Killarney.

Tuesday, July 8, 1884

Weather charming. Arose and wrote awhile before breakfast, After that meal we took a jaunting car and went to Muckross Abbey which is in the clemensel (?) of Lord Herbert. Spent the forenoon there and around the old ruin and then left for Dublin vial Mallow. Arrived in D. about 5 o'clock, went to the Gresham House, had lunch and started out for a street car ride to Phoenix park. Was gone until 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, July 9, 1884

Weather good. Decided to spend the day in Dublin and take a night boat for Glasgow. Visited Trinity College where one Oliver Goldsmith was a pupil, saw the dining room, public hall, museum, and best of all, the Library which is very fine and contains some rare books which I have noticed in my notebook. After lunch we took a jaunting car and drove about the city for an hour or so to see the streets and principle buildings. Saw the Cathedral, the barracks, the residence of the Lord Lint, which of course was unoccupied as he only resides here three months in the year, + that in winter.

Thursday, July 10, 1884

Passed rather an uncomfortable night on the Steamer, the bed was hard as a board and most of the passengers ill, there begin about twenty in our cabin. Arose early this morning and went on deck to see Greenock when most of the passengers left the boat. We went to Glasgow, passed the great shipyards + saw the workmen at work. It was rainy all the time. Stopped at the Cockburn Hotel which is pleasant. After lunch went to see the Corporation Galleries. Rained most of the day.

Friday, July 11, 1884

Weather variable, had several hard rains, twice hail, during the day. Went in the afternoon to see the Cathedral where we saw the wonderfully beautiful stained glass windows in the crypt. The subjects being St. John + St. Luke. Saw the cemetery but did not go through it. Spent the evening in the hotel parlor writing. Have enjoyed the stay here very much.

Saturday, July 12, 1884

We were up early, had breakfast + left Glasgow for Balloch Pier, it was raining some but we could not give up the trip on the lakes and through the Trossachs. At Balloch Pier we left the train and went on board the steamer "Queen" to cross Loch Lomond to Inversnaid, , changed their to stage, had a delightful ride to Stronachlacher, had lunch at the hotel then took the Rob Roy for the run on Loch Kathrine. Saw Ellen's Isle in passing. Stopped at Callender and changed to train for Sterling. Stopped at S. + visited the Catillo then went on to Edinburg. Went to Darling's Regent Hotel.

Sunday, July 13, 1884

Beautiful day with occasional light showers. Went o Free Breakfast with Miss Darling, returned and had my breakfast then we went to Miss Fairgreve to the Bap. ch. A blessing at table and family prayers in the hotel parlor make the Regent Temperance hotel one of most home-like house I ever stopped at. A quiet afternoon reading in the parlor, tonight service at a union hall and an evening of singing + social conversation ended a happy day. Made the acquaintance of Mrs. Jas B. Reynolds.

Monday, July 14, 1884

Delightful weather. Arose early and walked from hotel to Castle of Edinbero ? visited all the points of interest there then walked down the street past Jno Knox's old house to Holyrood Palace. Saw the rooms once occupied by Queen Mary, the picture gallery, ruins of the old chapel ch. then went back to the hotel passing by the Monument of on our way. We saw a great deal in E. for the short stay and walked everywhere we went. Left about 7 PM for Melrose. Drove to Abbotsford and saw Sir Walter Scorth's home. Had supper at the Heoult Grange ch. received a call from Mr. Reynolds, his mother blessed the ruins of Melrose Abbey and spent a most delightful afternoon in and around the place. Left in the evening for Linden.

Tuesday, July 15, 1884

Left Melrose last evening late and rode in the cars all night. Napped a little but did not rest much and reached London this AM very tired. Went to King's Hotel and found it miserable but took a room and slept while the others sought better quarters. Moved to 25 Bedford Place, Russel Sq. to Mrs. Blum's boarding house. Went to Hyde Park, and while there I called a few minutes to see Libbie Field who lives near there. We went to Blackwall + took a steamer on the Thames for London Bridge. Went to Mad. Tussand's in the evening.

Wednesday, July 16, 1884

Sprinkled a little. We went to Cook's after letters + to see about return tickets. Had lunch at the Holborn Restaurant, the finest in the world, it is said. Spent the afternoon at Regent Park seeing the Loo. Returned to our rooms + prepared to dine with Dr. + Mrs. Field + their friend Mr. Burnyeat's at the Holborn. Before going to the Restaurant Libbie took us to Rotten row to see the driving + riding. None of the Royal family out while we were there. We were a little too late for the "meet" held that afternoon.

Thursday, July 17, 1884

Showery again. Our principal business today was visiting the Tower of London where we saw the Crown Jewels, the Armories, the old chapel and what few sights are open to visitors. Took dinner and spent the evening at the Health Exhibition, Dr. + Libbie and myself being guests of Mr. Burnyeat. The Exhibit is an immense affair held in Albert Hall and adjoining buildings. I hoped to see Enos but he did not make his appearance and I went home alone in a cab. Was very tired when I reached there.

Friday, July 18, 1884

Sprinkled a little again and we decided upon the Crystal Palace for our day's sightseeing. Went first to the Cook's and bought return tickets on Stm. Britanic for Sept. 25 then took the train for Sydenham where the Crystal Palace is located. It was an hour's ride and we began business of taking a lunch which was not very satisfactory. Walked through the building until 5 PM and then returned to London and had supper at the Holborn where we take most of our meals in sumptuous style + at low rates.

Saturday, July 19, 1884

The forenoon was devoted to a thorough inspection of Westminster Abbey + Houses of Parliament as our time would allow. Lunch at Holburn then a trip to Kensington Gardens, past the Palace, through the park, to the Albert Memorial and on to Rotten Row where we took seats for an hour or more to watch the people and horses. It is a study. We next went to the Health Exhibition but was unfortunate in our choice of an evening as it was very much crowded so we did not remain long. I wrote some after returning to my room.

Sunday, July 20, 1884

After our late breakfast we prepared to go to the Tabernacle and hear Mr. Spurgeon. It was a treat to be remembered and we were fortunate in hearing him as it was his last Sabbath previous to his summer vacation. Text 1st Jno 5th verse. In the PM we went to a nearer church + heard Rev. Joseph Parker. Some good points in the sermon from Dent 22 8th.

During the forenoon there was a strange coppery colored fog over the city, it could not be called a real London Fog.

Monday, July 21, 1884

Cool. Spent forenoon at St. Paul's Cathedral and in arranging for our trip to Paris. At St. Paul's Enos mounted the 650 steps alone as I did not feel equal to it. He saw the city from the top of the dome for both of us. Talked of going to Windsor Palace but found we had not time for a satisfactory visit. Had lunch then spent the afternoon with Libbie Field. Have written a great many letters in my odd moment and have had quite a number from home. I have enjoyed London very much. Am sorry not to have time for more sightseeing.

Tuesday, July 22, 1884

Arose early and breakfasted alone as not even the hostess was up. We made haste to the train, a long drive, and barely reach it in time to get seats. A pleasant ride over mile + miles of housetops then through fields red with poppies, took us to Dover where we boarded the double hauled steamer Calais- Douvre and crossed the channel in 90 minutes to Calais. We did not stop until we reached the St. Petersburg hotel in Paris, except for examination of baggage which gave us no trouble. After lunch we called upon Mad. Bourdirt an acquaintance of Mother's.

Wednesday, July 23, 1884

Went with Cook's guide + party to see the column of Venderne which is cast from 1200 gems taken in war of Napoleon. Is 142 feet and has a history of course. Crossed Pont Navy saw the Tuillemies, the unit, St. Chapelle Cons equerries, Palace of the Louvre, Place de Carousal + Triumphal Arch. Pantheon Gobelins Tapestries, the Moregue I did not wish to see. The tapestries were the most interesting of all the sight I saw. They are a study which requires more time than the guide would allow us.

Thursday, July 24, 1884

Much cooler and delightful for our trip to Fontainbleue. We went with one of Cook's parties and among the number were Dr. Geo S. Hay of Denver Col. + his brother. It occupied the entire day to visit the Palace + grounds and forest. Reference to my notebook will give particulars for which I have no room here. The names of Francis 1st Louis 14th and Napoleon 1st are met with or referred to at every turn. If I could only remember it all correctly without notes!

Friday, July 25, 1884

A little rain today. Again we went with Cook's party and visited the palaces of Versailles, the Trianon, and the show room of the Sevres China manufactory. The factory belongs to the government and the ware costs a fabulous price when it can be purchased at all. It is used principally for gift from the government though doubtless there is much in use by the Government. Tete-a-Tete sets at \$800.00 or \$900.00 and vases at 7,000.00 were shown to us. We drove through some of the poorer quarters of the city today.

Saturday, July 26, 1884

Cool. A small party of three of us took a carriage and guide for the day and drove through the parks, to the Cemetery, the old place de la Bastille, the present site of the Guillotine, the Music de Cluny, the Panorama of the sign of Paris. Went to the trip of the Triumphal Arch and afterwards to see the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty which is to be presented by France to America. We felt that it was a day well spent.

Sunday, July 27, 1884

Rained nearly all day. There was no service in the Evangelical ch near the hotel in the morning so I remained in the hotel all day. In the evening we went to one of the M C All mission rooms and attended a service which was pleasant and familiar. Met Rev J. G. Reaser of St. Louis who came with his daughter tot eh hotel but afterwards changed for another.

Monday, July 28, 1884

Cool and pleasant. Arose early and wrote to Pa. Did some shopping and a little sightseeing today. Went to the Hotel Invalides and saw the tomb of Napoleon. We went to the Bon Marche, the great store of Paris and I had a bewildering time wandering about by myself among so many people who could not understand any English + I did not recognize much of their French nor they much of mine.

Tuesday, July 29, 1884

Another day spent on the streets and among the shops looking for a few present to take home. I have been going out alone a little and it is amusing, sometimes bewildering to try to find one's way alone in such a place. Met some American ladies at the hotel and found the came over on the same steamer with Mary Jordan, Westerland which landed in Hamberg I think.

Wednesday, July 30, 1884

Beautiful weather. Decided to leave Paris for Geneva tonight so made our preparations for it. Enos took me to the Louvre where I bought a few things. He left me there and I finished my walk alone. Bought a lovely little blue + gold cup + saucer for Lizzie who gave me money for the purpose. We all called at the Bedford Hotel to see Dr. Reaser and his daughter of St. Louis. Left Paris at 9:45 for Geneva occupying a compartment with Dr. Greenwalt + wife of Pittsburg.

Thursday, July 31, 1884

Warm. One of the most delightful days of our journey so far. The Hotel du Lae was our stopping place in Geneva, the city is lovely and after a good breakfast we went to see the jeweler who sold Pa the boy's watches last year and I made some purchases. A watch chain for J. W., bracelet for Maggie, neck chains for the little girls. My notebook must be referred to for impressions of the city. We spent the day, most of it, riding and the evening walking about the bridge + river, looking at the Alps in the distance.

Friday, August 1, 1884

Arose early and after breakfast we took the diligence for Chamonix. The roads are excellent, the scenery grand beyond description and the day's ride over the mountains was one to be remembered a life time with pleasure. About 4 o'clock we drove to Chamonix and stopped at the Hotel del' Augleterre. The river Arve runs through the hotel grounds and Mont Blanc in plain view from our windows. No words can express my feelings at this point.

Saturday, August 2, 1884

One of the most memorable days of my life so far and I have had some exciting experiences before this. A party of five, Enos + I with them went up the Mer de Glace to the Garden, left at 7 AM and returned at 11 PM with scarcely strength to reach our rooms. It seemed hardly possible, at times during the day, for Mr. Greenwalt and myself to go forward or return. My notebook and letters will contain a detailed account of our trip.

Sunday, August 3, 1884

Lovely day but hot at noon. I arose and after much work got myself in condition to go to church at the little English chapel. Went alone as no one else was able after the experience of yesterday but I felt as though I must go if I had to creep. Across the river Arve, through the garden and across the road stands the little stone chapel and I enjoyed the service exceedingly. In the evening I went to the Hotel de' l' Union to attend a Bible reading. Saw Mrs. Scales + Carrie and Mr. Donaldson of the McAll Mission, Paris.

Monday, August 4, 1884

Have tried to rest today so did not undertake an excursion of any kind. Walked about the village a little, visited some shops + a picture gallery. Enos made arrangements with Mr. Gates + Dr. Greenwalt to go to Martigny tomorrow, Mrs. Greenwalt + I making a party of five. In the evening I called upon Mrs. Scales + her daughter Carrie at the Hotel de' l' Union. Wrote letters and enjoyed the views from my window more than I can ever tell.

Tuesday, August 5, 1884

Beautiful day. We arose early and started in an open express for the ride over the mountains for Martigny. It was to me the most delightful day. The scenery was grand beyond description and the fact that it lasted nearly all day was no disinterest in my opinion but Dr. and

his wife were so wearied and anxious to reach the end that they lost all pleasure and spoiled much of ours. Reached Martigny in the evening and had a good supper with much good cheer + fun then took the train for Bouveret.

Wednesday, August 6, 1884

Our lodgings at Bouveret were the oddest we have had but proved good. The view of the lake from the window was lovely. After a good breakfast we had a boat ride. On the pier as we were going to take the steamer for Cuchery we met one of Cook's parties. Mrs. Bond + son among the number. Our meeting was unexpected and we had no time for conversation. From Cuchery we took the train for Lausanne then spent a few hours there and went to Berne the same night.

Thursday, August 7, 1884

Beautiful day. We arose early from the comfortable beds where we slept soundly and after breakfast we took the train for Lucerne. Reached that pleasant little city before noon and went to three different hotels before finding accommodations but at the last, Hotel de' l' Europe, we found good rooms and a lovely view from the windows. Went to see about a dress as the one I wore at Chamonix was past wearing at hotel tables.

Friday, August 8, 1884

Arose expecting to go on a fishing excursion but changed the plan and I remained in the city to look after my dress. This is a delightful place, the main street runs past the lake and good hotels are numerous. The one we are stopping at is a full mile from the stores and twice a day I must go to try my dress on. Late in the evening the fishing party returned having changed their minds about wanting to stay all night. I wrote letters most of the day.

Saturday, August 9, 1884

Very warm. Have been spending the day quietly. The views from my window are lovely and I enjoy sitting there to write or think. In the evening as usual we walked down town, went to see after the dress which was sent to the hotel after dark. We sat a long time in the little park by the lake and watched the people on the streets and waters. Listened to some fine music in front of the Schweizerhoff House, the finest in the place.

Sunday, August 10, 1884

Lovely day but quite warm.

Went alone in the morning to find Free Church of Scotland. Found the services held in a Roman Catholic church, the officiating minister being a Mr. Smith. To my great surprise and pleasure Mrs. Scales and her daughter came in a little later and occupied the seat with me. I enjoyed the service and after it was over saw + spoke to Rev Mr. Donaldson of the McAll Mission whom I had met at Chamonix. It seems strange to meet people whom I have met before. Went again in the evening.

Monday, August 11, 1884

Very warm. Had thought of ascending the Rhigi today but had scarcely time to do it as we wished, the day was hot so we decided to spend it quietly and leave in the afternoon at 4 o'clock for Shauffhausen to see the falls of the Rhine. A party consisting of Mrs. Scales, her daughter, Mr. Gates, Enos and I took the train to Lucerne and had a delightful ride to Shauffhausen where we arrived about dusk and took the bus for Senhausen to spend the night at the Falls. Arrived just in time for the fireworks.

Tuesday, August 12, 1884

Arose early and breakfasted in the room with an open front on the side overlooking the Falls. A short bus ride took us to the train and we rode through the famous Black Forest to Freiburg, passed Stratsburg where we wished to stop but could not and went to Bade, Baden. Took rooms at the Holland House had dinner and spent the evening most delightfully. Had a pleasant walk and afterwards attended a concert in the grounds of the old Conversation-haus.

Wednesday, August 13, 1884

Before breakfast Mrs. Scales, Carrie, Enos and I went with Mr. Johnson of Pittsburgh N. Y. to a free Concert at the Conversation-haus. Mr. Johnson was a fellow passenger on the Austral and has made it very pleasant for us here. After breakfast we bade him goodbye and proceeded to Heidelberg, spent several hours there then took the train for Mayence where we stopped at the Holland House for the night. Took a walk in the evening and saw something of German city life at night. A fair was in progress in a large square.

Thursday, August 14, 1884

Went on board the steamer Freide at 9 o'clock and began our journey down the Rhine. A pleasure which I never even dreamed of realizing. The slight rain interfered a little with our comfort as there is no cabin on these boats, only a kind of awning as a shelter from the sun and the crowd of passengers as could not all keep out of the rain. Reached Cologne late in the afternoon. Got our accumulated mail, had a dinner, took a walk + bought some articles. Stopped at the Hotel Disch.

Friday, August 15, 1884

Arose early. Mrs. Scales and her daughter left on the early train for Dresden and we left for Brussels. Rode through a beautiful, well cultivated country and reached Brussels late in the afternoon. Went to the Hotel Belle Vue where we had very good accommodations at an exorbitant price as we found when too late to help matters. Rode about the city, went to the Lace Manufactory and bought some lace, went to a concert on the evening and altogether had a pleasant day.

Saturday, August 16, 1884

Beautiful weather. Had early breakfast and took train for Ostend, then went on board the Str Duke of Flanders and crossed to Dover. Enjoyed the passage very much. Have never had a touch of sea sickness though I have no tried all kinds of water though have never been in a storm. From Dover to London where we stopped at Woods' Hotel, Furniva's Inn on High Holborn St. A very quiet pleasant place but only a few minutes' walk from the busy thoroughfare.

Sunday, August 17, 1884

Had a good sleep and arose feeling well. Dressed for church and went to the City Temple, Rev Joseph Parker's ch. but he was out of town and I heard Rev Arthur Mursell of Birmingham. Father + Mother reached London one year ago today on their return from the continent. Strange that we should have come so near the same date without planning for it.

Monday, August 18, 1884

In the evening I went alone to Bloomsbury square to see after my traveling dress which was there to be cleaned. Had lunch at the Holborn with Enos and in the afternoon we went to Cook's to see about mail and also inquire what arrangements could be made for my passage home. After much thought and some worry over the matter I decided to return on the City of Rome Saturday of this week so I will not have much more time on this side of the waters. Had a note from Libbie Field asking me to see her on my return to London.

Tuesday, August 19, 1884

Pleasant weather. Enos went to Paris today and I am here for a little while to take care of myself as best I can. Went to Libbie Field's in the afternoon to see about a package she wants me to take to Ports. for her. She had gone to the sea-shore. The Dr. was going to spend the evening at the Health Exhibition and wanted me to go also as Enos was away + I alone. I went and had a very pleasant evening. Took dinner in the Vegetarian Restaurant and found it excellent.

Wednesday, August 20, 1884

Spent most of the day on Oxford Street doing a little shopping and a great deal of sightseeing so far as shops and people go to make up sights.

This is Enos' birthday.

Found Dr. + Mrs. Greenwalt are at London and called at the Inn of Court Hotel to see them but they were not there. Wrote some letters, find it rather lonely in such a place all by myself.

Thursday, August 21, 1884

When I was ready for breakfast I found Enos had returned from Paris during the night so we breakfasted by then then we went to see after the missing trunk + found it while I went to do a little more shopping. We had lunch at the Holborn and after that we each went our own

ways for the afternoon. He has had a long race after the trunk and had promised to call upon the gentleman who helped him find it. I had a card from Libbie Field wanting me to go to the seashore with her.

Friday, August 22, 1884

Our last day in London. We attended to the repacking of our own trunks this forenoon, mine had been broken and had to be mended. Had a last lunch at the Holborn just across the street from where my trunk was stored at E. M. Jenkins' and then took the train at Euston Station for Liverpool. We found that of the five inmates of the compartment, Enos was the only one not going on the City of Rome. I dread leaving him but feel it is not best for me to stay any longer.

Saturday, August 23, 1884

Arose early as usual, had breakfast and in the room met some persons whom we know. It was pleasant to find several such acquaintances intending to sail on the Rome. Early in the afternoon, Enos and I went to the pier to watch the crowd gather and found at least a dozen whom I had met before. About 4 PM we went on board the Steamer and Enos stayed with me until the tender left when he had to go ashore as he wanted to leave that night for Chester Eng. The Str did not sail until about 10 PM

Sunday, August 24, 1884

Pleasant in the morning but rougher towards night. The motion does not affect me in the least, I enjoy every moment. The Steamer is very large and crowded, even the officers' rooms are given up to passengers. I find several acquaintances on board and anticipate a pleasant journey though I shall miss Enos all the time. At Queenstown three passengers came on board whom I knew before. One was a lady who was on the Austral.

Monday, August 25, 1884

350 miles

Weather a little cloudy, much rougher than we had it on the Austral. Nearly everybody sick. Racks were put on the tables but were not really needed. Miss Ella Broneley is very sick and confined to her berth, her father and Aunt I see frequently and like much. Rev Mr. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Aldous and others of the Austral are on board besides several whom I have met other places. I do not need to write as many letters as when crossing before so have more time for other employments.

Tuesday, August 26, 1884

Weather foggy in the evening but clear afterwards. Sea calmer and people feeling better than yesterday, some are beginning to indulge in games and be more social. I enjoy every moment of the time. Saw a sailing vessel today, the Str is out of the regular course, being farther north than usual and those who want something to worry about are dreading icebergs. I have seen no whales as yet and my enjoyment is of a quiet nature. 392 miles

Wednesday, August 27, 1884

388 miles

Windy again and rougher, with a little rain, the weather makes it more comfortable indoors so I have spent some time in the salon reading Ivanhoe. Passed the Arizona this afternoon.

Miss Enos very much of course. Have had some pleasant talks with Miss Jackson a missionary from Syria who is returning after several years' service in that field.

Thursday, August 28, 1884

Weather wet and disagreeable. Fog horn sounded nearly all night and almost up to noon today. Such crowds of people on board that many prefer staying on deck under umbrellas to going below in the salons where it is so crowded.

After noon the sun came out beautifully but it was still windy and cold.

The run was 394 miles, the best one made so far.

There are near 2000 souls on board but I cannot find out the exact number.

Friday, August 29, 1884

Weather best we have had since starting. Bright, not very cold and smooth. Passengers feeling unusually well. Some whales were visible this morning while I was at breakfast but I missed seeing them. Later in the day an object which was supposed to be an iceberg moved on near approach to be a lost sailing boat whose upturned keel glittered in the sunlight.

Saturday, August 30, 1884

Bright and warm. We fell the difference in latitude. Heavy fogs settled over us and rose again repeatedly during the forenoon. I feel sorry to have the time pass so swiftly when I think how soon my voyage will be ended and I never expect to have another. There were speeches in the evening and in the evening I went below in time to hear "Eli Perkins" the humorist, whose real name is Melville D. Landon. I was sorry to go to bed at all, the moonlight was so beautiful.

Sunday, August 31, 1884

Weather beautiful. I cannot possibly in this lined spaced describe the day with its confusion and excitement attendant upon arrival and landing. The delay was so long on the new Barge Office in the evening that it was late at night when I finally reached a room at the St. George Hotel on B'dway, Mr. Gates kindly assisted me about my baggage and went to the hotel of my choice, or I should have been entirely alone in N. Y. I will have to depend upon my notebook for particulars of this day and will only add here that my trip has been delightful I am very cheerful to have had it and return so safely.

Monday, September 1, 1884

Very hot. After breakfast at the St. Georges Hotel Mr. Gates went with me to see about my tickets and baggage. There was a large procession in the streets which delayed us some and by the time my money was changed into American bills + coin, my ticket bought a call made at

Mr. Dimock's office to inquire about the Elizabeth friends and my steamer chair found and put with the baggage it was late and I was tired. When Mr. G had done all he could for me, he went to his train and I went alone on the Ferry to the Penn depot and after getting supper at a restaurant, I went to my train. Wrote or sent letters to Enos, Jennie, Mother R. + Mary Warner. 56 pages.

Tuesday, September 2, 1884

Awoke early this morning and saw the sun rising. The scene was lovely, Washington Junction was the name of the place I think and the river, bridge, hills and all looked beautiful in the fresh morning air. A heavy fog hung over some parts of the country but the bright sunlight dispelled it after a time. Our breakfast as Cumberland was a treat. Then I changed cars and at Grafton made another change. Jimmie + Lizzie + Mary met me at Hamden and it was nearly 11 o'clock when we got home.

Wednesday, September 3, 1884

The first thing after breakfast Jimmie + I went up to see Lizzie Peebles who has moved into the Huston home on 6th street and is sick. Her baby is very sick also and she has not been told of it but was to be told this morning. Fortunately the baby was better when we called at Mr. Peebles' to see her so Ma had good news to take to Lizzie. Uncle Enos called while I was gone and Uncle Sam came in a few minutes before the boat left. All the folks were over when the trunk was opened but there wasn't much to be seen. I had some little thing for each one of them but nothing like what I wanted for them. Uncle Jimmie called in the evening.

Thursday, September 4, 1884

Weather hot and dry. Uncle Enos and cousin Duvall called this morning and talked over the trip with me. Mrs. Murrl was here also quite early. Jimmie went to the country in the morning and was gone all day. In the afternoon Mrs. Kline and Aunt Mary Moore called. I have not been able to do anything more than talk so far. I found the changes in the house all made, the family all well and feel very thankful for it all. Am told that Uncle Drew and Mrs. Barr are to be married Sept 16th. Jimmie had a letter from Grandpa about Carl.

Friday, September 5, 1884

Warm and dusty. Barton came from Cin last night with Bartie and was over home this forenoon. I went over to see him and asked him to come to supper, so he came. We had a pleasant visit after tea. Bartie did not get back from Brick works in time to come. I was up to see Lizzie and found her still improving. The baby is better also and we sent up the buggy so she can be kept in it out on the porch in the fresh air.

Saturday, September 6, 1884

Still hot and uncomfortable.

This is the hottest weather they have had in Portsmouth this summer so they tell me. Mrs. J. K. Duke called this afternoon to see me. I did not get up to see Lizzie today. Ma talked of

going up to Jennie's but did not get off. Mattie Peebles came to ask me to take Mary Peebles' class in the morning as she cannot leave the baby.

Sunday, September 7, 1884

Hot. Went to S. S. in the morning then to church and after lessons in the afternoon, Fannie Moore came in to see me. Gave her the little card case I bought her and the fan Enos sent her. After tea Mr. Joseph Peebles came around and stayed until church time when we walked down with him. A rainstorm seemed about to break upon us but it was nothing more than sprinkle after all. It is twenty-one years today since we moved to Portsmouth. Had a letter from Enos written soon after I left.

Monday, September 8, 1884

Still hot and dry. Ma was all ready to go to Winova today but did not get off. After dinner she and I went to a Corp meeting and from there up to Lizzie's. I afterwards had to go down to see Maggie Peebles and Jennie Gharky. At Mr. Peebles' I found Mattie Wood who has just returned from California. This is my birthday, thirty-six being my age. Jimmie was down street on business this evening and I did a little writing. The children bought me a set of overgnett (?) for a birthday present. Lizzie Ricker started school today.

Tuesday, September 9, 1884

Very hot and close. In the evening a gathering of clouds + rolling thunder threatened a hard rain but very little fell near us. Ma was sick all night and this morning but sat up in the afternoon. Mr. + Mrs. Van Fuller came last night to attend the funeral of her brother Orin Hanes who died in Chicago Sunday I think and was buried here this afternoon. Mrs. Fuller was Ma's most intimate friend when they were girls and is just like she always was only older. I was glad to see her. Mattie Wood took dinner with us. She has just returned from California.

Wednesday, September 10, 1884

The rain last night was not sufficient to lay the dust. Ma was up this AM and left on the noon train with Bart for Winova. Mr. + Mrs. Fuller went to the same train, also Mr. Hennes + Orin Evans who go to Chicago, Mr. + Mrs. return to Cin. I was down street in the morning with Mrs. Kline to see about getting the Wigwams for our entertainment given by the Relief Corp. Fannie and Mary were here in the evening and Mary got her fan and a card case. Mrs. Ians + Mrs. Gharky called. I was out to see Aunt Mary this afternoon. Had a letter from Mrs. Barr, inviting me to the wedding at Eaglesfield.

Thursday, September 11, 1884

Hot and dry but a little muttering thunder indicates rain somewhere. Mary and I made a few calls this AM. Saw Gussie Halderman + Ella Bonsall. I went with Mrs. Kline on a little business and afterwards made the calls, then went alone to see Mrs. Lloyd, Mollie Murray and Mrs. J. K. Duke which occupied all the morning. After dinner I went over home and sat a little while with Mary + Lizzie who is there for the day. Came home and wrote to Jennie Greene and

Mary Warner. After tea Jimmie + I went up to Mr. Peebles' to see Mrs. Crossley who was not in but we saw Mattie Wood, Mattie Gaylord, Mr. Joe Peebles Jr. and the girls.

Friday, September 12, 1884

Weather considerably cooler, there have been rains somewhere near that have cooled the air very much. After we had gone to sleep last night the fire alarm sounded + it proved to be the Woolen Mills on Chil. Street. They were entirely destroyed and some buildings across 4th badly damaged. We all went except the two little girls who slept through. Mattie Wood was here this morning, Sadie Crossley + Gay in the afternoon + to tea, Uncle Jimmie after tea. I wrote to Mrs. Barr and sent her an embroidered handkerchief. Went to see Linzie's school as I could not go with her the first day.

Saturday, September 13, 1884

Weather delightfully cool. I have taken cold too in consequence of the change and partly because I went out last night without sufficient wraps. Have had a busy day and accomplished a good deal in the way of putting things in order about the yard. I have dropped into the old routine finally and find plenty to do. Was up to see Lizzie a few minutes before tea.

Sunday, September 14, 1884

Warm. I was almost sick with cold last night and this morning about daylight because quite sick so was unable to be up and at church time sent for the doctor who did not arrive however until late in the afternoon when I was better. Pa and Uncle Jimmie were in before tea. John returned from Kirkwood this morning and was in to see us and tell about Carl who is well and happy.

Monday, September 15, 1884

Still dry and dusty, Was better and got up this morning. Both Mrs. Kline and the doctor called in the afternoon. Therza Spry came with her work to sit awhile then Ella Bonsall + Jennie Damarin called. Had invitation to the marriage of Charles Tracy + Miss Patton of Columbus. Sept. 25th. This is Ma's and Mary's birthday. The new Republican Wigwam was decided tonight, a large torchlight procession being one feature of the ceremony and speeches from Gen. Robinson and others in the Wigwam coming later. The building is on the corner opposite Father's so we had a good view of it all.

Tuesday, September 16, 1884

Still dry but a little cloudy and we are hoping for rain soon. Have been busy all day mending the children's clothes and after dinner I began on the dining room carpet which will be a sort of Japanese patchwork when finished. This is Uncle Drew's and Mrs. Barr's wedding day. Also Uncle Sam's + Aunt Mary's Anniversary. Little Mary Moore was here a few minutes to bring a note to be enclosed in my next letter to Enos.

Wednesday, September 17, 1884

A light rain this morning settled the dust but we did not have as much as we needed. Was mending all forenoon and began on the carpet again after dinner but callers coming in obliged me to lay it down and take up button holes. Maggie Peebles, Mary Peebles. Mrs. Capt. Jno Lodwick, Clara Pursell and two children and Mrs. Lowes were here. Lizzie Peebles came while we were at tea. Jimmie was late and we were almost through when he came in from the country.

Thursday, September 18, 1884

Cooler and very pleasant. Was busy with the dining room carpet all day except when the callers were in. Mrs. Connolley, Gussie Halderman, Carrie Stearnes, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Corton, Grace, Mrs. Helfenstein and Mrs. Kline were here after 3 o'clock. After they all left I helped Janie finish up the tacking and was gratified at the great improvement in the looks of the room.

Friday, September 19, 1884

Cool enough for a little fire. Have been busy finishing up the dining room and helping clean the closet and wash the dishes. It took all day and when it was done there was no time for anything else. Letter from Jennie and Ma.

Saturday, September 20, 1884

Weather pleasant. Was busy all day sweeping, dusting and cleaning generally. Late in the afternoon took the two little girls up to Lizzie's awhile. Also called to see Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Nichols. Our Mary is four years old today and greatly elated over the fact. Janie made her a birthday cake which she appreciated very much. Wrote to Mrs. Bond tonight. Mrs. K. was here at supper time to see me on Society business.

Sunday, September 21, 1884

Weather beautiful but rather dusty, We all went to church in the morning as usual and after dinner had lessons, then John came over awhile. In the evening Jas + I went to church leaving the children to keep house.

Monday, September 22, 1884

Cool and pleasant in the morning. Took Mary and went out to pay a few bills, called at Lizzie's and was out until nearly 11 o'clock. Uncle Sam called here soon after breakfast to settle for his coal which J. W. ordered for him. Had letters from Aunt Maria McCall and Mrs. bond, my Austral roommate who had been ill in Berlin but will be home soon. I sent her a letter yesterday. Long letter from Enos written from Venice.

Tuesday, September 23, 1884

Warm, dry and dusty. Was busy all day sweeping, dusting and cleaning. Ma, Jennie and three of her children came on the 5 o'clock train. Mary, Mary R. and I went to meet them at the foot of 6th street but the train did not stop there as it formerly did but went on to the new depot so we missed them. They came later in the bus. Had letters from Mother Ricker, Father R and Carl. The dear little fellow is doing well but seems to want very much to see us all. There was a big Dein torchlight procession + speech by C. Schurz. Bruce the colored man addressed the Reps at the Wigwam.

Wednesday, September 24, 1884

Very close and oppressively warm. Mary was not very well today so stayed with her most of the time. Jennie's two babies, Edward and Virginia, keep her busy so she can scarcely visit with us at all. I wish I could help her. Paid a few more bolls today, Miss Robinson + Mr. Huels, and bought two table cloths at Mr. Warner's. A storm seems brewing tonight. Read a letter from Enos to Mother.

Thursday, September 25, 1884

Warm and dusty. Jennie + her children spent the day with us. Lizzie came down. Mary was over while and it seemed like old times to be all together. Ma was also here awhile. During the afternoon Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Prescott and Mrs. White called. Have been cutting rags for a braided rug. Was just speaking of Mrs. White when she came in.

This is the day Enos sails for home. I began a letter for him this evening.

Friday, September 26, 1884

Warm and dusty. Mr. Essig came early and we took up the carpet in my room, he Janie + I were busy all day cleaning the room and carpet and getting things all in order again but finished it before night and though it looks as it did before, I know it is improved. In the evening I practiced some time though my fingers were stiff and wrist a little lame.

Finished the letter to Enos.

Saturday, September 27, 1884

Weather very warm.

Was busy at home all the forenoon but after dinner Ma and I went to see Mrs. Kline who was not at home, then to Mrs. Duke's but she was out also. Came home and later in the day J. W. came with the buggy and took me out for a drive. Lizzie + Mary went to a birthday party at Mrs. Murphy's. Sister was up to see Bertie Spry and Will was with Ed Wills so we were all out.

Sunday, September 28, 1884

Warm and close. The children went to S. S. and all of us went to church at 11 o'clock. In the evening no one but Will and his father went. We had the usual lessons and Uncle Jimmie

was here to tea. We miss our little Carl very much all the time but more so than usual on Sabbath.

Monday, September 29, 1884

Weather close and warm. Rained some during the day and quite hard at night. I attended a Relief Corp. meeting in the afternoon and that did not leave room for anything else. We had a hanging lamp put up in our room in place of the gas which is so poor that we cannot see to read or sew with any comfort.

Tuesday, September 30, 1884

Pleasant though rather warm. After the children went to school Mary and I walked up to see Lizzie Peebles a little while. Mother, and Jennie with her baby went down to Buena Vista today to see Aunt Maria + Grandma Edward came to stay with us. In the evening Uncle Jimmie was here a few minutes then he, Jimmie and Willie went to the Wigwam to hear a speech.

Wednesday, October 1, 1884

Weather pleasant. Have been at home all day as Edward was here and I have busied myself mending and looking after him. Had letters from Mary Warner, Mother Ricker and Carl. Wrote to Mother R. in the evening. Am making an effort to arrange my notes to travel in something permanent and profitable. Mary was here in the afternoon also Lizzie and her three children, so with Edward and my own little ones there was quite a gathering.

Thursday, October 2, 1884

Beautiful morning, no dust and air cool + fresh. Went out to Mrs. Kline's after dinner to arrange for a Comm. Meeting then went to see Mollie Murray about meeting at her house.

Friday, October 3, 1884

Warm. Was busy all forenoon about the house and after dinner was just beginning to help Janie sew the carpet for her room when Mrs. Kline came and sat some time, just as she was leaving Mary Murphy came in and spent the rest of the afternoon with me so I escaped sewing for today at least.

Saturday, October 4, 1884

Lovely day. Went to Pond Run with Jimmie in the forenoon to see the stove factory. Was home in time for dinner. At 4 o'clock went to Mollie Murray's to a Com. meeting which lasted until tea time. It was decided that we should give an Old Folks' Concert early in November which means work from now until after it is over. Margaret + Bartie Spry had all the children here this afternoon.

Sunday, October 5, 1884

Beautiful weather.

Spent the day as usual with lessons after dinner and in the evening Jimmie, Will + I went to church.

Monday, October 6, 1884

Weather pleasant and quite warm. Was going out after dinner but the home folks came over and we had a visit together. Rich = Lizzie with all their children were here. In the evening Jimmie and I went to call upon Mr. and Mrs. Peebles who have lately returned from California.

Tuesday, October 7, 1884

Beautiful day but very warm. Have been quite busy without accomplishing much today. In the evening Jimmie + I went with Jno + Mary, Dwight and Jennie to Mr. Uri Tracy's to the receptions given for Charlie and his bride. It was very pleasant entertainment and we enjoyed the evening, The bride is rather pretty and is already established in her own home which has been put in fine order + handsomely furnished for the young couple.

Wednesday, October 8, 1884

Warm in the morning, hard shower at noon with another late in the afternoon when it became quite cool. Mrs. Belle Tracy and Mary Damarin were here just at noon. After tea Margaret and I went to prayer meeting which was held in the church parlor, the first time since the February flood.

Thursday, October 9, 1884

Quite cool, fires would have been seasonable all day but we did not have any until night. Was busy all day in the house and yard until late in the afternoon when I dressed and went with Ma to call at Mrs. Tracy's and the bride, Mrs. Chas. O. Tracy at her new home. She was not in. We then went on up to Mrs. E. B. Greene's to tea. Only ladies were invited. Mrs. T. W. Johnson + Lillie, Julia Johnson, Mother, Jennie, Lizzie + I were the company.

Friday, October 10, 1884

Quite warm and just before noon we had a hard shower. I was making catsup today but did not get it all done. This was the day of the great Blaine meeting, there were large processions in the forenoon, afternoon and evening, three in one day. Hon J. G. Blaine was here in the afternoon.

Enos came home from Europe today + had I waited for him I would just have been home. Political excitement is high.

Saturday, October 11, 1884

Fine weather but we are having the unusual red sunsets which I have come to believe presage the floods. Had preparatory lecture this afternoon and Jimmie + I went.

After that I called to see Mary Damarin who was not at home as she is unable to go out, she looks weak and evidentially will never be much better.

Sunday, October 12, 1884

Fine weather. Margaret + Will went to S. S. Lizzie's face looked so badly I kept her at home. We went to church as usual. Had Communion service in the afternoon and no service of any kind in the evening. Retired early.

Monday, October 13, 1884

Pleasant. Jimmie went to the country but came home soon after dinner. Jennie + her three children were here to dinner. Went to Lizzie's to tea and I should have gone to sit awhile but had to get out Carl's underwear and mend it up for use. Went down street to get new but did not find what I wanted.

In the evening Mr. + Mrs. Therza Spry, Dr. + Mrs. Dennis were here to consult about recitations for the Old Folks' Concert.

Dr. + Mrs. Field have been married 16 years today, I wrote her a congratulatory note tonight.

Tuesday, October 14, 1884

Beautiful day. Jennie was to have taken dinner with us today but last night a letter from Bart decided her to go home today so she left on the noon train. I was over home all the forenoon. This being Election day has been a busy one for the men and indications are favorable for a Rep. victory. Mr. + Mrs. Richard Lloyd called after tea. When they left Jimmie went over to the Wigwam to wait for news and I went to bed. Cousin Duvall + Julia called today also Johnnie Stewart + Maggie Silcox.

Wednesday, October 15, 1884

Lovely weather but the mornings are cool. Election news is all good today. The Republicans have a good majority. Lizzie brought her work and children and made us a little visit this afternoon. In the evening just as we, Jimmie, Will + I were ready for church, Ma and John came in and went with us. The ladies parlor is well filled but when we get into the large rooms we will be almost lost.

Thursday, October 16, 1884

Beautiful day. Went to Dr. Dennis' in the forenoon and had my teeth put in good order. He came to Portsmouth 11 years ago today and I was the second patient he had, the first one being dead now, I was his first and last when in the chair today. In the afternoon I called at Mrs. Colton's, Mrs. Spry's, Mrs. Helfenstein's, Mrs. Lowes', Mrs. F. B. Kehoe's, Mrs. Prescott's, Mrs. Murfin's, Mrs. White's, Mrs. Murphy's + Mrs. Stearnes.

Went to Jennie Gharky's in the eve.

Friday, October 17, 1884

Pleasant, quite warm in the afternoon. Was down street with Mrs. Kline in the morning and afternoon after I came home Mrs. Phoebe Gould called.

Jimmie, Will, the little girls and I took tea at Lizzie's. Have been making pickles today in the odd moments which have not been many.

Saturday, October 18, 1884

Cool in the morning and evening but hot in the middle of the day. Was busy at home all the forenoon and expected to be all day, but Mrs. Kline came after me soon after dinner to go and attend to some matters connected with the Concert so I was out until 4 o'clock. Lizzie was here a little while before tea with her children. Began a letter to Mary Warner. Had a card announcing the marriage of Nannie Lampton to Mr. Sympson of Winchester Ky.

Sunday, October 19, 1884

Pleasant. Rather cool in the morning early. Had fine in our room. Went to church both morning and evening.

Monday, October 20, 1884

Beautiful weather but quite dry and dusty. Have been home all day, lengthened Margaret's white dress, finished a letter to Mary Warner, did a little work in the yard and had four callers. Maggie Peebles was here in the forenoon and in the afternoon Mrs. Pursell + Tanzin, and Mrs. Sam Reed called. After tea Jimmie + I were over home awhile. Enos has not been well for several days, has had severe cold.

Tuesday, October 21, 1884

Beautiful day and quite warm. Was out with Mrs. Kline all the forenoon on business, I shall be thankful when this business is ended and I have only my home affairs to look after. Saw Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Helfenstein, Maggie Peebles, Mollie Murray, Mrs. Fryer, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Johnson (F. J.) + Mrs. Pursell during the forenoon. Yes and Jennie Gharky. In the evening Pa, Will + I went to Miss Gharky's to hear her class play. Margaret is of the number.

Wednesday, October 22, 1884

Cloudy all the forenoon. It rained in the night and early this morning which was a good thing for the rose slips I set out yesterday. Today I did a little more work in the yard. Jimmie + I reported the wild olives which I needed it badly. Mrs. Harry Greene and Mrs. Beyerly called today. In the forenoon I was out seeing about the Concert business and after P. meeting we went up to Jennie Gharky's to meet the singers. Heard of the death of Mrs. H. S. Neal.

Thursday, October 23, 1884

Clear and turning quite cold. Was home and busy late in the afternoon when I went up to see Lizzie a little while. Did a little work in the yard, moved the pinks in to the front yard where I hope they will do better. Have been ripping up old clothes and washing the linings. Miss Maggie has found someone to take my work so I am relieved as I will not be obliged to have sewing done next week when I can't possibly improve the time.

Friday, October 24, 1884

Quite cool. There was no school today so Maggie + Will + Bartie Spry went to the country with Jimmie and had a kind of picnic.

Saturday, October 25, 1884

Quite pleasant. Had our hall store put up today and it took us nearly all the forenoon to clean the pipe which is yards + yards long. After dinner Mrs. Erving and Mrs. Kline called for me with the buggy and we were out on business about the Concert most of the afternoon.

Sunday, October 26, 1884

Weather somewhat warmer but we have fires. It rained rain the evening as we came from church. As we have no girls today, Margaret + Lizzie remained at home to get dinner and did very nicely. Jimmie, Will, May + I were at church.

Tillie Hartley left us this AM on the train with her intended, they were to be married somewhere on the way to her home.

Monday, October 27, 1884

Rainy. Was busy all forenoon doing the work. Had dinner and Ma came over and helped me though with the dishes. We then went to the meeting of the Bailey Relief Corp. There was a large attendance, preparations for an old fashioned Concert + supper are being made and the ladies are interested. Letters from Father + Mother Ricker. Carl is well and happy.

Tuesday, October 28, 1884

Pleasant. Had to hurry through the morning work and go out to notify members of the Recitation Com. of a meeting to be held at our house in the afternoon came home and finished up the dinner work, put the house in nice order and was ready to receive the com. at 4 o'clock/ Mrs. Erving, Miss Spry, Misses Maud Jennings and Katie Newman were here. Wrote to Mother Ricker and also a congratulatory letter to Mame Lampton who recently married Mr. Sympson of Winchester, Ky.

Wednesday, October 29, 1884

Wet, rainy day. Janie did not come back yesterday so I have had another busy day. Did the work of course and had a little extra cleaning to do, Ma, Willie and I went to prayer meeting in the evening after which we went up to Miss Jennie Gharky's to the practice meeting of the chorus as Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Johnson, Misses Tracy + Wills of the Costume Com. were to be there and ask one to go also. Janie came back tonight.

Thursday, October 30, 1884

Still rainy in the morning but before noon the sun came out beautifully. Spent the forenoon sewing the pants for Carl. After dinner I was obliged to go out. Was over at the Wigwams a couple of hours then went to call upon Mrs. Col. Churchill. In the evening Jimmie

and I went with Ma up to Dr. Kline's to a com. meeting and had a pleasant visit. Lizzie Peebles dropped in on an errand + stayed to tea as we were at the table.

Friday, October 31, 1884

Beautiful weather. Have been out nearly all day on the Concert business. Jno Peebles celebrates his birthday today and the two little girls spent the day with him, Lizzie of course went to school as usual but that did not take a great deal of time. Am better tonight than last night notwithstanding. I have been walking a great deal.

Saturday, November 1, 1884

Weather not very cold, rather pleasant in fact.

Went to Mrs. Geo Johnson's on the evening to attend the meeting of the Costume Com. to see about Costumes for the singers in the Old Time Concert. No one there but Mrs. Tracy + Press, Mrs. Kline a few moments, and I the whole evening as J. W. had gone to the speech and I had to wait there for him.

Sunday, November 2, 1884

Rainy in the morning but it did not last long all day. I went to Sabbath School to teach Mary Peebles' class. Afterwards went to church in the morning but not at night.

Monday, November 3, 1884

This is our Anniversary and a very quiet one. Weather rather cold but pleasant. Jas went to the country so was not here to dinner. The children gave us a set of half doz. decorated plates and some traveling cups. They always remember the anniversaries. Was out today with Jennie Gharky to see after singers and a piano.

Tuesday, November 4, 1884

Weather growing colder.

Have done a little work at home today, began looking over the winter dresses and ripped up one to have colored for Lizzie before I make it over. Had a letter from Maggie Bell and in the evening answered it and wrote to Jennie + Mrs. Bond. This is Election day and a very quiet one. The weather is mixed and the result of the election may be mixed as it usually corresponds with the weather.

Wednesday, November 5, 1884

Cold and disagreeable. Have lost this day in trying to get people together to begin work at the Wigwam. Shall be glad when this is all over and I can attend to my own work. Went to church in the evening and found the meeting in the Lecture room, the first since the flood. After church we met at the Wigwam to practice, I do not sing but go to the meetings.

Thursday, November 6, 1884

Weather really cold with a little spitting snow. Have been working at the Wigwam all day trying to fix it up for the Concert. Wrote letters to Jennie and Mrs. Bond in the evening, also one to Maggie Bell. Had one from her Tuesday.

No I wrote the letters Tuesday and spent this evening knitting.

Friday, November 7, 1884

Quite cold and windy.

Have been busy as possible all day preparing for the entertainment. At 11 o'clock I began a dress for Margaret to wear in the evening. Late in the afternoon Ma and Mary took the waist and finished it for me. The Concert in the evening was an astonishing success considering the circumstances. The election news has such a depressing effect that we are all nearly sick.

Saturday, November 8, 1884

Weather lovely. Spent all the forenoon with Mrs. Kline getting the Concert ready for a Matinee this afternoon. All the singers were to be notified and some advertising done. The attendance was not as large as it would have been had it been given out last night. We took in 14. 15 cts however. After that we had all the decorations to take down and the borrowed things to return. It has been a busy day. Jno had a beautiful cup + saucer from Mary W. for a birthday present.

Sunday, November 9, 1884

Weather pleasant, not so cool as it was yesterday. Went to church as usual.

Sabbath school was held in the S. S. school room for the first time since the February flood. It has been renovated, and reseatd with chairs which will not be much of an improvement. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Monday, November 10, 1884

Weather beautiful, quite warm in the afternoon. Have been busy all day attending to the setting up of the Concert business. After doing several errands I called upon Mrs. Tracy and Press. After dinner went to Mrs. Kline's to a meeting of the Executive Com. and from there I came home then went to Lizzie's but she was out, returned Annie Purdum's blue silk waist which she loaned Margaret for the Concert but it was not used after all. Went from there to see Maggie Peebles who was out also. The Election is not yet final settled. Wrote to Month's comp.

Tuesday, November 11, 1884

Beautiful weather. We have been working at Margaret's dresses, ripping, washing and getting them ready to make over. The election is still undecided and both sides are hoping and fearing as well. The democrats talk of ratifications and jollifications but do nothing more.

Wrote to Jennie this evening. Letter from Mother Ricker.

Wednesday, November 12, 1884

Delightful weather, quite warm, heavy fogs in the mornings. Sewed all day, Lizzie came with her work about noon and stayed to dinner. In the afternoon Jimmie took Ma to the farm. Just before tea I went to the store after trimming for Margaret's brown dress. We went to prayer meeting in the evening after which I wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, November 13, 1884

Warm and pleasant. So delightful that I was strongly tempted to go to the country with Jas in the afternoon but resolutely remained at home and sewed on Maggie's dress. He took Mary instead. Late in the afternoon Ma, Mary + I went to call upon Mrs. Pricer, Mrs. Kline's mother.

Friday, November 14, 1884

Beautiful weather, too pleasant to stay indoors but I have so much to do that has been neglected that I must now stay at home and work. Have made over Margaret's short dress this week and it looks very well. This is Emma + Albert Voorhees' anniversary. I think it is also Jno + Ella Overturf's and Richard + Lucy Rifenberick's.

Saturday, November 15, 1884

Pleasant. Went through the usual Saturday routine in the forenoon. After dinner Jas had to go to the Union Mills and he took Margaret + Will with him. I was over home a little while with Ma, Mary + Lizzie. Called upon Mrs. Towne just before tea. Mrs. Kline and her mother Mrs. Pricer called to see me so Margaret came after me. Enos came in and spent the evening.

Sunday, November 16, 1884

Beautiful day. The children went to Sabbath school and all of us went to church in the forenoon. At night Will stayed with the little girls and Margaret went with us to church. Dr. Pratt preached an excellent sermon from the text "Why stand ye here idle all the day long."

Monday, November 17, 1884

Beautiful morning but it soon clouded over and rain was looked for momentarily in the afternoon. I spent the forenoon scrubbing the front porch, the weather boarding posts and all. After dinner Ma and I went to the Relief Corp. meeting and did not get home until supper time.

Tuesday, November 18, 1884

Rained slowly all day and late in the afternoon the rain turned to snow. Was at home all day, put away the summer clothes and mended some flannels, knit a little on a stocking for Lizzie. Mrs. Emanuel Miller called and made quite a visit. She + Mr. Miller have just returned from a visit to Chicago and Cin. Rev. A. B. See was buried today. The weather was as dismal as possible for a funeral. Had a letter from Nannie Lampton Sympson.

Wednesday, November 19, 1884

Cloudy but no rain of any amount. Sewed all day and went to prayer meeting in the evening after which I began a letter to Mother R.

Thursday, November 20, 1884

Weather good, rather cloudy but no rain since yesterday. The Democrats had a procession in the mud today to celebrate the election of Cleveland as President. I took my work + the little girls over home a little while but did not stay long. Later Lizzie and her three children came for a short visit. Finished my letter to Mother Ricker as we had one from her today.

Friday, November 21, 1884

Weather pleasant.

Went down street in the forenoon to get material for sewing then put in the rest of the day industriously.

Lizzie and the two boys were here in the afternoon. Ma went out to Mrs. Well's to tea but I did not see her start as I could not leave my work.

Saturday, November 22, 1884

Beautiful weather and not very cold. Was busy all day sewing until late in the afternoon when Jimmie and the children returned from the Union Mills and then he took me a nice drive. I left my work on the machine and when I came home took it up again as it had to be furnished for tomorrow.

Sunday, November 23, 1884

Rainy and gloomy in the morning but it did not rain all day. We attended the usual services, had lessons in the afternoon and a kind of Bible reading of the 4th Commandment.

Monday, November 24, 1884

Bright and windy.

Have been busy as usual. Sewed all the forenoon and after dinner Ma and I went to Mrs. Peebles' to call upon Mrs. Coles and Maggie after which we attended the Woman's Relief meeting. Mrs. Coles had a slight paralytic stroke last week while visiting at Mr. Peebles and may not be able to go home very soon. In the evening Ma + I went to Mrs. Dr. Dennis' to attend a called meeting of the Corp as the Inspector is here and we could not go to the G. A. R. hall as they had a meeting there tonight.

Tuesday, November 25, 1884

Quite windy and cold.

Sewed all day, finished off Margaret's underwear and began on Will's undershirts. Lizzie brought her work and took dinner with us. In the evening Jas and I went out and spent the evening with Mr. + Mrs. Duvall Young. Jno left for Kirkwood this afternoon.

Wednesday, November 26, 1884

Weather rather windy and raw. Have been busy sewing on Willie's undershirts and finished the last one just before supper. Had a letter from Mother Ricker in the morning. Mary gave me my Christmas present, a bonnet which came from Paris, she wants me to begin wearing it now so gave it to me before Christmas.

It is handsome green velvet with dark red trimmings and feather, a bird and altogether very gay.

Went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, November 27, 1884

Quite mild for Thanksgiving. I intended going out to the Second church today but had a stiff neck and shoulder that I couldn't do anything but sit still and knit. Bertie Spry and Minnie Miller spent the day with Margaret and Uncle Jimmie took dinner with us. We had a very pleasant day. I was to see my neighbor, Mrs. Friglestahler a little while.

Friday, November 28, 1884

Mild in the forenoon and I thought I would make calls in the afternoon but just as I was ready to start it began to rain so I only went to call upon Maggie Mason and Emma Williams who are here for a short visit, did not see them. In the evening Ma, Jas and I went to hear Miss Francis E. Willard deliver a Temperance lecture at our church. It was one of the best lectures I ever heard anywhere. Letter from Grandpa with Carl's reports.

Saturday, November 29, 1884

Did not rain this forenoon the sun came out so brightly that I hurried through with my work and spent the afternoon making calls. The weather was not so pleasant as it promised. Called upon Clara Pursell, Mrs. T. j. Pursell, Aunt Mollie, Mrs. Ben Richardson, Mrs. Chris Nichols, Mrs. Belden Nichols, Mrs. Beyerly, the Misses Duduit, Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Gaylord, Mrs. h. E. Greene, both eth Johnsons, Mrs. Geo Newman and the home folks.

Sunday, November 30, 1884

Wet and disagreeable. Spent the day in the usual way with service and lessons.

I did not go out in the evening but Jas and the two older children went.

Monday, December 1, 1884

Damp and cloudy, not at all pleasant.

Began an apron for Lizzie sewed until too dark to see then went up to Lizzie P's and while there set up a stocking for Mary.

Mrs. Kline was here in the forenoon. Opened a new barrel of granulated white sugar, 307 lbs.

Tuesday, December 2, 1884

Weather pleasanter than yesterday. Sewed most of the day but did not get the aprons near done. Mary talks of going to Winova tomorrow to see Jennie.

These are exceedingly dull, hard times.

The river is still very low and not boat running, has not been one for some months in our regular trade. The Bonanza's crew has been home since July I think.

Wednesday, December 3, 1884

Beautiful weather for the time for the time of year. Sewed on aprons in the forenoon and after dinner I went to see Flo but met her on the street. Stopped at Mrs. Lodwick's to see her + Miss Phoebe Gould then went to Aunt Mary Moore's and afterwards to Mrs. Jno Nichols. Just before supper Ma + I were down street. Before prayer meeting J. W. and I were at Mr. Helfenstein's a few minutes.

Mary + Mary Ricker went to Winova on the 11 o'clock train.

Thursday, December 4, 1884

Weather pleasant.

Finished Lizzie's four new gingham aprons today. Had one ready for her to put on at noon then after dinner I took the others over home and made button holes while visiting with Ma and Lizzie who was there.

In the evening I wrote to Nannie Sypmson.

Friday, December 5, 1884

Weather rather mild and pleasant, quite bright. Went down street in the morning to look at some carpet at Mr. Brenner's and also did an errand at Mr. Hathaway's. Lengthened a skirt for Margaret and after tea fixed over drawers for J. W. Miss Emma was here to tea, has not been here for some time. Had a letter from Bessie Barr. The Ohio came up today in the Bonanza's trade.

Saturday, December 6, 1884

Rainy. Was busy sewing on the machine all day. Made three skirts for Lizzie though the flannel one was nearly ready for the waist when I began on it. It was one I had chain stitched months ago. Ma, Lizzie + her children were her in the afternoon and helped me by making the button holes in two of the skirt waists. I have had some stiffness in my shoulder today. Margaret + Will sewed carpet rags industriously most of the day.

Sunday, December 7, 1884

Bright and somewhat windy but not very cold. The children went to S. S. and afterward to church with us. There was a funeral at our church in the afternoon but we did not attend. Had no evening service in consequence of the funeral so J. W. + I went to Bigelow to hear Rev. Mr. Jackson and enjoyed a good sermon. Ma had the children go over to her and have lessons this afternoon.

Monday, December 8, 1884

Quite windy and chilly but the sun shone brightly most of the day. I was out nearly all the forenoon in a vain search for zephyr which Mary wrote me she wanted. I also did one or two errands for myself. Stopped to see Lizzie a few minutes. Came home and wrote Mary about the zephyr then began work on Lizzie's brown cashmere which I am making over for school. This evening Margaret + Will are sewing carpet rags + J. W. has gone to the Post. Enos went to N. York on business.

Tuesday, December 9, 1884

Weather mild and bright. Had a letter from Mary saying our Mary is sick with cold and she wants me to go up to the Furnace but I do not feel that I can spare the time or money unless it is really necessary. Wrote to her this evening.

Wednesday, December 10, 1884

Cloudy. Got flannel for Carl's underwear and was just ready to cut it out when Mrs. Uri Tracy + her daughter-in-law Mrs. C. A. Tracy called. Mrs. Kline was here on an errand also. Just before prayer meeting Aunt Mary Sam Moore called to invite all the children over to take tea at her house tomorrow evening. J. W. + I went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, December 11, 1884

Rained. In the afternoon it slacked up and was raining very little at 4:30 when the children started out to Aunt Mary's to take tea and spend the evening but it began to rain hard soon after and continued all the evening. I walked up to Lizzie's just before dark but did not stay long. Jimmie went after the children and stayed about an hour. Finished off Carl's underwear and Lizzie's dress.

Friday, December 12, 1884

Rainy and disagreeable.

Spent a restless, uncomfortable day thinking of Mary and wondering whether I should finally be obliged to go up to Winova after her. Sewed busily all day to finish some mending I had to do and just about dark Mary and our Mary came to the front door to my great surprise and delight. I did not think Mary would venture out with May. I am very thankful she is at home. Letter from Mrs. Bond.

Saturday, December 13, 1884

Dark and gloomy weather with considerable rain during the day. Lizzie and her boys were here awhile in the afternoon and Clara Wills made Margaret a visit.

I did not accomplish much sewing as it was the day for other work but I managed to face the rug which was beginning to wear out on the edges.

Sunday, December 14, 1884

Rainy. The children went to Sabbath school as usual after which Margaret and Lizzie went with us to church. Will stayed with May who was hardly well enough to remain alone or stay in the kitchen with Janie. I am very thankful she is at home. After dinner Margaret + Will went over to study awhile with Ma and Jno + Enos came to see us.

Monday, December 15, 1884

Cloudy but neither rain nor snow but it looked all day as though it might snow.

Have been busy all day getting things in shape to make over. Must try to make a dress and cloak for Margaret and the old dresses are so much too small that it will be a puzzle to get anything out of them.

Tuesday, December 16, 1884

Colder and still cloudy.

Was at home all day but did not accomplish much though busy all the time. I wanted to get a pattern for a cloak and see what I could do for Maggie but it did not come so I did other things. After tea J. W. + I went to call upon prof and Mrs. Loews and spent a very pleasant hour with them.

Wednesday, December 17, 1884

Colder and a light fall of snow, scarcely enough to cover the ground, but the children are out with sleds as it is their first opportunity. Mr. Miller sent me a cloak pattern and Minnie came around to let Margaret try her cloak on and I then cut out a cloak from a dark blue waterproof which Mary gave me years ago. Went to church in the evening, very few out. I played the organ, it is the second time I have done so. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, December 18, 1884

Snowing nearly all day but pretty cold for it.

I was glad I was not obliged to go out tonight.

Have been busy with Margaret's cloak which is going to be quite an undertaking. I also cut out another suit of underwear for Carl which must be made and sent to him next week.

Friday, December 19, 1884

Snow on the ground and weather snapping cold. Thermometer about 6° below zero at 7 o'clock this AM. I tried to sew on the cloak but it was so cold I did not make much progress. Went up to Lizzie's a few minutes just before supper. Had a letter from Jennie. The children are through with their examinations at school and both Margaret + Will stood above 90 in general average.

Saturday, December 20, 1884

Very cold but not quite so cold as yesterday, clear all day. Ther about 10° above zero early in the morning. Was busy all forenoon with the house work. Went down street on an errand just before dinner. Lizzie + her boys were here a little while. In the afternoon I sewed on Margaret's cloak, took it over home as I had some handwork to do on it. Was out again before tea doing errands and went up to see Lizzie. At dark sleet began to fall.

Sunday, December 21, 1884

A cold, rainy day.

We went to church in the morning but had no service in the evening. The snow had melted to slush which was deep and froze a little in the evening. J. W. and Willie went to Bigelow and heard Mr. Jackson preach an excellent sermon. They were sorry I was not out to hear him. When we were half through dinner Ma sent for J. W. + me to drive with them and we went.

Monday, December 22, 1884

Cold. Was very busy all day with Margaret's cloak which is very much needed.

I got it all ready for the button holes and buttons today and tomorrow Ma will do that part for me. I should like to do Christmas work but have no time for it now.

Sewed all night for the dolls. Was out late this afternoon looking for a few things to put in the Christmas boxes to be sent away. Wrote to Mrs. Reynolds of North Haven.

Tuesday, December 23, 1884

Cold and somewhat windy. Spent the forenoon getting the boxes ready to send off. The Winova box was packed over home and brought here for our contributions. The Kirkwood box was filled by our family and Lizzie Peebles. She always sends nice presents to Father + Mother R. J. W. and I finished relining the muff which Margaret will give Lizzie. Letters from Aunt Betsey, Father Ricker, Miss Scales and her mother, now in Paris.

Wednesday, December 24, 1884

Cold. Have had several pieces of work to finish up today and during the evening. Put the scrap book leaves together for Margaret and she put in the pictures after dinner. She and Willa take pleasure in preparing surprises for the friends great + small. The S. S exercises were held this afternoon late and they were present then after tea the two which Rich brought from Henley came so we were busy until 11:30 getting it set up and filled. The stockings were waiting too.

Thursday, December 25, 1884

Quite cold and snowy. I takes large fires in all the rooms to keep the house warm + then we are barely comfortable. The Christmas Tree was not exhibited to the children until after nine o'clock, that is the smaller ones did not see it. Margaret and Will did most of the work preparing it. Jno, Wm and Elizabeth spent the day with us and a fine day we had. We had a box

from Jennie with some remembrance for each member of the families in it and as Lizzie had nice presents for each of us and Mary had forgotten on one, + Maggie + Willie spent their money very judiciously, the tree made a very good appearance.

It always gives satisfaction. We missed Carl very much and as Uncle Jimmie was not well and did not come down he was missed also. Lizzie was here a little while but took dinner over home.

This morning I was much surprised to receive a very nice scrapbook from Mrs. Col Graham, she made it herself and it was a great surprise to me. I brought her a small milk stand from the Crystal Palace in London and she seems to think a great deal of it.

Dwight Greene called in the afternoon and spent a couple of hours with us enjoying the children's delight.

Dr. Kline called a few minutes in the morning to see J. W.

The day has been a pleasant one for all and we fell very thankful and happy but want very much to see our baby Carl. I gave the folks pictures of myself. Have long been promising them that I would have some taken.

Friday, December 26, 1884

Cold and clear, snow fell during the night to the depth of about two inches.

After my morning work was done I went to thank Mrs. Graham for her kind remembrance. Stopped over home a little while. After dinner I took my knitting and sat a while with the home folks as Lizzie was there then I went to call upon Mrs. Alex Warner, Hattie Scudder and Mrs. Kline. The box from Kirkwood came but no letter. I was disappointed. Very little sleighing has been indulged in until today when a great many are out.

Saturday, December 27, 1884

Have been busy cleaning up after the festivities. The snow is beginning to melt and it is bright and pleasant overhead.

The tree was taken out and all the presents which were to go up to Jno + William were sent to them.

Sunday, December 28, 1884

Weather moderating, snow fast melting and the streets and pavements are covered with the melting, slushy snow. I went to S. S. this morning to teach Mrs. Pratt's class after which all of us except May went to church. Margaret went with us in the evening.

Monday, December 29, 1884

Weather quite mild and streets very muddy. Was busy at home all forenoon and immediately after dinner I got ready to go with Ma to the Relief Corp meeting. It was the time for the annual election of officers and we did not get home until dark. After tea Ma + Mrs. Lide Graham were here awhile and before they left Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary came and spent the evening.

Tuesday, December 30, 1884

Weather quite mild. I went out in the afternoon wearing a shawl but soon took it off and carries it on my arm. Went to do an errand or two then called to see home Mrs. Kline was feeling as she was not very well last evening. Ma came before I left so we went together to say goodbye to Mrs. Ketchum who is packed up to move to Urbana this week. Wrote to Jennie, Mother R, Mrs. Bond and Miss Scales.

Wednesday, December 31, 1884

Weather damp, close, warm as spring and streets sloppy. Late in the evening it began to turn colder. A cold wave is predicted for tomorrow. Rained a little during the forenoon. Went up street to see Lydia Knowles before sinner. Spent the rest of the day mending went to church in the evening. Had letters from Carl, and Aunt Helen R. The close of the year finds us all well with much for which to be thankful though it has not been a prosperous year financially.

