

Wednesday, January 1, 1868-Happy New Year! The ground is covered with snow and it looks a little more like a winter holiday than Christmas did. We spent the forenoon at S.S. Celebration. It was noon when we got home. Soon after dinner we had two callers and during the course of the afternoon John Peebles, Mr. Blaine, D.P. Pratt, Will Connolly, Mr. Damarin, Mr. Tracy & Davy Jones called. The last three after the first church bell had ceased ringing. The custom of New Year's calling is not observed to a very great extent in Portsmouth. Mary and I went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, January 2, 1868-I have made a good beginning for work this year. I sewed busily all day. In the forenoon Mary went out and invited about fifteen young ladies & gentlemen in to spend the evening. The walking is very bad and we could scarcely expect any one to come but Hattie Hempstead, Maggie Jones, Ella Greene, Lizzie Burr, Mary J. Murray, Davy Jones, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Carr came. They remained until about 12 o'clock. I hope all my evenings this year will be as pleasantly spent as this one has been. I was disappointed in not seeing several whom I expected. The evening was so unfavorable that I gave those who did come great credit.

Friday, January 3, 1868-Mary and I spent the forenoon at Dr. Gibbs' office. It seems as though I have a great deal of trouble with teeth. I am in hopes that it will not always be so however for they are nearly all gold now and when I have a set of golden teeth they certainly will cease to be so troublesome. In the afternoon I did nothing but pet my tooth. so soon as I had my supper I went to my room and tried to dream away my uncomfortable feelings. I have stayed in the house so closely this week that I have got to feeling pretty lonely and blue. I can't be cheerful when I don't get out of doors every day.

Saturday, January 4, 1868-This has been a beautiful day but I did not feel like going out. Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Spry, and Mrs. Dennis called here. I have not been doing much today, finished my lustre walking dress. I have not seen the girls this week excepting on Thursday evening when they were here. I ought to have answered four or five letters today but when I felt like doing anything I worked on my dress. We retired early again tonight. We have had two very pleasant days but I expect we will have more rain though the river is at a very good stage now and we don't need it as much as we did.

Sunday, January 5, 1868-Another beautiful day. I went to Sabbath school and church in the forenoon and church in the evening. The text in the morning was

taken from the 10th Chapter of Joshua 12th & 13th versus, 18th Chapter of Joshua, John 30th verse. This is the week for prayer to be observed by all Christian denominations in the world. We expect to have prayer meeting every night this week excepting Saturday.

Monday, January 6, 1868-It commenced to rain last night and a great deal of water fell before morning. When we woke it was raining very hard. The new High and Grammar Schools open today. Mary and Jennie go. We commenced Ma's new black lustre today, the third Monday in succession that we have begun such a dress. Maggie and John Peebles came home from Chillicothe this evening. Ma, Mary, Jennie and I went to prayer meeting through the rain. John walked up from church but did not stay very long. There was a very good meeting notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Tuesday, January 7, 1868-Still raining, with a prospect of several more such days as we had yesterday. When I went down to dinner I found two letters under my plate. One from Mrs. Singleton, a good letter from a dear, kind friend of who I think a great deal though our acquaintance was short. The other was from Madison furnace and was quite a lecture to which I replied immediately. I also wrote to Lizzie Riddle and for a girl to do downstairs work. In the evening we went to church through the rain again. There were more out than last night, I believe. I have been out in the rain three or four time today. Recd 3-Wrote 2

Wednesday, January 8, 1868-It was still raining this morning but about noon it changed to snow. Just now the bare branches & twigs of the trees are covered with snow look very pretty. I was to have gone the first fair day this week to Dr. Gibbs but no such day has presented itself as yet. It seems as though this day had been idled away but I know it has not. I gave the girls there music lessons this morning before school then sewed on Ma's dress. Uncle Enos was in a few minutes this forenoon. We went to prayer meeting in the evening. It has turned quite cold this evening. We had a very interesting meeting though there were not many out. Mary got a letter from Hattie Prewett.

Thursday, January 9, 1868-Oh! it is so cold this morning. Freezing and blowing very hard. Pa got a letter from Mr. Hogan in New Orleans this morning and I wrote one to Mrs. H, also one to Clara Johnson. I spent the forenoon at Dr. Gibbs' office and he finished working at my teeth. Late in the afternoon I took my letters to the office and then ran up to see Maggie Peebles. The girls were out. It was so cold I was afraid my feet were frozen before I got to Mrs. P's. I went to see Ella Greene, met her on the street and went back home with her. In the evening Ma, Mary and I went to prayer meeting. Saw the girls at church.
Wrote 2

Friday, January 10, 1868-This is such a beautiful day but, oh, so cold! This forenoon I went down street and while out I went up to see Ella Greene a few moments. She is in the midst of making a white alpacca dress. I stopped to see Grandma before coming home. Pa and Ma are going to Mr. Elden's to tea. Jennie and I went to church in the evening expecting Ma would come but she did not get her supper in time. We came home and spent the evening waiting for them to come home. I was very lonely, always and when left at home without any grown person about the house.

Saturday, January 11, 1868-It is still very cold and skating is good but I did not go. It is too windy to be pleasant. In the afternoon I went to see Mrs. Rumsey, Mrs. Pratt, Miss Phebe Gould, Thersa Spry and then up to spend the remainder of my time with Ella Greene. As she was going down street and wanted me to go with her, I ran up to visit with Maggie Jones while Ella got ready. It was nearly dark when we started and quite so when we had finished a tour of shopping, having spent some time in examining several stocks of white kid gloves, satin ribbon, blond, silk tassels and so forth. She was doing her last shopping before acting as bridesmaid next Tuesday.

Sunday, January 12, 1868-This has been a bright, clear day but oh! so bitter cold. I attended S. School in the forenoon then service. In the afternoon Maggie Jones & her brother John called for me to go to their S.S. with them as I had promised to do so. Lizzie and I went. In the evening we went to church. Morning Text 24th Chapter Joshua 15th verse, Evening Text 13th Chapter 1st Corinthians.

Monday, January 13, 1868-Another beautiful day has passed away. I spent the forenoon discharging my duties about the house. In the afternoon went down street to get me a pair of high, heavy shoes to skate in. Saw one of our fellow "Hammanites" Charlie Greene, on the street. Hurried home, and after an unsuccessful attempt at getting shoes for myself, put on Mary's shoes, took her skates and started. The ice was splendid but I had nearly forgotten how to skate and did not do as well as I had hoped. Mary Peebles, Hattie Hempstead, Mollie Murray & Mrs. Norton came in home with me to get warm. I wrote to Laura Loughry and after supper we went to church.

Tuesday, January 14, 1868-The event of this day was the wedding at our church. Estella Robinson & Mr. Will Hickok being the most interested parties. Ella Greene & John Lewis, Libbie Lloyd and Davy Stephenson being the attendants. The bride wore lavender silk. Libbie Lloyd canary silk & Ella Greene white alpaca. All the girls of the "H.C." were in the gallery but Ella Greene. Mary & Maggie Peebles, Mary Murray, Maggie Jones, Hattie Hempstead & myself. We enjoyed the whole affair very much. After the ceremony we (H.C.'s") adjourned to Mr. Peebles as we had no invitation to the "Reception" and then I went home with Maggie Jones and had a good long visit with her.

Wednesday, January 15, 1868-Weddings are very common affairs this winter. We went to the Episcopal church this afternoon to see Amelia Grimes & Capt. Fitch married. Miss Cassie Cole & Amelia's brother Byron were the attendants. It was a very pretty wedding. I was down street nearly all the forenoon. Went to Ella Greene's first and stayed until nearly noon then up to Maggie Jones' and there I found Mary & Maggie P. After dinner Mary Murray came in and stayed with me until time to go to the wedding, then we went together. In the evening we went to church. There is a prospect at present of our having a series of meetings.

Thursday, January 16, 1868-The skating is all spoiled and the snow is not good for sleighing as we can get no amusement out of this weather. I had just finished up my work this morning when Ella Greene came in and stayed until noon. She is a splendid girl and I think a great deal of her. We have a prayer meeting this evening which was not given out with the other appointments, it

was decided on last night. There is a good deal of interest manifested by some of the church members but it is not as general as I would like to see it.

Friday, January 17, 1868-The ice is so heavy in the river that the boat will not go down today. It is very, very cold. I received a piece of music from Bettie Brant today, "Polka Brilliante" a piece of her own composition and a very creditable production too. I wrote to her and put the letter in the office this afternoon. Met Hattie Hempstead down street. Walked up to Maggie's with her. Did not stay long. Came home, found no one here so I went in to see Belle and Gussie Connolly a few minutes. In the evening Uncle Enos went to prayer meeting with us. Fannie & Mary came down before dinner to stay until tomorrow.

Saturday, January 18, 1868-Beautiful day but very cold. Gave Jennie and Lizzie their music lessons in the forenoon after which I made my toilette for the afternoon. Went up to see Grandma and Aunt Maria then up on second street to see after one of my S.S.S. Sarah Ball. Called on Mrs. Dennis then on Mrs. Rhodes' nieces Mary Workman and Mattie Swan. On my way home stopped to make Ella Murray a little visit to show that I had not forgotten my old neighbor since she has moved. Called on Libbie Lloyd but she was not at home. The Peebles' girls were also out. Found Maggie at home made her a little visit then we went out and walked about a half an hour. She is a darling.

Sunday, January 19, 1868-It was quite frosty when we went to Sabbath School this morning but the sun came out with such force as to effect quite a change by noon. The walking was disagreeable but other wise it was a really pleasant day. Dr. Pratt preached two most excellent sermons today, both from the same text. I can't imagine how the unconverted can listen to such truths and not be convinced and converted. Morning text 49th Psalm, 8th verse. Evening same subject continued. "For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth forever."

Monday, January 20, 1868-I scarcely know how to account for the day. I don't think I did anything that would be very useful or I should have remembered it. I have a faint recollection of having run around some this morning but don't remember where I went. Auntie is up taking care of Grandma, I was up to see them today. Have been practising on my new piece, it is very good. Oh! dear, I am at a loss to what to write, since beginning this I have received a document which provokes me almost beyond endurance, I don't know what to do or say. I have not written for a week and today (25th) am writing for a week past. Recd 1

Tuesday, January 21, 1868-Little Annie would have been 5 years old today had she lived. It seems like such a long, long time since she was taken from us. I received another letter from Laura Loughry today insisting upon my going to Chillicothe immediately. It is very doubtful whether I go at all. I was very busy sewing all the afternoon but had to answer the letter today and took a few minutes before supper for that purpose. Uncle Enos & I went down to the office after church to mail the letter and as Miss Adams was going home alone we walked to the gate with her. Recd 1

Wednesday, January 22, 1868-It is quite warm and pleasant today but oh! the walking. Pavements covered with melting snow. Maggie Jones came up with a new black luster dress to have me help her cut it out. I had such a nice visit from her. In the afternoon I intended going up to see the girls but Miss Han Rumsey & Ella Greene came up to spend the afternoon. I had an errand to do at Mr. Peebles' and had to go after they came, but was not gone long. It is turning very cold, the wind is very promising. We went to church in the evening. There doe not seem to be very much interest in the church and Dr. P. is not very strong. We can't have meeting every night.

Thursday, January 23, 1868-Ma hurried off up to Mr. Peebles this morning before 9 o'clock to see Mrs. Hamilton before she left on the cars for Chillicothe. She did not see her after all. Ella Greene rushed around here this morning to tell me her troubles. Last night her uncle came and she is obliged to hurry up and have her party next week when she had postponed it indefinitely. I was down to Mrs. Miller's a few minutes this morning. Had intended going out this afternoon but Mrs. Eden came and before I finished my sewing Frank Cunningham came with her work and stayed until 9 o'clock. the weather is turning cold again, surely we have been favored with a great variety of weather this winter.

Friday, January 24, 1868-After the usual amount of bed making, sweeping, dusting, ect. pertaining to housework I changed my dress and went up to see Grandma and Aunt Maria before she left. Just as I reached home Mr. Sol. Churchill called, he came very unexpectedly night before last to attend Ella Greene's party which had been postponed indefinitely without his knowledge. Emma Bell called this forenoon, her visits are few and far between but I am to

blame more than she is I suppose. In the afternoon, I finished a dress I was working on then went up to see Maggie and Mary, Mr. C. called there and kept Mary in the sitting room so I did not see her. Went to Maggie Jones' and stayed until tea time. We took a little walk before separating for the night. Went to church.

Saturday, January 25, 1868-Another glorious day, bright, clear and not very cold though I think skating must be good. I have just finished my regular routine of housework, music lessons & dressing and am now waiting for something to transpire worthy of record. The first thing a note which I heartily wish had been lost in the mail or somewhere else. I am too provoked about it. I guess well, I don't know what I shall do. Spent the afternoon sewing the beads on the trimming of my walking dress. Mary and I went down street to mail an answer to that note. Met Mary Murray, went to the store with her and then she walked up home with us. Wrote 1

Sunday, January 26, 1868-The weather has been rather queer today, not cold but damp and I thought rather pleasant. I attended S.S. and church in the forenoon and church in the morning. The new system of uniform lessons was adopted today. There are sheets of paper with the lessons for each Sabbath in the year printed on them. The lesson for today was doubting Thomas. 20th chapter John. Morning Text Isaiah 12th chapt. 3rd verse. Evening Text John 1st chapt. 29th verse. Dr. Pratt preached on excellent sermon in the evening, without notes which I enjoyed very much.

(Tuesday, January 28, 1868 is in this diary before the 27th)

Tuesday, January 28, 1868-I made a mistake on the pages. The event of this day has been the party at Mr. E.B. Greene's. Mr. Churchill went with me and when I was ready to go down stairs he actually did not recognize in me the girl who he thought he took there. It was a rich joke on him. The "Hamanites" were there in force, each member representing him or herself. It was one of the most

pleasant parties I ever attended. The girls were all looking their best. Particularly Maggie Jones, Maggie Peebles & Hattie Hempstead. I ought not to say anyone in particular as every one of the H.C's looked better than I ever saw them before. It was two o'clock before I returned tonight. Maggie Jones was up all the forenoon. Ma fixed her hair and she came down in the evening and I brushed the curls out for her. She looked better than I ever saw her before.

Monday, January 27, 1868-Upon peeping through the shutters this morning discovered the outside world wrapt in beautiful soft, white snow and millions of flakes, large & small chasing each other to the ground. Pa left home for Pittsburgh this morning. We have received our invitations to Ella Greene's party. After dinner Mr. Churchill and Gen'l Thomas called. Mr. C. came up and went to church with me in the evening after which he spent the remainder of the evening with us. It is very cold and disagreeable. Snow on the ground but not enough to have a sleigh ride. I fear the gentlemen will have rather a dull time.

Wednesday, January 29, 1868-We were rather late rising this morning after the dissipation of last evening. I did not do anything in the forenoon, not even give the girls their lessons, which I forgot to do. Charlie Greene & Jas. Ricker called before dinner. After dinner I went down to the picture gallery with Ma and then up to Maggie's, found her & Hattie going out calling so I went too, made 19 calls. Mrs. Ida Brown, Ella Greene, Alice Ross, Mary Shackleford, Mary Damarin, Mary Burwell, Mrs. Anna Reed, Mrs. Col. Moore, Mr. McFarland, Mrs. Ella Thompson (bride), Mrs. Col. Hurd, Miss Maria Drouillard, Mrs. Ella Lloyd, Libbie Lloyd, Mrs. Anderson, Misses Workman & Swan at the Seminary, Mrs. Gaylord and Mrs. Robinson. It was very cold. Went to church in the evening. Letter from Laura H. Recd 1

Thursday, January 30, 1868-Went down to Frank Cunningham a few moments this forenoon. Sewed a while before dinner. Mr. Churchill called to say good bye as he expects to leave this evening. Gen'l Thomas has made his calls upon the girls very few and short. Emma Spry came up in the afternoon and I went

out to see Nannie Lampton with her. She & Ella are just recovering from the measles. Will is at home just taking them. We had a very pleasant visit out there and a pleasant walk home though it was pretty cold. We spent this evening at home and alone. The week has seemed so long to me and still there is nothing done.

Friday, January 31, 1868-Good bye January, this first month of the new year gone. We have had a reunion of the Furnace party but I was disappointed in it, had hoped it would have been more pleasant. I went down street this afternoon to collect the bills for the month. Called at Mary Peebles' a few minutes, found Maggie Jones there and she went with me and then I went home with her. Received a letter from Clara King and answered it in the evening. I have not heard from her before since she visited me in the summer. We went to church in the evening. Dr. Pratt seemed quite worn out and discouraged this evening. Libbie has been so poorly of the last few days and he is not well himself. Recd 1 Answered 1

Saturday, February 1, 1868-The snow has nearly all melted off the ground but still it is cold. We have not heard from Pa since he left home. I do hope he will come home tonight. I have been in the house all day and no one has been in so far. Ma has gone up to see Grandma. Uncle Sam is in town but I don't know whether the boat is here or not. The river was full of ice nearly all the week and I have not seen any of the folks to know anything about river affairs. Pa came home. Lizzie Young Riddle died this morning at her brother Duvall's house in Moscow. It has not been three months since John died in N. Orleans.

Sunday, February 2, 1868-Very cold this morning but pleasant overhead and muddy underfoot when we came home from church. Had a full Sabbath School this morning. Morning text Luke 15th chapter, 14th verse last clause, "and he began to be in want." Monthly concert for prayer in the lecture room at 7 P.M. None of us went out in the evening. Enos is sick and I am not feeling well enough to go out such a cold night.

Monday, February 3, 1868-Have spent this whole day doing housework and sewing a little. Did not go out until after dark when Mary and I went to church. Came home and Pa showed me the notice of Lizzie Young's death in the Gazette. The first we had heard of it. It will be very hard for Mrs. Young as Lizzie was all she had to live for after losing John. Duvall and Will are married and keeping house to themselves. She is completely broken up. It is little more than a year since they were a happy family all at home, Mrs. Y. and her four children, within two weeks, three of them were married in Nov. John the youngest & only single one died and now Lizzie the only daughter is taken from her. I don't think she will survive long.

Tuesday, February 4, 1868-Bright, clear and cold, I have finished my morning work and am just ready to begin sewing. Sewed all day, did not go down street at all. Frank was here all the afternoon. I have felt rather low spirited all day. I never feel so well when I stay in the house all day. I have not seen any of the girls. I scarcely know what to write to fill up the page when I don't go out and no one comes in. I have spent the most of this day thinking about Lizzie and John and the pleasure I have had with them and now they are both gone. Gone, I can't realize it. I can only think of them as I last saw them at their home in Moscow.

Wednesday, February 5, 1868-Have confined the light of my countenance within the walls of our residence on 6th Street all day again. In the afternoon Ma went up to see Grandma and I laid aside my sewing to sweep up the scraps and set things to rights generally. After that was done I sat down to answer Bettie Brant's letter. Enos was still in bed but rejoicing in the possession of a new box of paints and Lizzie with her frosted feet bundled up in flannel and reading a book. Frank came in a few minutes but did not sit down. Just before tea, Mary & I went down and put some letters in the office. Went to church. Dr. Pratt asked any interested to come forward. 7 went. Capt. J. Lodwick, then many. Wrote 1

Thursday, February 6, 1868-Am not well at all today, have had a little headache & sore throat, something very unusual for me. Did not go out today at all. Had intended going out to see after some of my scholars this afternoon but it is very cold and I don't think it would have been prudent. Thought it best to stay in and save up for church tonight. Maggie Peebles came down and made us quite a visit this afternoon. I went to church with them tonight but think I had better remained at home. It was so warm in the lecture room & then so very cold after I came out.

Friday, February 7, 1868-I managed to get up about 9 o'clock this morning but my throat was sore & I was so hoarse that it was difficult for me to speak. I sat in Ma's room all the forenoon but was no company for her as I could not talk. In the afternoon she went out to make a few calls and while she was gone I received a few. Mrs. Rhodes & her nieces Mary Workman & Mattie Swan called. Then Mifs Montgomery. Later Therza Spry & Maggie Jones came in but it was late and they did not stay long. Of course I could not go to church tonight so I sat with Pa but could not talk much. Ma, Mary, and Lizzie went to church.

Saturday, February 8, 1868-It was 9 o'clock this morning before I was dressed. My throat is a little better but I don't feel as well as I would wish yet. Milton has just come in to say that there is crape on Mrs. Connolly's door. Mr. C. is dead after being sick since October. A long time for a man to be in the house. I feel very sorry for the girls. In the afternoon Ma went down to S.S. to hear Pres't Luckerman talk about the different methods of teaching. Mary stayed at home with me though I tried to persuade her to go and see Lizzie Burr. No one was in all this long day and I have not been out. This is one whole week in which I have not been inside of anyone's house.

Sunday, February 9, 1868-It has been raining very hard since last night. My cold is not much better but I had hoped to go to S.S. & church until I saw how unfavorable the weather was. It is the first day I have missed since I was East in 1866. I am very, very thankful to be able to say this but still regret having to be absent today. I learned my lesson in the forenoon and read all the afternoon so I hope the day will not prove wholly unprofitable to me after all. We never know how to appreciate our Sabbath privileges until we are deprived of them once. In the afternoon the rain turned to snow. The 28th Anniversary of the S.S. Union was celebrated at our church this afternoon.

Monday, February 10, 1868-Cold and rather cloudy. Everything is wrapt in snow again this morning. Just enough to be disagreeable. Mary remained at home to attend Mr. Connolly's funeral with Ma. Mary Peebles came down to see me a little while but only stayed while the masons were performing their ceremonies over Mr. C. at the house then she went up to church with Ma and Mary to hear the sermon. Ella Greene came in after the funeral and soon after Miss Han Rumsey came too. Oh! dear, I feel so lonely and so badly when I stay

in the house. They all went to church but Pa & me. We played chess all the evening, I wish I could go to church.

Tuesday, February 11, 1868-Everything looks bright and beautiful overhead but such a state of affairs in the upper regions make a sad state of affairs on the streets & crossings after a little snow. I went up to see Grandma just before noon. I don't know what has come over me in the last few days, instead of being cheerful as usual I am just ready to cry any minute, can scarcely keep from it. I feel as though if I could go off to myself and cry a half a day I would feel ever so much better. Later, I did get over the blues without crying after all. Am sorry I can't go to church tonight.

Wednesday, February 12, 1868-I did not have time to give the girls their lessons this morning. When we have no girl upstairs and one downstairs whom we have to help it gives us a very poor opportunity to do anything besides work. I still have to stay at home in the evening but hope to be out to church again next week. I have been staying at home a week now but it seems much longer. I went over to see Gussie & Belle a few minutes this forenoon. Spent the afternoon with Ella Greene. Ma & Mrs. Greene went up on 2nd Street to make a few calls. We called on Mrs. Dr. Jones & Mrs. Massie.

Tuesday, February 13, 1868-I had not finished my work this morning when uncle Enos came in and we played three games of chess winning one. Ma & I then played four and I won two. After dinner Pa advised me to go out and walk around the corporation. I went down to Mrs. Rumsey's first then over to Em Voorheis'. She got ready & went with me. We went to the drugstore then up to see Maggie but met her at the corner & she went up to Mrs. Morton's with us. After we came down street again Maggie went home & Em & I went to see the Peebles girls. We had a delightful walk. It was nearly dark when I got home.

Friday, February 14, 1868-Maggie and I had intended visiting the High School this afternoon but she couldn't go. Ma and I went and I was delighted with the school. Friday afternoon they only have declamations, compositions, gymnastics and music which are very interesting. The new school rooms are splendid particularly the High School. After the exercises were over the scholars opened their post office got their valentines. Ma & I went to call on Mrs. L.C. Robinson, Mrs. Lampton, Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. R.M. Lloyd, Mrs. Gregory & Mrs. Roads. We made a visit at the latter place staying until after

sundown. It has been a beautiful day. I did not go to church. Played chess with Pa in the evening & won one game.

Saturday, February 15, 1868-We have not done much this week and today has been no exception to the rule. We are still waiting for a girl before beginning shirt making. Devoted the forenoon to house work as usual and as soon as dinner was over Mary and I dressed and started out for a walk. My shoe hurt my foot and I could not walk very well. We stopped to see Lizzie Burr but could not get in. Went on to see Maggie Jones & met her at her gate. Walked back to the corner & met Ella Greene. Mary & Ella went off walking. Maggie & her mother went to make a call & I went & spent the rest of the afternoon with Maggie Peebles who was alone.

Sunday, February 16, 1868-I went to Sabbath School and church this forenoon as usual. It seemed like it had been more than one day that I had missed. Found a little boy in S.S. this morning, after all the children were gone, crying because he had lost his hat. Mrs. Martin & I looked but it was nowhere to be found so I came home got Enos' old one for him so he could go home. Morning Text, John 16th, 14th verse. Evening Text, John 3rd, 18th verse. This has been a lovely day. So warm and spring like. It did not freeze even after dark.

Monday, February 17, 1868-We are having such lovely weather now, just like spring. I went up to see Maggie Jones this afternoon. Saw Davie a few minutes. Maggie walked up Washington to 6th with me on my way home. Was down to see Mifs Voris about Belle Whitney one of my S.S.S. in reference to getting her to church. Mary and I called for her on our way and she went with us. Our meetings are very interesting and I wish I could attend every one of them but Pa objects to my going out at night.

Tuesday, February 18, 1868-Another beautiful day. I sewed all the forenoon but went out after dinner. Ella Greene sent me a note saying she was going to call on the bride Mrs. Paul Jones, I dressed & waited until four o'clock when I went with Ella, and Emma Voorheis to call on Mary Damarin, Mary Shackelford, Lizzie Burr, and Mrs. Jones at Mrs. Lodwick's. It seems too pleasant these afternoons to stay in the house and work and I don't feel satisfied with myself when I spend so much of my time visiting and walking. I did not go to church tonight though I was very anxious to do so.

Wednesday, February 19, 1868-Another delightful day is drawing to a close. The forenoon was spent in sweeping & dusting. Grandma Smith was here to dinner. After dinner I went down to do an errand for Ma and then went out walking with Maggie Peebles and Maggie Jones. Was in to see Mary Peebles twice this afternoon and then went home with Maggie Jones and visited a little while. Received an invitation to a party to Miss Rumsey's tomorrow also a note from J.J.G. desiring to accompany me but am not going. Went to church in the evening Mr. Bierce of Ripley preached from Luke 11th and 17th.

Thursday, February 20, 1868-It seems that the weather prophet, the learned annual "ground hog" must have been mistaken this time. He might have been out enjoying all this fine weather if he had known it. It is a splendid day but I have spent so much of my time out of doors that I stayed at home all day and nearly made a dress waist & sleeves for Jennie. Received a letter from Laura Henness this morning. We went to church in the evening. Mr. Bierce preached from Deut. 32nd_31st verse. "For their Rock is not our Rock, our enemies themselves being judges." An excellent sermon, well delivered. None of us went to the party this evening. I don't think it would have been right. Recd 1

Friday, February 21, 1868-It was ten o'clock this morning when I got my work done. I then dressed and went down to see Florance Vincent about going to church this afternoon. I have been looking for Mary Workman & Mattie Sorfon to come to dinner & go up to the High S. with me but think on account of church this afternoon they will not be here. After Pa had sat down to dinner the girls came. Through much trial and tribulation we prepared the table a second time and after dinner we went up to visit the school. We did not get out in time for Prayer meeting. Went up to Mrs. Gaylord's. Maggie Jones came up to school with Ma and we walked up there together. Went to church in the evening. Mr. Bierce preached from Acts 18th-17th last clause.

Saturday, February 22, 1868-Washington's birthday, I did not think of it until I saw two or three flags hung out. As soon as I got my morning work done up I dressed for the afternoon. We had prayer meeting at 2 o'clock. After that was out Mary & I went round for Maggie to go and call on Mifs Rumsey and her friend Mifs Cagby. From there we went up to call on Mary Murray but she was not at home. We had no service tonight, never do on Saturdays. Mr. Sherman Johnson spent the evening here playing chess with Pa. I left them about ten

o'clock still fighting on the checkered field. Maggie Jones was here a few minutes this forenoon.

Sunday, February 23, 1868-Went to Sabbath School this morning and remained to church. At 2½ o'clock Dr. Pratt preached Dr. John Spry's funeral sermon. The church was crowded and a great many stood up throughout the service. The body pews were filled with the friends and Odd Fellows and then there was not room enough. Pa, Mary and I went to church in the evening. We have had a busy day. Those of us who go to S.S. Morning Text John 1st, 36th last clause, Evening Text Amos 4th, 12th last clause. Funeral Sermon by Dr. Pratt. Mr. Bierce preached the morning and evening sermon.

Monday, February 24, 1868-The atmosphere is damp and hazy this morning. A few sprinkles of rain fell but at this time (noon) it seems to be brightening up a little. Ma and I went to afternoon Prayer meeting. Had a good meeting. After it was out, I walk up street with Mary P., went up to see Kate Brockman's cousin to see if he would not see her home if she would come to church. Stopped to see Maggie Peebles a little while. Met Kate on the street and she promised to come. Saw Florance Vincent & she promises. Belle refused. The church was almost full at night. Was gratified to see three of my girls there. Kate, Florance, and Sarah. Oh! How earnestly I prayed for Pa to go tonight but when I went down stairs to ask him he was gone out somewhere. I was so disappointed I was almost ready to despair of ever having any success in prayer. Answered L.H.'s letter. Hebrews 2nd, 3rd verse. Wrote 1

Tuesday, February 25, 1868-it has been cloudy and bright by turns this forenoon. I went out to try to persuade Mrs. Hermes to go to church but fear I was not successful. Oh: how my heart was rejoiced to receive a message from Belle Whitney. She is sorry she spoke as she did yesterday and told Mary she would go to church tonight. I saw Mr. Bolton and he promised to excuse Belle, Kate & Sarah to attend 3 o'clock Prayer M. Wrote a note to each one and earnestly pray to God to bless my humble efforts to bring them into the fold. After prayer meeting Mary Peebles and I walked to the lower end of 2nd to see one of her S. School scholars. We then took a long walk and talk. Pa & Ma took tea at Mr. D.W. Murray's. I was so in hopes Pa would come to church tonight and after Ma & all the rest had come he came in alone. I do hope it is the beginning of a change in him. Text John 6th, 37th.

Wednesday, February 26, 1868-Pa went up the river this morning. This is the night of the "Wooden Wedding" given by Mr. Bently to his daughter Mrs. Chas. Lloyd. Pa, Ma and I were invited but we don't feel that it would be right to go just at this time when there is so much interest in the church. John Brown sent over to see if I would go but I told him I would not. We all went to church in the evening and heard Mr. Bierce preach an excellent sermon from 2nd Cor. 6th & 2nd verse. Sarah Ball came forward tonight. I have thought for some time she was interested but she is so reserved that it was hard to tell. Emma Nichols' husband was forward tonight, also. Mrs. McConnell & Mrs. Hermes & several others besides.

Thursday, February 27, 1868-We have been very busy all day doing up the house work & making a little preparation for tea this evening. Just as I was going up the stairs to get ready for 3 o'clock Prayer meeting Mary Peebles came and she stayed until within ten minutes of time for the bell to ring. By making an extra exertion I was ready in time. In the evening Dr. & Mrs. Pratt, Mr. & Mrs. Bierce Mr. & Mrs. Eldon & Mrs. Murray were here to tea after which we all went to church. Mr. Bierce preached from Amos 4th & 12th. The same text he took Sunday evening. Then, he preached to Christian Israel, tonight to idolatrous Israel. Hiram Murray & his wife were both forward tonight. Nearly all who come forward are grown persons.

Friday, February 28, 1868-Mr. Bierce expected to have gone home on the Bostona but he told us when he came to look at the library that he would wait for the Fleetwood and be with us this evening at Prayer meeting Dr. Pratt said he had been persuaded to remain over Sabbath & will now be here until next Friday. He is such a good man. I hate to think of his leaving us at all. He seems to have won Pa's heart. We all went to church tonight but Pa. It seems that each succeeding meeting is better than the others. I took a severe cold in church this morning and therefore could not enjoy it as much as I usually do. John Overturf & Ed. Draper came out tonight. Mr. Bierce preached from Matthew 11th chapter 28th 29th & 30th verses

Saturday, February 29, 1868-It is very cold today. Last night when I came home I took medicine but said nothing about it to Ma and I worked hard all this forenoon. Which did not make me feel much better. In the afternoon I went to Prayer meeting and took more cold still I would not give up to it. I went to the

tea table – to keep up appearances but had to leave and go to my room. Oh! what a bitter disappointment to give up Sabbath School & church tomorrow. A day to which I have been looking forward with so much pleasure. I lay down on the bed and took a good cry. I was quite sick for a time and could not hope to go out tomorrow unless it was a very pleasant day. There was no service tonight.

Sunday, March 1, 1868-What little hope I had was dispelled when I awoke & saw the rain falling this morning, finding I could not go out I remained in bed until just time to dress for church in the afternoon. It rained so hard that I could not go after all. It is this first Communion season I have missed since I united with the church. 48 person were recvd. Among them Dr Bing & family (5 persons), Capt. Lodwick, Camille Bigler, Kate Robinson, John Overturf, Mr. E. Nichols, Mr. Knowles, Hiram Murray & wife, Addie Murray, Mattie Swan Mr. J H Ricker, Mrs. McConnell, Mollie & Flora, Margaret Mucklemath, Mrs. White, John White, & wife Charlie Martin. W. W., Little Louella Lloyd, Anna McGinley, Clara Sayres, Chas. Row, James Revere, Julia Pratt, Addie Randall, Sherman G. Johnson, Mr. Wetherby, Mrs. Mary Noland Capt. J Miller Mrs. Richardson. Mary Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Fanigrane, Gertrude Smith, Libby Gibson, Mrs. Barn

Monday, March 2, 1868-March truly is coming in like a lion. The wind howled all night-and the rain fell in torrents. This morning it has turned to snow. Did not go to afternoon Prayer meeting. No one was here today I believe. Pa intended going to Cincinnati this morning but he concluded not to. He went to church with Ma in the evening. He is deeply interested in religion now and I hope the many prayers made for him will be answered. Mr. Bierce preached from Jer. 8th 20th verse. Pa went to church tonight to our great joy but did not go forward as I had hoped he would. We are having such good meetings.

Tuesday, March 3, 1868-This has been one of the darkest days I ever knew I believe. The house has seemed like a house of mourning instead of rejoicing as it should be. I know it is wrong in me to feel as I do about Pa's going to the Episcopal church, but I can't help it. He seems determined to join that church and my joy at his trying to be a Christian is swallowed up in my grief at the idea

of the family separating. We all need to hear Mr. Bierce tonight. Ma came home before the services were over. Mr. Bierce preached from Amos 4th 12th last chance. That is the third sermon he has preached from that text and each one about 60 minutes long. I believe I never felt so badly in my life as I did tonight and I ought rather to have felt thankful. Received a letter from Mrs. Hogan.

Wednesday, March 4, 1868-Bright and beautiful but very cold. I hope this may not last much longer. I feel very much better as far as my cold is regarded but still have no energy to do anything. Ma went up to see Mrs. Elden and I was left with the sick children. Milton came home just in time to let Mr. Bierce in. I made a hasty toilette and talked to him until Pa came. He remained to dinner with us. Oh! he is such a good man. We went to Prayer meeting in the afternoon and church at night. Text Matt 16th 26th. There were several forward and Lettie among them so Mary & I stayed a while after the congregation was dismissed.

Thursday, March 5, 1868-Weather rather changeable, Sun was behind the clouds today. Looked for Mrs. Bierce down this forenoon but she did not come. Ma did not go down to Prayer meeting. I went alone. Mrs. Gaylord and Mrs. Bierce came up to see Ma. After meeting Mary Peebles went down to Mrs. Neills with me. When I came home I found Mr. & Mrs. B. & Mrs. G. here. Mrs. Hutchin & Mrs. Iams were here in the forenoon, had Mrs. Nichols in the afternoon. I did not go to church in the evening, all the rest of the family wanted to go – I stayed with the children. Mary said Mr. B. preached from Jer 13th 23rd a text- he used here on a former visit.

Friday, March 6, 1868-Weather moderating. We spent the forenoon with our hats & cloaks on. I went up to see Mrs. Peebles' girl about one for us early in the morning. Ma and Mary went down to the boat to see Mr. & Mrs. Bierce off. I stayed at home with the children. Aunt Mary was here. Went to Prayer meeting & I went up to see Maggie Jones a little while. Mary & I stopped to see Ella Green on our way home. Dr Pratt preached in the evening. Text – 1st Kings 18th & 21st There was a houseful. Very interesting meeting.

Saturday, March 7, 1868- Indications are that we will have rain. Went through the usual routine in the forenoon & then dressed for church in the afternoon.

When I was ready I went p to Maggie's to wait until Ma called for me. We then went up to Mr. Gaylord's office to see him & from there to church. After Prayer meeting Mary and I went to see Emma Spry and then down street with Lizzie Burr. I came home very tired. I have a good record to make for this evening. Pa has commenced family worship. He read the 61st Psalm: Although I always hoped to see Pa a Christian I hardly expected to see such a great change in him.

Sunday, March 8, 1868-Another lovely day has passed. I was glad to get back to S.S. and church. There were 6 officers, 61 teachers and 408 scholars present. We are very much crowded and I hope we will have more room soon. Dr Pratt preached to the children in the afternoon, and baptized 8 children. Mr. Martindale is spending the Sabbath with us and preached morning and evening. Morning text 21ch Psalm & 11th ver. Afternoon Jer 3rd & 4th Dr Pratt evening Esther 4th 16th last clause.

Monday, March 9, 1868-Pa Ma and Lizzie went to Cincinnati this morning on the boat. They did not make up their minds until Pa came up to take them to the boat. We children are left here at home alone. Miltie is sick in bed. After the hurry & confusion attendant upon the hasty departure of the folks, I finished up any work and dressed. In the afternoon I went to Prayer meeting and then walked around the square with Mary Peebles. On my way home I called on Mrs. Bing. Have thought all the time that I should like her & my very first impressions have been deepened upon becoming acquainted. Dr Pratt preached in the evening. Text John 12th 32nd verse

Tuesday, March 10, 1868-This is the beginning of another beautiful day. I have just finished my morning work and am ready for anything. It is so warm & pleasant today. The buds are coming out on the trees. I went to prayer meeting alone. Jennie stayed with Milton & Enos. We had a good meeting but – oh! how we miss Mr. Bierce. Mary & I went to church in the evening. It was the darkest evening I ever was out I believe. Dr Pratt preached tonight from John 12th & 32nd verse. There is a great deal more interest in the church and among sinners than is manifested. We are hoping Mr. Bierce will be here tomorrow. Matthew 26th and 10th. last clause.

Wednesday, March 11, 1868-This morning before we were ready Pa & Ma came up bringing Mr. Bierce with them for breakfast. He is to stay with us while he is here this time. We were busy doing housework all the forenoon in the afternoon we all went to prayer meeting. We don't try to do anything but to go to church and keep the house in order. After prayer meeting I had intended going to see Florence Brockman but Mary Peebles could not go & I went down street with Mary Murray. In the evenings we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Bierce again. He preached from John 3rd 18th & 19th verse. He does preach such good sermons. The attendance was pretty good but the house was not crowded.

Thursday, March 12, 1868-It has been three years tonight that our little darling was taken from us. How time flies. We were up early this morning so as to have breakfast in time for Mr. Bierce to go to morning prayer meeting. He was out all day working in his Master's vineyard. He sows a great deal of good seed & I hope he will reap a large reward. Went to afternoon prayer meeting and after that Mary Peebles and I started out to see Florance but it began to rain so hard that we did not go. I took her up home & found John there it has been eight or nine weeks since he went up the river. Pa runs up the rail road all day. Text 2nd Sam'l 1st & 26th verse

Friday, March 13, 1868-This is Mr. Bierce's last day with us he went up to Mr. Gaylord's to dinner. We all went to prayer meeting in the afternoon after which Mary P. & I actually went and saw Florance, she's going to leave our SS & go to 6th street Methodist. I am sorry to have her leave one without being a Christian. Mary returned home and I went to see Florence Vincent, Maggie Jones & I then took a walk out to see the "Hub & spoke" factory, met Mr. Peebles on our way & he turned & went back with us & kindly showed us all that was to be seen. He and Mr. Bierce preached from Exodus 32nd chapter & 26th verse. He left on the Fleetwood after church. Saw Murtie Salsbury in town today he is home on his spring visit.

Saturday, March 14, 1868-Spent the forenoon in the usual way until about 1 O'clock when Mary & Mattie Gaylord came down and they stayed until church time in the afternoon. Murtie Salsbury called before church & walked down when we went. He came yesterday. After church Ma, Mrs. Martin & I walked down street then to Mrs. Johnson's. She & Ma then went to see a girl and Mary & following them met Mary Murray, Sarah M & Ella Lampton we went up home with them & Mollie brought us down in the carriage. I walked a great deal this afternoon and am very tired. Mr. Joseph B. Little came today to assist Dr Pratt.

Sunday, March 15, 1868-Lovely day until about 3 O'clock when we had a spring shower accompanied by a little thunder and lightening. I have lost one of my S.S.S. Florence Brockman, she is going to another school. I am sorry to give her up without having become a Christian. There were 6 officers, 52 teachers & 481 scholars. total 489 without counting the visitors at S.S. this morning. Mr. Little preached today. Morning text – Luke 18th to 24th verses Evening Luke 14th chapt. 18th verse. I finished reading the Bible through by course today for the first time. I have been about a year in doing it as it was some time in March when I began it last year.

Monday, March 16, 1868-Rained hard this morning, but notwithstanding the unfavorable weather Jennie and I got ready to go to Cin. I covered my bible that Cousin Duvall gave me, oil silk to keep it nice. There were only three ladies from Portsmouth going down. Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. Tewksbury, & Mrs. Dole, sister of Mrs. Stephenson. At Rome a young dentist came on board and as we had met in Portsmouth he took the liberty to spend the greater part of his time in the ladies cabin, much to my annoyance & the ladies amusement. We had a very pleasant trip down. About 2 O'clock in the morning a terrific wind storm cam up but was soon followed by torrents of rain when the danger ceased. We had just landed in Cincinnati.

Tuesday, March 17, 1868-It was still raining when we went to breakfast this morning but it ceased about 8 O'clock and soon after Uncle Sam took us up street. I saw Mr. Hopple when we passed his place of business. We passed through the flower market. I bought a red japonica. Just as we got back to the boat- it commenced to raining again. We sat down to watch for the passengers to see if we would know anyone. Mr. H came down and made quite a long call. Mr. Wicke & his sister Lila are going to Portsmouth. They are the only passengers whom I knew. I am so sorry to be away from church. Would like to be there tonight. At Aberdeen Mifs Moore, Mrs. Dennis' sister came on board and

Mifs Wicke & I made ourselves known to her. Saw Will Young & his baby when we passed Moscow.

Wednesday, March 18, 1868-Jennie and I were ready before either Uncle Enos or Sam so we walked up from the river with Mrs. Dennis & Miss Moore. The first words Mary said to me when I saw her were that John Peebles & Will Bonsall went forward last night. I would have stayed at home I believe to have seen that. There was a funeral at our church this afternoon an old gentleman whom I never heard of before. Just as our services were closing a fire broke out in All Saints lecture room but it was put out before doing a great deal of damage. Mrs. Little & Miss Adams took tea with us last night then we all went to church except Pa. Mr. Little preached from John 6th 44th verse Mr. Cadot another young man in whom Mr. Bierce was much interested came forward tonight .

Margin note: Jimmie Ricker was there but did not come out. Went to see Mrs. Stephenson this afternoon according to promise.

Thursday, March 19, 1868-This has been a lovely day. I sewed nearly all the forenoon. Murt Salsbury was here this morning he leaves on the Telegraph. I have not seen much of him since he came this time. After dinner I sewed until time to go to church. And after I returned sewed until dark. Had intended going to see Mifs Wicke but could not. Have not been any place today except to Mr. Elden's and back from church. Went to church at night. Mr. Little preached from Luke 10th chapter 11th verse last clause. John P walked up home with us from church. It was a dark time for us. It seems as though we are to lose Pa after all. He would not have family worship tonight. But it is always darkest before day and I hope we will soon see brighter days. We never will be happy until united.

Friday, March 20, 1868-Wednesday noon the Maysville packet Magnolia blew up and at last account there were about 83 souls launched into eternity. I have not seen Uncle Enos yet. Mr. Little went home today. We had prayer meeting in the afternoon after which I went up to see Maggie Jones. J. R. was here this forenoon. Dr Pratt preached this evening from the 21st Chapt. of Rev. " The Spirit and the Bride say come" ect. He read the chapter then closed the Bible &

preached without notes. It was such a good sermon. This evening closes the special meetings, Dr P. is not able to carry them on and it has now been eleven weeks since they were begun.

Saturday, March 21, 1868-How we do miss the afternoon prayer meetings! We did not have one today. I was busy at home all day nearly. Mary went up to Mr. Gaylord's to spend the day. In the afternoon Lorna Loughry came in and soon after Emma Voorheis & they stayed until quite late. Mary & I then went down to the book store & post office & home again. It is quite cold. A little snow fell today but did not lay on the ground. This is a very sudden & unpleasant change.

Sunday, March 22, 1868-It is much pleasanter today than I had anticipated. The sun shines brightly & it is not so cold as it was yesterday. There were not quite so many present at S.S. as last Sabbath only 439 I believe. Dr Pratt preached morning and evening. Morning text Romans 8th 2nd Evening text Acts 24th 25th. Pa went with us in the evening but did not seem to enjoy it which made me feel too badly to get the full benefit of the sermon.

Monday, March 23, 1868-I sewed on the machine until about 3 O'clock in the afternoon making shirt bosoms. I went down street after I was dressed to get a sacque pattern & then went up to see Ella Greene a few minutes. There was a prayer meeting in the evening led by the young men of the church and it was very interesting the exercises were voluntary. Mr. Voorheis led then D.B. Stephenson, Edgar Draper, Joseph Murray, Mr. A.C. McCall, S.G. Johnson & Capt. Jms Lodwick made prayers, some one suggesting a hymn between each prayer. Oh! it is glorious to see so many young men standing up for Jesus, our dear Saviour. There is a dark cloud over our family tonight.

Tuesday, March 24, 1868-I know not how to describe my feelings today. It seems as though I would be crushed beneath the weight of sorrow I feel for my dear father. It seems as though he cannot see the right. Having eyes he sees not & hears but he hears not. Oh! that he could see our hearts. S.S. Teachers

meeting was held at Mr. O.C. McCall's this evening as soon as tea was over. Mary and I went down to Mr. Miller's to go with them. There was a very good attendance there being 34 or 35 teachers & officers together. The questions about Missionary money, newspapers for the school, new organ & some others were discussed but on account of the absence of Mr. Bell nothing was decided upon.

Margin note: Maggie Jones came up this afternoon & we went walking. We stopped to see Therza Spry then went up to see Mary & Maggie, made a good long visit. Walked up to Mrs. Lowell's with Lizzie Burr.

Wednesday, March 25, 1868-The rain which began yesterday ceased this forenoon, but just after I left the house in the afternoon it began again. I went down to Mrs. Miller's to get our umbrella I left there yesterday but the rain was falling so fast I was detained there about an hour. I went from there to Mrs. Murray's Florence Machine Room to see some specimens of braiding & embroidery. Then to Mifs Jenkins' to get a sacque pattern. Spent the remainder of the time with Ella Greene. Ma Mary & I went to church. Ma tried to get Pa to go but he would not. It does seem too hard but I suppose it is all right. I wish I had more faith. I certainly might have to have. Stopped to see if Maggie J wouldn't go up to Connolly's with me. Found Mary Peeble there.

Thursday, March 26, 1868-It rained all day I could not get the trimming for my luster sacque so I could not make it. I was at home all day sewing on the machine. We are making shirts. Just before supper I brushed my hair and put on cuffs & collars. We spent the evening all together at home.

Friday, March 27, 1868-I went up and got the trimming for my sacque as soon as I had my breakfast and worked hard until my sacque was done. Between 2 & 4 O'clock I put on my suit and went up to see Mrs. Dennis' sister Mifs Moore. Made them quite a visit. They are such pleasant ladies. From there I went up to "Auntie" Martin's and stayed with her a long time. She was expecting Annie Reiniger today but she was disappointed. She took me up and showed me the room she had prepared for Annie with the little cradle for little "Gracie". We sat

down by the windows and had a good long talk. I went up to see Mrs. Gaylord & come down home in the buggy with Miss Adams & Mary G. We went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Saturday, March 28, 1868-Still rainy. The weather is in sympathy with our feelings. Oh! so gloomy. I have spent this forenoon in finishing up little pieces of work. We remained at home all day and no one was here. Some thing a little remarkable as scarcely a day passes that some one does not come in. I wrote to Bettie Brant this forenoon. I sewed or rather braided nearly all the afternoon. Gave Lizzie her first lesson on the scales this morning. Just the first principle Jennie began a few lessons since and is progressing nicely. Wrote 1

Sunday, March 29, 1868-It is quite cold this morning. Ma is not able to be up and consequently she can't go to Sunday School. Mary took her class today. All my scholars were present. There were 484 scholars & teachers present. We hope to have more room by next Sabbath as we are too much crowded. Neither Pa nor Ma were at church today. He spent the day reading the Bible. We hope he has given up his determination to go to the Episcopal church. Dr Pratt preached twice. Morning text 1st Thess. 5th 19th verse. Evening text Acts 9th Chapt. 6th verse "Lord what wilt thou have me to do".

Monday, March 30, 1868-Bright and pleasant again. I sewed industriously all the forenoon but expected to go up to see Annie in the afternoon. About 2 O'clock, Belle Connolly came in and I had such a pleasant visit with her until nearly 6 O'clock. It is the first time she has been to see any one since her father died except to Miss Adam's. Mrs. Dr Jones, Mrs. Langston, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Rumsey, and Miss Phoebe Gould were here this afternoon. There was no service at our church tonight and we were all at home together.

Tuesday, March 31, 1868-Sewed all the forenoon but dressed immediately after dinner and went up on 2nd Street. First called at Mrs. Gunns' and got "Castles in the Air" for Maggie then at Mrs. Elden's for tea. Next to Maggie's where I heard that Heather Hempstead had come home. Went up to Mrs. Dennis' & saw Miss

Moore again. Stopped at Mrs. Buskirk's but did not see Em Reiniger. Stopped & saw Annie & her baby then hurried up to see Hattie. They over persuaded me to take off my hat & stay. Hat & I donned some sun bonnets & went out to walk in the yard. We were joined by Mary & the trio went down to Mr. Robinson's to see Camille & the baby. I ran in & saw Em Reiniger. Hattie walked down home with me after Mary & me went up to Mr. Peebles to teacher's meeting.

Wednesday, April 1, 1868-Pleasant weather again and with it happiness is returning to our home. Pa seems to be taking the first steps towards going back to our church. We feel thankful to our heavenly Father & hope we will yet rejoice seeing him there. I have sewed busily all day to make up for the time I lost yesterday. No one came in to interrupt me and when the church bell began to ring I was just commencing to dress myself. However I was ready in time & Mary, Jennie & I went to church. We had service up stairs as the lecture room is all torn up making more room for the Sunday School.

Thursday, April 2, 1868-Spent the forenoon mending and preparing to go to the Grammar School Examinations after dinner. The room was quite full and the scholars did very well. While I was gone Chas W Greene called and when I got home I found his card and a note inviting Mary and me to go with him and Ella to hear the "Alleghanians" this evening. The house was crowded and it was with difficulty we got a seat, but Charlie finally had one brought up from down stairs. On our way from school we stopped to see Mary Peebles who is sick. I was up to see Charlie Nichols this forenoon. He got struck in the eye with a shingle and will not be able to attend the Examinations tomorrow.

Friday, April 3, 1868-Spent the whole day in the High School Examinations. In the morning there were not a great many persons there, but in the afternoon even the recitation room and halls were crowded and many went away who could not get standing room. Some of the compositions and declamations and all the music were very fine. The Calisthenics by the boys was splendid. The room was literally packed aisles walls and even the platform. Mary and I walked out to Mr. Greene's greenhouse to see the flowers with Maggie Jones and her mother. I got a letter from Laura Henness. Our lecture room has been enlarged by opening the infant rooms with folding doors. Geo. Bell led the prayer meeting. Read 1

Saturday, April 4, 1868-Gave the girls their music lessons and spent the rest of the forenoon mending. The wind is blowing a gale almost. The dust is almost blinding. Ma walked up on 2nd Street this afternoon and it seemed as though she would be blown away. I must say a word about our omnibus. I believe it arrived some time this week and is the first real round red & yellow omnibus with a door behind and a driver on top that ever rolled over the streets of Portsmouth. It looks very city like. Yesterday when I was sitting by the H. S. window & saw the bus drive up & let Pro. Lang out, I could almost imagine that it was a college just outside of a large city.

Sunday, April 5, 1868-Cold again, I shall be glad when warm weather is here. This morning the infant rooms were opened for the first time. I think it is a beautiful sight to see such an array of S.S.S.'s and then the little ones on raised seats in their own rooms. The exercises were varied this morning and consisted of singing, reading reports, remarks, ect. No lessons were heard. I was the only representative of the family in our seat this morning. Mary & Lizzie in theirs. It seems so hard, Oh! so hard to be separated as we are. If I hadn't faith to believe that it will not always be so I could not bear up under it. Morning text Matt 10th 32nc and 33rd verse Evening Monthly Miss. Meeting in the lecture room. House nearly full.

Monday, April 6, 1868-Bright beautiful day. Spent the whole day sewing, still at work on the shirts. No one came in to interrupt me and so I lost no time. Uncle John was here he has just returned from the South where he has been for more than three years. He is looking very well. It has been a long time since any one was here to spend the evening and I was quite surprised and altogether unprepared to receive calls this evening when the door-bell rang Mrsrs Jones and Hope were the callers. I don't feel like entertaining company under my present state of mind I cannot do justice either to my self or them. When will it be different? My Father in Heaven only knows.

Tuesday, April 7, 1868-We awoke this morning to find it raining but in the afternoon it cleared off. I was making shirt sleeves all day. Just got through in time to get ready for church. Presbytery meets here this week and we expect to have service three or four evenings. Wanted very much to go and see how Mary

Peebles was but did not leave the house until church time. Maggie went to Cincinnati rather unexpectedly yesterday afternoon. Rev. J H Young of Ironton preached this evening from 20th chapter of Acts. The discourse was more especially to the elders of the different churches in this presbytery.

Wednesday, April 8, 1868-I sewed busily today until after four O'clock sewing on the sleeves I made yesterday. No person came in except Uncle Enos and I only came down & spoke then went up stairs again. After 4 O'clock I dressed and went up to see Mary Peebles. Found her dressed but lying on the bed in her room. Maggie came in before I left. She came home on the Telegraph this morning. It is quite cold and the wind has been blowing for two or three days. Mary and I represented the Moore family at church tonight. Mrs. Arthur had her little baby baptized. It looked so pretty with it's long white clothes & scarlet cloak. Mr. Chester preached from Genesis 19th chapter 17th verse.

Thursday, April 9, 1868-When we came down to breakfast a few flakes of snow was falling and now (3 PM) there are two or three inches of snow on the ground and a drizzling rain which will not improve the condition of the roads much. There goes "our omnibus". It passes here a great many times a day but I wouldn't advise any one to wait on the corner for it as it is very uncertain when it will be around. I have done about all I can to the shirts, there are a few button holes to work but I am not as adept at that branch of sewing yet though I hope to be someday. Now I'm going to write to Laura Hennes. I wrote a long letter to her which finished my day's work. Wrote 1

Friday, April 10, 1868-Sewed all day only stopped to get ready for church. We have about the same routine to record each day and it is very tiresome to always write the same thing. There is one thing that might be taken for granted and never written, that is "we sewed". We are always sewing and never get through. When no one comes in and I do not go out there is not much to note. I guess I won't waste my time, paper, and ink trying to write when I've nothing to say.

Saturday, April 11, 1868-Sewed in the forenoon. After dinner Mary and I went out together. First to see Mrs. Rumsey then Lizzie Burr but she was not presentable so we went on to see Maggie Jones but she had just gone out. Stopped to see how Maggie and Mary were then went on up to Mrs. Gaylord's. She and Hattie were just starting down street and I did not stay long. Mary, Mattie, Mary G. and I went down to Mrs. Martin's to see Annie and baby Gracie. Saw Maggie Jones pass on her way up to see Hattie. When we were ready to go home we went up to see if Maggie was going down. We started but met Hattie & Maggie, went back with her.

Sunday, April 12, 1868-Another very disagreeable Sabbath. We went to S. School in the rain and came home from church in the same circumstances only that we had lost our largest and best umbrella. It rained steadily until dark. None of us went to church in the evening. Mr. Lee, one of the seniors at Lane Seminary preached this morning, taking for his text Heb. 7th 15-16 verses. Aunt Maria McCall, Roby and Uncle Sam were here nearly all the afternoon.

Monday, April 13, 1868-Sewed all the forenoon as we had to go out after dinner. Mr. Salsbury was buried this afternoon at two o'clock. There was to be a business meeting at the church, open to all the members. Ma went out riding with Mrs. Gunn and told Mary and me to be sure to go to the meeting. We went down past the Lecture Room but saw no ladies there and were afraid to go in. We finally went over to Mrs. Cotton's and asked her if any ladies had gone in, finding they had we went in too, but we had spent so much time running back and forth past the windows that we just got in, in time to be adjourned in order. Maggie and Emma Jones were here.

Tuesday, April 14, 1868-This is the anniversary of President Lincoln's death. Rained in the morning and the prospect for a pleasant evening was very unfavorable. It cleared off though and the afternoon was lovely. Mary stayed at home all day and sewed. I went out as soon after dinner as possible. Went to see if Maggie did not want to go up to Mrs. Martin's. She had a headache. Stopped to see the girls a few minutes. Started up to stay the rest of the afternoon with Mary Murray. She was up to Mrs. Martin's so I went on up. We

stayed until supper time and then Mollie walked nearly down to Gay Street with me, until she met company, so she turned and went back. Pa, Ma & the girls went over to Mr. Brown's to a mite Society.

Wednesday, April 15, 1868-It was so dark and cloudy this morning that we had to eat by gas lights. After breakfast it rained very hard but cleared off about noon and the rest of the day was bright and warm. At noon Ma decided to have some company tomorrow evening and Mary and I had to go out and invite the guests. I went to Mrs. Nichol's first and found Mary Murray there. We went down street together first to Mrs. Pratt's, then to the study. Mr. Lowell's, Mr. Bell's, Mrs. Peebles where we made a long visit, then to Mrs. Tewksbury's, to Reilly's & the picture gallery. Mary then went back to Mrs. Nichol's & I stopped at Mrs. Bing's. Came home and found Ma was up to Grandma's & I followed her there. Mary & I went down to down to see Ella G a few minute before supper.

Thursday, April 16, 1868-Cold and gloomy again this morning. It seems that we can't have two days of pleasant weather together. We will all have a good deal to do today as we expect to have a little company this evening. Gussie Connolley was here nearly all the afternoon. Dr. Pratt & wife, Dr. & Mrs. Bing, Mr. and Mrs. D.N. Murray, Mr. & Mrs. Tewksberry, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Peebles, Mr. & Mrs. Rumsey, Mr. & Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Pond and Sherm G Johnson were here to tea this evening. Mr. & Mrs. Greene & Mr. Pond & Mrs. Cutler were invited also but could not come. They all seemed to enjoy themselves very much and I did too. Mr. & Mrs. Nichols and Johnson waited and ate with Ma, Mary, Jennie, and Eve at the second table.

Friday, April 17, 1868-This morning I had to put the dishes away after which I sat down and looked over Mr. Bell's views of Egypt & Asia which he kindly sent last evening although he could not come himself. After dinner Maggie and Emma Jones came to walk out to Mr. Bell's with Mary, Jennie and myself. The wind was blowing very hard but still we enjoyed it very much. After visiting with Maggie Bell awhile we went to the Cemetery where Jennie & Emma were, and walked through it. We were very tired when we got home. Mary & I went down home with Maggie & Emma with Jennie. As we went to church M & I we went and told Maggie to call for Emma after church which she did. Mr. Murray led the

Prayer.

Saturday, April 18, 1868-The light of the sun was perfectly dazzling this morning when we went to breakfast. This is the last of the week and I want to finish up two or three pieces of work this morning and make a call or two this afternoon. After dinner Mary and I went down street with Mattie Gaylord, who was here to dinner. We went down 2nd & up Front then in to see Mifs Adams but she was engaged so we went on. I walked up to Sinton Street with Mattie & Mary went in to see Ella Greene. Called on Mrs. Prescott & saw Sallie Tewksbury who is home on a flying visit. Mary & Maggie were to see me when I was there so I missed them. Went back to Ella Greene's and she came home with us and asked permission for us to stay there to tea. We stayed until 9 O'clock. Charlie was at home.

Sunday, April 19, 1868-A beautiful bright day but rather too cool for comfort. we all went to Sabbath School and stayed to church. Pa was not very well today and he did not get up at all. Uncle Sam came in after dinner to see him and later in the afternoon Uncle Enos came. Dr Pratt preached in the morning and a young man from the Seminary in Allegheny City in the evening. I believe his name is Finly. Morning text 1st John 5th 4th verse. Evening text Heb. 10th 38th 1st clause.

Monday, April 20, 1868-It rained all night and this morning everything looked wet, cold, and disagreeable. It continued to rain a little all the forenoon, but although it ceased after dinner the sun did not show itself at all. Regardless of the unfavourable weather, I had to go out to give the invitations for the second "tea-fight" as Mr. Rumsey calls them. Ma intends having them every week now until she pays off her indebtedness. I went to see Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. J K Lodwick, Mrs. Johnson, she was out but I saw Mrs. Guthrie. Mrs. W. F Moore, Mrs. Albert McFarland, then I went up to Mrs. Ball's & to Mrs. Peebles' to make visits of my own. Intended stopping at Ella Greene's but met Mary Gaylord who offered to take me home in the buggy and I accepted the offer.

Tuesday, April 21, 1868-This is reception day again. We expect to have company twice this week if nothing happens to prevent. It is a bright contrast to yesterday. I do hope we will have some warm pleasant weather now. I have done all my morning work and am dressed & ready for the "party". After dinner Pa, Ma, and I walked out to the Greene house and Ma got two flowers. I stopped to see Nannie Lampton on my way home. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lodwick, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lodwick, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. McFarland, Mrs. C. F. Moore, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. Hutchins, Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham & Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, Mr. Jas. Lodwick, were here to tea. Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Robinson did not come. They all seemed to enjoy themselves very much and I know I enjoyed it.

Wednesday, April 22, 1868-We did not attempt to do much as we expect to have another tea party tomorrow evening and I will have to invite the guests this afternoon. I took a short nap just before dinner, something unusual for me. After dinner I went to call on Mrs. Williams and invite her. Then to Miss Rumsey's but she was gone to Cin. Stopped at Ella Greene's a few moments then went on to Mr. Thos. Lloyd's and invited 4 of them, also Mrs. Tracey, Mrs. R. Lloyd & family, then Misses Rick & Chas. Lloyd. Went up and spent the rest of the afternoon with Mary Murray. I stayed until church time and we came down home to tell the folks I would not be home to tea. Mr. Rankin of Ripley preached or rather lectured this evening.

Thursday, April 23, 1868-We all slept pretty late this morning, but there was not a great deal to do today and we tried to take it easy. Immediately after dinner I went up to Mary Murray's according to appointment, to go up to the Seminary to see them practice gymnastics. Some of the girls did not have on suits and a good many did not practice at all, so they did not make as much of a show as expected. Kittie Wing, Mattie Gaylord, Helen Laney and Kate Crichton looked very pretty, there were only ten or twelve of the company invited present this evening. I hope they enjoyed it more than I did. Mr. & Mrs. Brown & Mr. & Mrs. Williams seemed to do very well.

Friday, April 24, 1868-It is quite cool again this morning. I am so glad the tea parties are over for this week I feel so relieved. Now I am going to prepare the fruit for a fruit cake. I worked nearly all day seeding raisins. Late in the afternoon I got ready for church and after I was dressed I just walked around, doing nothing. In the evening Mary, Jennie, and I went to prayer meeting. Saw Hattie there, her last appearance as Hattie Hempstead in prayer meeting. Mary

Peebles sat with me, it is the first time she has been to evening meeting for two or three weeks. It made me feel sorry to see Hattie, thinking it would be the last time in that place for so long.

Saturday, April 25, 1868-Mary and I devoted the forenoon until 2 O'clock to the fruit cake, it was just 2 ½ when we sent them to the baker's. It rained nearly all day and was very dismal out of doors so we did not go down street at all. I sat down to the machine and bound my cloth shoes all over again, something I had an idea I could do on the machine until I tried. I consider it as quite a feat, which would not have been the case if they had not been soled. A few minutes before dark I went up to Grandma's and took a shirt I made for Uncle Enos when we were making Pa' shirts.

Sunday, April 26, 1868-Contrary to what might have been expected from the prospect last night, this is a lonely day. I went to Sabbath School and remained to church. I have wanting, for a long time to go down to Mission with Hattie Hempstead and according to a previous arrangement, she came home with us to dinner, and we went down together. I was very agreeably surprised both in the room and scholars. It is nominally a Union S.S. but the Presbyterian element largely fore dominates. I counted 14 from our school, out of about 20 who teach there. Morning text John 4th 34th verse. Evening text 2nd Peter 1st 4th verse.

Monday, April 27, 1868-This morning the cards for Hattie's wedding were brought. Four for us and one for Uncle Enos. As soon as I got mine I went up to my room and put the card into my trunk until my feelings were sufficiently overcome to read it. Hattie is the dearest friend whom I have ever yet been called upon to give up. I could not bear the thought of it. She leaves so soon too and though I have long been expecting it. I was not prepared to hear it so soon. Therza came & took me up to Ella Lloyd's to play croquet with Libbie Lloyd, Maggie Peebles, Mollie Murray & Mifs Casehy. Mary & I together with those girls spent the evening at Mifs Rumsey's.

Tuesday, April 28, 1868-Pa went up the river today and wanted me to go with him but I could not. I went up to see Hattie once more before she changed her name. Was there about an hour then I came down and spent the remainder of the forenoon with Maggie Jones. We will be closer friends than ever after Hattie is gone. I came home completely tired out and spent the afternoon on the bed trying to get rested. We had very little preparation to make for the party and as that was coming off, we did not attempt to do anything else. Maggie Peebles was here an hour or more. She is going to Cincinnati to be bridesmaid for Emma McCabe next Tuesday evening.

Wednesday, April 29, 1868-Uncle Enos came in this morning and Mary and I coaxed him to stay off this trip to attend the wedding. I was down to the stores this morning and before I came home I saw Maggie Jones on the street & walked back to the gate with her. After dinner Emma Voorheis came up and sang some for Uncle Enos and us. I had to go down street after she came. Gen'l Thomas, Charlie Greene, & Jas Ricker, all the H. C.'s but Mr. Churchill will be here, also Rob & John Peebles, and Maggie Coles, besides a great many of their friends, whom I don't know. The wedding is the all absorbing theme now. Mary and I went to church in the evening.

Thursday, April 30, 1868-This is the eventful day when the first one of the H. C.'s leaves us. Not leaves us either but initiates another who here after will be considered as an honorary member of the "Club". Pa, Ma, Uncle Enos, Mary and I went to the wedding at Mr. Gaylord's. Hattie looked so well. She wore a white silk, and veil, I never saw her look better. Gay was looking his best also. It was the best looking bridal party I ever saw. Maggie Jones, Mifs Adams and Mary Peebles the bridesmaids wore lavender silk. Gen'l Thomas, Rob Peebles and Davy Jones were the groomsmen. I went quite early, walked up, but rode back in the omnibus. It was a lonely night, bright moonlight. The pleasure of the evening was marred only by the thought of losing Hattie. She is no longer Hattie Hempstead, but Mrs. Gaylord B Norton.

margin notes: Maggie Jones was here twice today getting her hair curled

Friday, May 1, 1868-This has been a very warm pleasant day, but every one I have seen is tired out with last night's dissipation. I went up to see all the Peebles girls but the house was all shut up and I concluded that they were asleep or away from home so I went to see Maggie Jones, she was asleep so I sat and talked with her mother about an hour. Then I stopped at Ella Greene's

and make a little visit. After tea I went and sat on the steps with Belle Connolly until the church bells rang when Mary, Jennie, Lizzie and I went to church. I wanted very much to have "our party" including Gay and Hat to spend this evening here but could not on account of church.

Saturday, May 2, 1868-I waited until today to go and see Hattie and it began in the night to rain and kept it up steadily until 6 P.M. I put on waterproof over shoes, armed myself with an umbrella and thus equipped Mary and I went up to Mr. Gaylord's. The last visit I am to make to Hattie until she comes back. In the afternoon those of us who were able attended. Preparatory Lecture, the rain was coming down in torrents. After service I went home with Mary Peebles in a drenching rain and we consoled each other for the loss of Hattie. I went down to see Maggie but I did not go in though it would have been better for me as I stood there under an umbrella for about half an hour.

Sunday, May 3, 1868-Contrary to our expectations this has been a beautiful day, and a day long to be remembered in our church history. 43 persons united with the church this afternoon making 90 in the last two months the last two Communion seasons. The names of those who united today were: John Peebles, Edgar F. Draper, Wm Bonsall, Charlie Nichols, Willie Crichton, Hannah Mather, Belle Coles, Mrs. Chas Elden, Wilbur & Delia Smith, Mrs. H Hewes, Ella Peebles, Addie Stewart, Geo. Thompson, W. K. Thompson, Chas Voris, Mr. and Mrs. Jas Ross, Lizzie, Margaret, & Mary J Mucklewrath, Lizzie Woodring, Dr Bain, Thos Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baird, H Padon, Mr. & Mrs. Echols, Mr. Mrs. & Mifs A Stratten, Mr. & Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Houston, Capt. Jas Jack, Mrs. Louisa Spry, Mrs. Little, Mifs Timmonds, and 4 others. Morning Text Evening Text.

Monday, May 4, 1868-I was busy sewing this morning at 9 O'clock when I received a note from Mary Peebles saying she was going to the city with Hattie. I got ready, went to the office and Pa took me to the boat. There was Mrs. T G Gaylord, Mrs. Wm Elden, Mrs. Mann, Gay & Hattie, Mary & I in the party going down. It was hard for Hattie to leave her sister, but she leaves all to go to Tenn. with Gay. We had a very pleasant trip down. At Maysville we went on shore and walked nearly all over the place twice. It rained in the evening but we went up to the pilot house any how. I shall never forget how we laughed at Mrs. Elden's expense. It was quite late when we retired. Hattie expects to stay at Mrs.

Gaylord's until Wed. evening. Mrs. G. kindly invited us, Mary and I to take breakfast with them but we ate an early meal on the boat so we can get our shopping done in time to return on the Bostona.

Tuesday, May 5, 1868-This morning before 6 O'clock, Mrs. Gaylord was waiting for me to get ready to go with them and in spite of our protestations on account of dress, haste, etc. they took us up in the carriage and we had to wait until 9 O'clock before we had breakfast. Having yielded so much they persevered and finally obtained our consent to remain over until next trip although we had nothing but our satchels with us. Mr. Gaylord took me to the boat to see Uncle. & at 12 O'clock Mr. Mann brought the closed carriage to take me back to the house. As we had been over persuaded we determined to make the best of it & not think about dress. Nan Hempstead was there to dinner and at 6 O'clock we all went out to Highland Heights. Mary, Nan, Hat & Gay in the open carriage, Mr. G & I in the "day cart". We went down to see Maggie P at Em McCabe's in the morning. Saw Em's bridal presents. She was married this evening Maggie Peebles being the bridesmaid.

Wednesday, May 6, 1868-After our 9 O'clock breakfast this morning we went down after Maggie and started out shopping. I hadn't much to do and only went for the trip. Hattie went with Gay this forenoon to get her furniture. Mary, Maggie and I were in search of hats and bonnets. On our way home Mary and I stopped at Pike's and had some ice cream. Did not see Hat until dinner. As soon as dinner was over we all started to the "United States" to see Hattie off. Maggie Peebles had come up to see Hattie and tell her good bye. We all crowded into the carriage and went to the boat. Poor Hattie she wanted to cry when she got out of the carriage I know. We drove right off down on 7th to see Julia Sechler. Sent the driver home and when we got ready we returned on the street cars, as far as 4th where we got out and walked up to "Louderback's" and got cream. Walked nearly home with Maggie then slowly went back to Mrs. G's. We dreaded going back after Hattie was gone, we missed her so much.

Thursday, May 7, 1868-There was no doubt about our going this time. After breakfast we all went on to Mrs. Wilson's to see her statuary. Then took leave of the family and went to Mrs. McCabe's after Maggie. We started out again to make a few purchases but just as we went into Pike's the rain came down in torrents and as it was late we took the street car & went back to Mr. McCabe's where we found the carriage waiting for us. We were glad to get safely back out of the rain. There were a few Portsmouth people on board but not many passengers all together. We enjoyed our trip up very much. In the evening, Mr. Spry, the girls and I began to sing and soon Mr. Riggs & Mr. Smale came back, the singing was kept up until 11 O'clock, when we sung the Doxology & the gentlemen left the cabin. I enjoyed it very much.

Friday, May 8, 1868-We did not get to sleep until we were nearly home last night and consequently were very sleepy this morning. Maggie, Mary, Uncle Enos, and I walked up as far as Court together. Uncle gave me a \$20.00 bill Tuesday which I did not need & offered it back to him this morning but he would not take it. I was down to see Maggie twice but she was not at home. Went to Mr. Peebles & got my hat out of Maggie's trunk. Saw Ella Green. Mary and I were out looking for shoes. Went over to see Belle & Susie Connolly a few minutes before tea. Mary and I went to Prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. Sherman Johnson led the meeting. Saw Mrs. Gaylord a few minutes but did not have any conversation with her. There was a very sudden change in the weather yesterday from pleasant to cold.

Saturday, May 9, 1868-9th of May and cold enough for fires when nearly every one has taken the grates out. I have spent these forenoons writing up my journal. There are many things which I would like to have written for the last week but have not room. Oh! We had such a splendid time. I shall always be glad that we remained. After dinner Mary and I went down street to do some errands then went up to see Maggie Jones, from there we went up to Mrs. Gaylord's and spent the rest of the afternoon with her. Hattie reached her new home in Waynesboro or rather at Wayne Furnace sometime today I suppose. Wrote a long letter to Hattie Norton. Wrote 1

Sunday, May 10, 1868-This is the first disagreeable Sunday we have had for several weeks. The rain just poured down from morning until just before tea time. There was a very small school this morning, probably on account of the rain, only 305 scholars present. Mr. John Pratt is here and spoke to the school, also preached morning and evening. Morning Text John 7th chapt. 46th verse. Evening Text 119th Psalm 32nd verse.

Philip Scott, a member to the bible class died this morning.

Monday, May 11, 1868-Pa left this morning for a two or three week trip southward. Ma has been sick all day with headache. I remained in the house nearly all day. About four O'clock I went down to the milliner's & drug store and met Mary and Maggie Peebles on their way to see me. From the drug store I went to see Maggie, Ella Greene & Mollie Murray came in while I was there and they were intending to give me a call, so I missed four. Ma was a great deal better this evening and talks some of going to the country Wednesday. I hope she will. Think it would do her good.

Tuesday, May 12, 1868-This is a real April day, sunshine and shower. I have been finishing off several pieces of work, mending, and now am disposing of this task, writing in my journal. In the afternoon a steady rain set in so I did not get down street at all today. In the evening Teacher's meeting was held at Mr. Tewksbury's but I did not go, had two very good reasons. First, it rained, secondly I had no person to go with me even if it had not rained. Martin Salsbury was here this afternoon, he leaves again tomorrow.

Wednesday, May 13, 1868-Ma and the boys expected to have gone to Aunt Maria's this morning on the Bostona, but the rain fell incessantly all the forenoon. I took the boys up to Connolley's to get them some shoes but they did not go after all. I have spent this whole day cutting out work. Ma has been basting & Lettie sewing. My hand is nearly skinned by the scissors. In the evening Mary and I donned our overshoes and waterproof and went to "Prayer meeting". Mr. Bell led the meeting. It rained so hard that there were not many out. Henry Jones & Miss Hattie Limbrooks were married this morning.

Thursday, May 14, 1868-Raining still. It has not ceased day nor night since Tuesday noon. I have spent this day at home sewing. I am in earnest about trying to get the work done up as soon as possible. Mr. Johnson came up to play chess with Pa but did not decline coming in after we told him that Pa was

away from home. A week ago today we were in Cincinnati and the rain was pouring down with a zest just as it is today. I fear we will want some of this rain in the summer and not get it.

Friday, May 15, 1868-The clouds were still unbroken or rather broken I should think from the way they let the water come through them this morning, however Ma & the boys went. I will now be housekeeper myself a little while. As soon as Ma was gone I ran down to the Post Office and up to tell Maggie Jones to come and see me. She came and spent the afternoon and took tea with us. Then walked down as far as the church with us. Edgar Draper was to have led the meeting but was sick. Mr. Miller took his place. John Peebles is home again he was at church tonight. Middle of May and we have fires yet.

Saturday, May 16, 1868-Lettie and I worked hard all day at house cleaning. We took up the carpet in my room, took every thing movable out and scrubbed, washed, swept, dusted etc. While we were sewing the carpet, Mary Peebles came in before we got it down Maggie Peebles came. I had them sit in the rooms where we were at work & put down the rest. I was sorry to do so but was anxious to get through. Mary stayed until 6 O'clock Maggie went sooner as she had to see some S.S. Scholars. John came up and stayed about an hour. It's the first time he has been here this year I believe.

Sunday, May 17, 1868-After raining steadily all week it ceased long enough to let us get to Sabbath School but commenced again while we were in church. We came home between showers. Mr. John Pratt came back and filled the pulpit today. Morning Text- Evening Text

Monday, May 18, 1868-We were up bright and early this morning and I have been just as busy as a bee ever since 6 O'clock until now, nearly noon. Dinner over I began dressing to go and ask Ella Greene to come & stay with us tonight. Before I was ready she came in. I went home with her to tell her mother then we went up and waited until 6 O'clock for Mary Peebles who nearly all that time had

been at our house waiting for me. We met her on our way home so we went back and waited for her to change her dress. It was seven O'clock before we all got back. Mary & I roomed together and Ella stayed with Mary Moore. It was long after midnight before we went to sleep.

Tuesday, May 19, 1868-We slept late this morning and consequently had a late breakfast. I walked a part of the way home with the girls when they went about 10 O'clock. This has been a lovely day, the sky was cloudless we have not had such a day for a long time. I spent the greater part of the day making button holes. After dinner I went down to get some thread and ran up to see Maggie Jones a minute found her in the midst of house cleaning. She didn't come until 8 O'clock although I wanted her to come very early. We did not get much more than four hours of sleep after we did retire. I was up to Uncle Enos' this afternoon with my sewing.

Wednesday, May 20, 1868-Another most delightful day has dawned upon us. Would that I were a poet that I might express some of the feelings inspired by such a day. It is what I would call a perfect day. I walked part of the way home with Maggie this morning and now return to the most unromantic work of button holes. Stayed at home all the afternoon. Mary Peebles came in after school hours and we sat in our room and worked on our rag bags which we are making after Mrs. Mann's pattern. Mary & I walked down with Mary to 4th intending to call on Laura Loughry who came home this morning. Met Ella Greene who told us that we could not see her as we walked down to Elden's and up home with the girls. Mary Jennie & I went to church. Uncle Tom overtook us on our way home. We have not seen him for 8 yrs.

Thursday, May 21, 1868-This is my last day as housekeeper and I have put it in very faithfully having worked 32 button holes and sewed on 91 buttons, besides scalloping some on my sleeve and crocheting several rounds on my handkerchief bag as I am pleased to call it. I sewed on all the buttons I had and then went to Elden's and got 8 doz more. Took my sleeve with me & spent the rest of the forenoon with Maggie and Mary. Stopped at Maggie's gate on my way home to see her a few minutes. About 8 O'clock Mr. & Mrs. Voorheis came out and stayed until a few minutes after nine.

Friday, May 22, 1868-At the early hour of 2 1/2 O'clock this morning we were awakened by the door-bell. Ma and the boys came up as soon as the boat landed. I finished the button holes today. I have made 118 and sewed on 11 doz & 7 buttons in the week ending today besides some other work and two days in which I did no sewing. After dinner I went to call on Mrs. McCall and to Mr. Peebles to see Miss Rachel Peebles of Texas. From there I went down to see Maggie a few moments. Mary and I represented the family at prayer meeting which was led by Mr. E. F. Draper this evening.

Saturday, May 23, 1868-I had intended to do a little running about this morning and going up to see Mrs. Gaylord in the afternoon, but a steady rain fell all the forenoon and I had to postpone business until after dinner. Mary and I went in to see Lizzie Barr made her a farewell visit as she expects to be married Thursday. From there we went to Maggie's and she went down street with us, to look for some dress goods. After tea Mary, Uncle Tom and I walked up 2nd street as far as Mr. Gaylord's just for the walk. I was very, very tired when I got back. Pa came home from Yazoo this morning he has just been gone twelve days.

Sunday, May 24, 1868-I did not feel well at all when I went to Sabbath School and as the morning advanced I felt so much worse that I could not stay. I went over the lesson as quickly as I could and left before the exercises were half done. Went to bed as soon as I got home and by twelve O'clock felt enough better to get up again. Went to church in the evening. Instead of the regular service there was a Union meeting connected in some way with the Bible Society. Dr's Pratt & Burr, Mr.'s Cranston, See and Martindale all took part in the exercise.

Monday, May 25, 1868-Went down street this morning and met Lizzie Burr who wanted me to go down street with her. When she got through I went up to ask the girls to come down and try our new set of croquet. Did not see them. Maggie Jones could not leave because her mother was gone. Ella Greene could not come because her mother was getting ready to go away. Went out on 9th street to see Annie Holmes one of my S.S.'s she fell and hurt herself and is not able to walk. In the afternoon Maggie, Mary & Rachel Peebles came and stayed until tea time. We did not have a good game though because the ground was bad and the sun was very warm.

Tuesday, May 26, 1868-All the forenoon and until 8 O'clock I was making two lace bonnets. When I finished them I dressed and went out to try and get up a croquet party. The girls could come but John had another engagement. Maggie Jones came to play but could not spend the evening. Davy came about 9 O'clock Ella Greene's mother is going away tonight she couldn't come. Mr. & Mrs. Voorheis were here but Lanna did not get here. The sides were Mary Peebles, Lizzie Moore, Emma Voorheis, & Maggie Jones against Maggie & Rachel Peebles, Mr. Voorheis, and myself. We played until it was too dark to distinguish the balls by color but finished the game, giving the victory to our opponents.

Wednesday, May 27, 1868-Truly time has wings. This is nearly the last of May 1867 nearly half gone. Ella Greene was here a few minutes this morning. In the afternoon I went up to see Mrs. Cutler in reference to Mary's costume for the School Exhibitions. While there it commenced to rain. On my way home I stopped at Uncle Enos'. Came home and crocheted until church time. It was raining very hard when the bell rang but as soon as we were ready we went, Mary and I. D.P.P. is here & walked up from church with us.

Thursday, May 28, 1868-I cut out a new calico dress for Mary this morning and made the ruffle for the bottom of the skirt. Mollie Murray came to ask me up to play croquet in the afternoon and I went. Maggie, Mary & Rachel Peebles, Ella Greene, Molly & I made the party. Mary Moore came up after school. Lizzie N Burr was married tonight in the church and had a reception at home. She is now Mrs. T J Cochran of Cincinnati. I neither went to the church nor house. Although I should have liked very much to have seen her. Laura Loughry & Lizzie's S.S. class consisting of Lillie & Lettie Yoakley, Lena Boole & Louise Lowell stood up with her. Her's is the last wedding that there is any prospect of now. There is not so much as a rumor of another at present.

Friday, May 29, 1868-This forenoon was spent in collecting this month's bills and trimming Mary's hat. Grandma Smith came up this morning and her being here made a change in our programme for today. Ma & I intended calling on Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. Rose, and Alice, Mrs. McCall & ar, Mrs. Peebles to see Mrs. Hamilton and Rachel before they go away but could not leave Grandma. She and Ma slept nearly all the afternoon. Mrs. Eldon & Mrs. Grahame called also Mrs. Bing. I went up to see the girls about 4½ and was there until nearly 6 O'clock. Went down to see Maggie a few minutes. Came home got my supper and went to Prayer meeting. We had our first strawberries today. Got a letter from Laura Henness. Rec'vd 1

Saturday, May 30, 1868-We are having delightful weather now but it is quite warm I scarcely know what to do today. The Telegraph has just gone up taking Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hempstead & Rachel Peebles I suppose. After dinner I dressed and went up to Uncle Enos' a few minutes. On my way home met Mary who had seen Lizzie Burr & said we must call soon as she was going out to tea. So Mary, Maggie Jones & I went immediately. Saw part of her bridal presents. There were several in while we were there. After leaving there we all came home then Mary walked down street with Maggie. Nannie Lampton called & made me quite a visit. I walked nearly home with her & thereby missed two calls Mary & Maggie Peebles.

Sunday, May 31, 1868-This has been a lovely day. I was out to Sabbath School & church in the forenoon and church again in the evening. Dr Pratt preached two excellent sermons in his old style he seems just as he used to two years ago. All life and animation. Morning Text Proverbs 30th 8 & 9 verse Evening Text 86th Psalm, first 6 verses.

Monday, June 1, 1868-The greater part of the week will be devoted to preparations for the High School Tableaux this week in which Mary takes part. Today I have been getting her costume together. Spent the afternoon in making a gilt crown for her. Mrs. L J Cochran (Lizzie N Burr) went to her new home today. A large number went to the City from here today. After tea Mary and I walked up to see the Peebles girls as their father and mother are gone. We sat on the steps talking until eight O'clock and came home to find that we had missed callers. Emma Spry, and Mrs. Ed F. Draper.

Tuesday, June 2, -Mary and Eunice Hall gave a huge party tonight but neither Mary nor I expect to go. After sewing until I was tired Ma told me I might go and spend the remains of the afternoon with Maggie and Mary. So I took my rag-bag and umbrella as it was raining and went. Did not come home until after tea. Mary was down at the hall until 9 O'clock with the school. Before coming home I

went down to get Maggie Jones to take my regrets to the Misses Hall. Mary & Maggie Peebles walked up home with me and so ended the day.

Wednesday, June 3, 1868 –I have been trying for the last week to get a dress from Cincinnati, but so far have been unsuccessful. Today uncle Sam brought up some samples but none of them were what I wanted. I went down to get a piece of goods from Miss Adams which would give him an idea of what I wanted. How I spent the afternoon I can't remember I don't suppose I accomplished anything of any account or I should have remembered it. Mary and I went to church in the evening as is usually the case Wednesday evenings. There is not much to break the monotony, one day passes very much like another.

Thursday, June 4, 1868-This forenoon was spent running around. I went down to see Ada White in the morning and while I was there Maggie Jones came in. We went down to purchase an apron for Linnie to wear in the "Village School" tomorrow night then she went with me to get Mollie Murray's brilliant pin to put in "Queen Catherine's" crown. Stopped to see the girls a few minutes and Mary showed us an immense ruff she had just finished for "Henry 8th". Rick Peebles Spent the afternoon at the Hall with Mary. All of the family went to the Exhibition at night. The Hall was full. The Exhibition a perfect success. I have a programme which I intend to keep. With the names of the scholars in each scene.

Friday, June 5, 1868-Another day spent at the Hall. I am not trying to do anything but enjoy the Exhibition. I feel as though I can't give up my school days and I take as much interest in school affairs as I ever did. In the afternoon Ma and I went down and saw them rehearse two pieces then Mary and I went up to Mr. Gaylord's and stayed until nearly 6 O'clock. Mr. Gaylord gave Mary a large bouquet. I felt badly about leaving church this evening for an entertainment but it is very seldom I do and I thought I was excusable in this case. I can only remember of two instances when I left church for any such reason. The Exhibition was as good if not better than it was last night. There were 8 Tableaux instead of 5. Jno P walked up with me.

Saturday, June 6, 1868-Maggie Stewart stayed with us last night and she did not go home until in the afternoon. I have played away this day also. I did not get down in time to eat with Pa so we ate alone then went out and played three game of croquet. A shower fell from the time until noon. Maggie, Mary and I sat up in our room, reading old compositions, writing programmes ect until noon. As soon as I could get ready after dinner I went and brought Florence White, Anna Refs, Kate & Hattie Glover up to have a game of croquet. A shower coming up we had to wait a few minutes. I saw Rich Peebles passing and called him in. Maggie had to go before we got to playing. The rest of them stayed until six O'clock.

Sunday, June 7, 1868-Went to S. S. and church as usual this forenoon. Pa came with Ma. Dr Pratt preached a very plain sermon on charity and cutting sectarians, bigots, and such persons very severely. The house was full. There being no service for the Episcopal churches. The Text was 1st Tim 1st Chapter 5th to 8th verses. In the afternoon Dr Pratt preached to the children and baptized six children. In the evening the Monthly Concert for Prayer was held in the lecture room. The room was comfortably filled.

Monday, June 8, 1868-Uncle Sam actually got off today with the sample for our dresses and I hope now to get it soon. I hemmed two ruffles for the bottom of dress skirts. Had expected to sew all day but Mrs. Murray came and told me that Mollie wanted me to go up and play croquet in the afternoon. The Peebles girls, Libbie Lloyd & I were there. Mary came after school. Mollie brought us all home in the carriage. Laura Loughry was here a little while I called on Alice Gaffy on my way up to Mollie's also stopped to see Ellen Murray's baby. We had a very pleasant game. Mrssrs. W. B. & E. D. spent the evening with us.

Tuesday, June 9, 1868-More sewing today. I devote a little time to it every day but don't accomplish as much as I would wish to. Teacher's meeting was held at Dr Pratt's this evening. We had a very pleasant meeting. The parlor was full. Mrs.

Maggie Bell's brother was there. She () introduced me to him and we had a little conversation. After the business part of the meeting was over Mrs. Pratt treated us to cake with cream strawberries and cherries a delightful little repast. It was between 10 and 11 O'clock when I got home. Mr. & Mrs. Voorheis walked up with me.

Wednesday, June 10, 1868-Our dresses came this morning White alpacca with two or three black threads each way making checks about an inch square. I took the goods down for Maggie Jones to cut her dress off but as she had no yard stick I brought it home & cut it off myself. Just as I reached home Maggie Peebles came to know if I didn't want to go out to Mr. Bell's this afternoon. I went to see if Ella Greene & Maggie didn't want to go. Cut out my dress at noon then dressed and went to Laura Henness at 3 ½ o'clock the omnibus came and we went out to see Lucy & her baby. Ella Greene, Mollie Murray, Mary & Maggie P. & I made the party. We went to church in the evening. Mary & I each got a letter from Hattie Norton. Rec'd 1 Wrote 1

Thursday, June 11, 1868-This is a great day with all lovers of Base Ball. The game between the Cincinnati's and Riversides of Portsmouth comes off this afternoon. I sewed all the forenoon but laid the dress aside at noon. A friend called with a buggy at 2 P. M. and took me down to the Ball Ground. The Cin. Club is the Champion of the West I believe and our boys had no hopes of winning but nevertheless they accepted the challenge. It was some gratification that they were white washed first. Mr. Jno Lewis, M.C. Blaine, Pratt, Geo Davis, Ed Lang, M.B. Gilbert jr. Huddleson, Wm Bonsall and F Kendall composed our "nine". After the game was over we took a little drive out the pike and around the cemetery. C.W.G.

Friday, June 12, 1868-Put in a whole day's work on my dress today. Sent for Maggie to come up and make hers but she did not come. It was quite late when I laid aside my work to dress for prayer meeting. As soon as we were ready, Mary & I we went down to see Allie Gaffy. When we arrived at church we found that Maggie & Mary had called to walk down with us. Stopped a moment to see Mrs. Gaylord and tell her that I heard from Hattie.

Saturday, June 13, 1868-I did not hope to get my dress done today but by working busily myself and aided by other untiring efforts of my dear, kind mother it was accomplished all but the sash and I had not goods enough for

that but Maggie brought her dress up and I cut out the front width of hers and got my sash off the sides. Lettie made it then after tea. Mary, Maggie and John Peebles, Maggie Jones & Mollie Murray came down and played croquet this evening I invited Mr. Blair to come with John & the girls but another engagement interfered.

Sunday, June 14, 1868-Oh what a warm day this has been, I went to S.S. and church in the morning. There were 411 scholars and 52 teachers present this morning. In the afternoon Mary and I attended the Bi-monthly Association at the Baptist church. In the evening went to church again. Morning Text Acts 18th 2nd & part of 4th. Evening Text Mark 6th 31st & 32nd verses.

Monday, June 15, 1868-Here I sit by the library window thinking, thinking, but still I can't think of any important event of today. I was not out today I believe. Was busy sewing. Sent by Uncle Sam for some more goods like my dress. In the evening I was very tired having sewed on a piece of work until nearly seven O'clock. Maggie Jones was here about half the afternoon. After I had enjoyed the satisfaction of finishing my work, I dressed. Mr. Johnson was playing chess with Pa, Mary & I started out for a little walk, met Belle & Gussie and we went together. When we returned found Mr. Cragg waiting for us. He is Mrs. Maggie Bell's brother. We retired from the parlor to the front steps where we spent a delightful evening. Wrote to Hattie Norton. Wrote 1

Tuesday, June 16, 1868-Maggie Jones came up bright and early this morning to cut out and sew on her dress. It rained last night and continued to do so nearly all the forenoon. Maggie went home at 11 O'clock but came back immediately after dinner & stayed until tea time. I walked down home with her. After tea Gussie Connolly came over and after visiting awhile we went after Belle and all went to walk again. Went up past Mr. Burrell's and saw a little social party assembling. It was late when we returned and as soon as we all got home together we retired.

Wednesday, June 17, 1868-It rained in torrents nearly all day, that is all of the forenoon. I did not feel very well and after breakfast I lay down again and slept until 10 ½. Have not accomplished much today. After dinner I was sitting down stairs reading when I saw Mollie Murray stop across the street in the buggy so I called her and invited her down tomorrow evening. She then took me up to Libbie Lloyd's & Sallie Tewksberry's to Ella Overturf's, out the pike and home again. We had a delightful little ride. Came home and found that Mary's white saque had to be finished. I ran down to Ella Greene's on an errand and home

again to finish the saque. After tea Mary & I went to call on Miss Baussermann at Mrs. Elden's. Mary went down street & I to Miss Adams', Maggie Jones', and Maggie Peebles where I stayed until church time.

Thursday, June 18, 1868-Lizzie our baby sister is twelve years old today. Last night I commissioned John to invite the gentlemen for me and this morning he came to get all the names in order to have the gentlemen bring ladies. They came as follows Sherman G. Johnson & Mollie Murray, Will Bonsall & Libbie Lloyd, Davie Jones & Maggie & Mary Peebles, Mr. Blaine, Mrs. Voorheis, Laura Loughry & Allie Gaffy, Mr. Draper, Ella Greene & Maggie Jones, John Peebles & Sallie Tewksbury, Davie Stephenson & Miss Adams, Mr. Cragg, Mr. Geo Bell & wife & Mrs. Rifenberick, Mrs. Elden brought her niece. We had a delightful – at least so it was to me. Miss Emma Bell and John & Ellen Overturf did not get here and Capt Rifenberick was out of town also Mr. Voorheis. It was 12 ½ O'clock when I went up stairs.

Friday, June 19, 1868-Started out bright and early to get the materials for a summer bonnet together. It is a serious piece of business for me. I don't feel in the humor for it at all. Wasted all the forenoon and accomplished nothing. Saw my new cousin at Uncle Sam's. After dinner I went up to school with Mary and stayed until 3 O'clock. Came home very warm and tired. Made an attempt at making my bonnet but it proved to be only an attempt. Had intended having a croquet party this evening but did not succeed in that either. We had no service this evening Dr Pratt being absent we only had one meeting this week. No one was in and we retired early.

Saturday, June 20, 1868-We held quite a levee this morning I got ready to go up street with Ma but before we started Maggie Peebles came in. While she was up stairs looking at a pattern Laura Loughry called but did not remain long. Then Libbie Lloyd came. Just as she and Maggie were about ready to go Mr. Cragg came in it being about 10 O'clock by this time Ma went with the girls' and when she returned Maggie Jones came with her making the fifth and last call for the forenoon. It was twelve when Mr. C left. He is just as full of life and fun as he can be. And seems to be very much like his sister Maggie Bell. I had invited Mrs.' Blaine, Peebles & Cragg and Misses Peebles & Gaffy to come & play this evening but it rained. Allie Gaffy came after six O'clock and made a visit.

Sunday, June 21, 1868-This is the longest day of the year but I find it is not too long for me. There were 415 scholars present this morning besides the officers and teachers. I remained to church as usual. In the afternoon I studied my lesson for next Sunday then read until I was too sleepy to read any longer, after which I took a sleep. In the evening just before church time Mr. Blaine came up and asked to go to church with me after he came from Prayer meeting. I went of course. Dr Pratt preached another scathing sermon this morning in regards to the young ladies. Not a bit of which I took to myself. He used the same text two years since just after visiting Oxford. Morning Text Psalms 144 12 verse Evening Luke 19th 1st to 10th inclusive.

Monday, June 22, 1868-Commenced work this morning with determination to accomplish something and succeeded in a measure. Made nothing new but altered the sleeves in a white waist shortened a skirt and hemmed a ruffle for the bottom of Jennie's dress. About five O'clock I put aside my work and went to tell Mrs. Pratt that Pa was out of town and Ma could not go to spend the evening at her house. Then I went up and talked with Maggie and Mary until seven, from there went to see Maggie Jones. Came home and found Emma Bell here. She stayed until nearly nine after she left we had our suppers & went upstairs. Mr. C came in the morning to say good-bye. He left on the Bostona. He seemed to feel very badly at leaving our pleasant little city. Mr. Blaine also went today.

Tuesday, June 23, 1868-As I was indulging in the vain hope of a good long nap this morning, as Pa is away, Lettie came to the door and informed me that I must go to market. To market I went, with a heavy heart and light basket, and returned with a heavy basket. Maggie and Mary Peebles came down early with their work to spend the day. Maggie is making a blue silk walking dress. They stayed until after tea, then went up to teacher's meeting at Mrs. Tewksbury's. Ma and I did not go. Pa has not come home yet and we retired early. Ella Green and Allie Gaffy were here this forenoon.

Wednesday, June 24, 1868-Maggie came without Mary this morning. She was appointed on a committee which meets at 3 P.M. today so she had to leave her work at that time but returned and by 5 O'clock we had the suit finished with the

exception of the buttons and button-holes. Every hook & eye was in its place. Lillie Kinney came up a few minutes before church time and Mary went down home with her. Maggie Jones came in just as they were going so she and I went to walk until church time. Saw Mattie Kendall at Dr Cotton's she is here on a visit from Marietta. We went to church Mrs. Elden and Miss Baussermann called this morning.

Thursday, June 25, 1868-The public schools are out today for the summer vacation. I have been sewing a little for myself today. This seems to be a favorite evening for little parties. Pa & Ma have two invitations, I have two, and Mary has three for this evening. All of us went to Mr. Peebles' to tea and about nine O'clock Mary, Ella Greene & I went to Mrs. Cutter's from there. Still there were two engagements unfulfilled. Pa & Ma did not go to Mr. Bell's and Mary did not go to Louis Miller's party. We had a very pleasant time at Mrs. Cutter's the party was made up of young folks and young married couples. It was nearly one O'clock when we went to bed. It seems to me this is the longest week I ever knew.

Friday, June 26, 1868-I got up this morning still under the illusion that it was the last of this week and even made all my preparations to give the girls their music lessons thinking it was Saturday. Oh! The long, long weary days! This evening I received a roll containing seven pieces of music by mail five songs two pieces published by Fauld's in L. Ky. There was no mark about them by which I could tell who sent them save a pencil mark under the word "Thee" as in "What is all the world without "Thee" I know where they came from. "Nora O'Neal" is my favorite and "Good Bye but come again" is the next prettiest. I like the sentiment of the first name of course. "What is all the world", ect. Mary and I called on Clara Morris this evening before church time. This morning I was down to see Mattie Kendall. Wrote 1
Margin note: Sabre Song from Grand Duchess is the best of the lot.

Saturday, June 27, 1868-All day I have been trying to get a bonnet made. Summer is half gone and I have no bonnet yet. In the afternoon Ma took it in hands and, of course, I soon had a very pretty bonnet. Green frosted illusion trimmed with white flowers. Maggie and Mary Peebles called this afternoon and after tea time Sallie Tewksbury and Mrs. Prescott called. Mattie Kendall came up in the evening I like her very much. I feel as though I had known her for years. I have not been to see any of the girls today. This week has come to a close at last. There are few things in this world that don't come to an end sometime.

Sunday, June 28, 1868-This was the regular day for Missionary meeting so we had no lessons. Mr. S.B. Riggs made a short address to the school then Mr. Bell told about the Mission in Syria after which Mrs. Joseph Riggs talked a few minutes. The attendance was not taken up but I should judge that it was very good as there were 116 present in the Girl's Infant room. Rev Dr Hall of Covington supplied Dr Pratt's place in the pulpit. His texts were both ones from which I have heard Dr P preach. Morning Text Gal 6th 14th verse. Evening Acts 16th 28th verse.

Monday, June 29, 1868- It is warm and dusty and that is our prospect for the picnic tomorrow. I have been up to see Mrs. Enos Reed, who was to assist Ma tomorrow but she will be out of town. Every body but me seems to be making preparations for the picnic. My precious mother has just slipped a little present in my pocket. She is the comfort of my life since our family has been so divided for two or three months. The most remarkable fact about today that I know of is, that it is just a week since last Monday, which was one I shall always love to think about I hope. Mary and I walked down to see Maggie a few minutes but she was not in. Mr. Johnson was here when we came back. When Pa came home they got the chess board out & we left.

Tuesday, June 30, 1868-This has been a great day with the S.S. teachers and scholars. About 500 persons perhaps more went out on the morning train to Scioto Furnace to have a picnic. All of our family but Pa and Mary went. The weather was very favorable, a little cloudy but it did not rain. Mrs. Mary Bell and

I had our classes together. Mary Murray's was assigned to our company also but they preferred going by themselves. There was the usual order of things out there swings, a flying Dutchman, ball, croquet and so on. I played croquet nearly all the time but the ground was poor where our set was put up and I was very unsuccessful. Coming home the cars were literally packed as a good many went out in the afternoon. I was in the car with the baskets. A very good place had I been hungry.

Margin note: Sent an acknowledgement of that verse.

Wednesday, July 1, 1868-Well the picnic is over and I am glad of it. I always enjoy them but am glad when it is over. I have not had much time to rest today either. Swept the house this morning and set everything in good order. Just as I was through Mattie Kendall came in with her work and stayed until dinner time. Our cook went home today and Lettie kindly gave up going as she had intended and went to making Jennie (got?) dinner. Pa went to Cin. Mary and I sewed all the afternoon I put my work away at 6 O'clock and went to get supper. Just before it was ready Ella Greene came to tell us good bye as she is going to the Furnace for the summer. Before she left Mifs Adams came but as Ma was talking to them I dressed for church. After church John walked up with us & Jas Ricker & Sallie Tewksbury came to call.

Thursday, July 2, 1868-Berries is the first word I hear this morning and I am reminded there by that there is work to be done. I preferred doing the housework to working with the berries so I was allowed to do it. I tried to get up a little croquet party of boys and girls this evening but was unsuccessful. After a warm days work we retired early. Mattie Kendall and Maggie Jones were here this evening.

Friday, July 3, 1868-One year ago today Pa and Ma started for the Lakes. The weather is excessively warm. Mary and I have an invitation to go home to Marietta with Mattie Kendall and we are trying to get some sewing done in case we should go. It is very warm weather to sew steadily but we keep at it. Ma expects to go to Moscow Monday and she got her a suit today to be made up before then which interfered a little with the tucks and ruffles. We went to prayer meeting in the evening. Mary and I representing the family.

Saturday, July 4, 1868-This like every other day of the date has been almost intolerably warm. Hundreds of people went out picnicking but a few of the more sensible stayed at home. Mary and I were of that latter class. We sewed busily all day, some thing we don't usually do Saturday but we were not afraid of interruptions today. In the evening what remains of the "Hannanites" went out riding. Davie Jones took Maggie and Mary Peebles and Maggie Jones. Jas. Ricker and I went in a single buggy. It was the intention to go together but we lost each other and spent nearly all the evening trying to get together. Ella Greene is at the Furnace Mary Murray at Gallipolis Hattie Hempstead Norton in Tenn.

Sunday, July 5, 1868-It seems to me that this has been the most oppressively warm day of the season. There were nearly 100 scholars less today than last Sunday. Dr Pratt preached his 4th of July sermon this forenoon and it was 58 minutes long. In the evening the usual monthly concert for prayer was held in the lecture room. It rained a little before church time and just as the congregation was dismissed it thundered and lightened a good deal. Morning text John 8th 32nd verse.

Monday, July 6, 1868-Maggie and Mary Peebles went up to Madison Furnace with Jas. R this morning. I went up to the house to see them and walked down to the cart. Then I came home and assisted Ma in getting ready to go on the boat this morning to Cincinnati with Pa. She expects to make a little visit to Moscow before coming home. As soon as she was gone Mary and I sat down to our sewing and did not put it away until we had to dress for the evening. Will Pursell, Kate Glover, Florance White, Maggie Stewart, and Louis Miller came up to play croquet and I sent for Mattie Kendall but she did not get here in time to play. They all came in and spent the evening.

Tuesday, July 7, 1868-I was up by 5 O'clock this morning and sewed some before breakfast. Mary and I tried very hard to finish our skirts today but we did not succeed. We have not been away from the house today and no one has been here. In the evening John came in a few minutes to see about the croquet rules we are trying to get ready to publish in the paper to settle all disputes in

the game. He & some other good players have made a collection of rules from a number of books, principally, though from one book of games. These we want published if we can ever get them copied to send to the printer. It seems so lonely while Mary and Maggie are not in town.

Wednesday, July 8, 1868-We all took a little extra sleep this morning but were at our sewing quite early even then. I thought my skirt all ready for the band this morning was more than disappointed because I had to rip out two rows of machine stitching all round, cut off the upper part of the skirt and then put the trimming on again. Mattie Kendall was here awhile this forenoon. I succeeded by hard work in getting mine done in time to make a very hasty and unsatisfactory toilette for church in the evening. After church Laura introduced me to her friend Mr. Kennedy of Chillicothe and they & Emma Voorheis walked up home with me and stayed until ten O'clock. After they went away I finished Mary's skirt but it took me until twelve O'clock.

Thursday, July 9, 1868-I had intended it as part of my day's work to make two or three calls this afternoon but I began a short skirt this morning and wanted to finish it before going out. I did not accomplish my purpose until nearly six O'clock. By the time I was ready to go it had commenced to rain and it continued so steadily that it prevented us from going out or any one coming in. We were all tired and sleepy and retired about 8 ½ or 9 O'clock. Mary and Mattie Gaylord were here this afternoon.

Friday, July 10, 1868-Maggie Bell called to see me this morning I suppose Pa and Ma will be home this morning but the boat has not come yet. Since the rain the atmosphere is damp and disagreeable. No one has done any thing today. At least no sewing. It is oppressively warm. After dinner Mary and I went out to make a few social calls. First to see Emma Voorheis, then Laura Loughry. On our way from the drug store met Lizzie Cochran and went back with her had some soda water at her expense. We then called on Mifs Han Rumsey. After which Lizzie went home to Mary's I went to see Sallie Tewksbury. In the evening to church. After church Gen'l Thomas and Maggie Jones came up and stayed about an hour.

Saturday, July 11, 1868-Oh but it is desperately warm today. Getting up enough energy to do anything is entirely out of the question. I gave the girls their lessons practiced a little myself cleaned a pair of gloves and went to sleep. I should like to see a thermometer if they are not all exploded. Not much

accomplished today of course. In the afternoon we had preparatory lecture as tomorrow will be communion. After service I went home with Maggie and Mary Peebles. They came home from Madison Furnace today noon. After seeing them awhile I went down and stayed with Maggie Jones until supper time.

Sunday, July 12, 1868-Although this has been such a scorching day I have been to Sabbath School once and church three times. We had service in the afternoon and in the evening we went to hear Mr. Cranston at Bigelow. Dr Pratt preached from Morning Text Luke 2nd 10th Evening text at Mr. Cranston's church Isaiah 3rd 11th

Monday, July 13, 1868-Lettie expected to have gone home this morning and we all had to go to work. I swept, dusted, and washed windows all the morning. Read the preface and first chapter of Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico". After dinner I practiced a while. Ma went up street and returned with a green gingham lawn solid color for me. I cut out the skirt and ruffles which took me until late. I dressed and went down stairs and while sitting there expressed a wish that Maggie and Mary Peebles would come. In less than half an hour they came. Pa then wished for Mr. Johnson and in a few minutes he too came. Mary and I walked home with the girls when they went home.

Tuesday, July 14, 1868-I had intended going to work on my dress this morning but sewed on other work until tea time, after tea I washed the dishes. In the midst of operations Laura Loughry came in and before I was through Luella Bing came to say that if I wished to go out to Mr. Bell's to teachers' meeting her father would call for me in his buggy. I felt thankful to him for his kindness and thoughtfulness but it was too late for me to dress so I had to decline going. It was quite a disappointment as I had been anticipating going for some time.

Wednesday, July 15, 1868-Today I commenced my dress. Ma and all the rest are engaged in house cleaning, in fact are completely overturning things there is only one bedstead on the second floor that has not been removed from one room to another, and that one has been moved into another position. Through

all the commotion I sat and sewed except when called to assist in moving. In the evening just as I was going to the tea table Sallie Tewksbury came in just as the first church bell rang she started home to get her supper, Mary and I walked up with her and after she had her supper we all walked down to prayer meeting together.

Thursday, July 16, 1868-Pa went up to Ashland this afternoon. Every one has been hard at work today not with standing the excessive heat. I have never known so many very hot days together before as we have experienced here for the past two weeks. In the afternoon I was compelled to put my work away and go to bed as I could sit up no longer, although it did not afford me much relief. Maggie Jones was here this forenoon and she came with Mr. and Mrs. Lizzie Burr Cochran to spend the evening with us.

Friday, July 17, 1868-Such days as we are having now reminds one very forcibly of the experience of Shadrach and his brothers in the burning fiery furnace. I have sewed on through all day at least until about five O'clock. My dress wants a good deal yet before it is completed but I think I have done very well considering the weather, yards on yards of ruffling and every thing else I have had to contend with. I have been trying to read this week but have not read any chapter yet today. Would that I had a letter tonight. It seems that all my friends have forgotten me. Wonder if they have?

Saturday, July 18, 1868-Today has been no exception on point of heat but we have worked later than usual. It was ten O'clock when we left the machine. We were sewing on my dress nearly all day. After tea I went down to Elden's to get a white silk cord and tassels to put on my circular, a new white Llama lace which Ma & Mary got for me two weeks ago. Saw Mollie Murray in the store. She returned from her visit to Gallipolis Wednesday. After coming home I finished the button hole in my dress & put the cord on my shawl.

Sunday, July 19, 1868-Oh, how hot! We had no service in our church this morning and after S. School we came home and went to hear Dr Burr. He preached a short sermon only 28 minutes. In the evening Mr. Cranston of

Bigelow Chapel preached in our church. Mary and I called for Maggie Jones and she went with us as they had no service. Morn. Text by Dr Burr John 4th 13th
Evening text Mr. Cranston Cor 12th & 4th

Monday, July 20, 1868-Set in for a good week's sewing but at noon Pa asked me to frame a set of new pictures, and I was busy at that all the rest of the day. Got all done but one and I broke the glass to that one. It is too warm to go out and as every one else seems to be of the same opinion. I don't see many of the girls during this "heated time". Laura Henness' brother Will was married today to Mifs Lottie E Hull. Mrs. Maggie A Bell was here to see me.

Tuesday, July 21, 1868-I worked at the pictures until noon, took several out of the frames, cleaned and reframed them just at dinner time when I was doing the last one I cut my finger badly on the glass and of course had to stop. Mollie Murray called to invite Mary and me up to play croquet with Lillie Lloyd, Ella McFarland & Dr Fields. We went at four O'clock and after two games came down street again. Called to see Carrie Ramsey who is sick. Mr. Johnson came up to play chess with Pa and so ended the day.

Wednesday, July 22, 1868-Yesterday Mary and I came to the conclusion that we would like to go down to visit Cousin Duvall Young at Moscow and I wrote to him and Julia this morning to see when it would be convenient for us to go. We sewed all day, Maggie Peebles was here this morning and after she went away I commenced to make a dress for Jennie. Finished it in time to go to church. Put a ruffle & three tucks in the skirt & made a sash. Wrote 1

Thursday, July 23, 1868-Last night Maggie Peebles offered to come down and help us sew today and she came about 8 O'clock and stayed until four in the afternoon. Mrs. Maggie Bell was here this forenoon and gat a roll of silk pieces which I had gathered up for her. Lizzie B Cochran was here also and asked for pieces. I gave her all that I could find. I sewed until ten O'clock tonight. After 8 O'clock I tore off twenty widths of ruffles and hemmed it.

Friday, July 24, 1868-Did not hear from Cousin Duvall as I had hoped this morning. Sewed all day as usual. Stopped at 6 in the evening. Dr Pratt has come up from the springs and will remain with us over Sunday. After tea Mary and I went up to see Mary and Maggie and stayed until nearly 9 O'clock. We saw a "Planchett" for the first time. It is quite a curiosity. It wrote out a correct answer to the first question I asked it and Mary Peebles who had her hands on it had no idea that it was needles in my pocket.

Saturday, July 25, 1868-Sewed all day on Mary's dress. Finished it just before tea time. We have all worked very hard the past two weeks, but hope we will not have to after this. Ma made a sack for Lizzie this evening. After finishing Mary's dress, I took the trimming off my hat and commenced trimming it over but before I got through Mary called me down to see Maggie Jones and when I went down I found Frank Cunningham here too. Emma Voorheis came in a few minutes later. Maggie did not stay very long. When Emma went home Mary & I walked down with her and then took Frank home about 9 O'clock

Sunday, July 26, 1868-It has not been so excessively warm today as heretofore. I fully expected a letter from Moscow this morning but was disappointed. Dr Pratt preached morning and evening. In the afternoon Pa, Ma, Jennie and I went out to Mr. Gliddin's to attend the funeral of his youngest child. It is the saddest occasion of the kind I ever knew I believe. He went to Cincinnati Thursday morning to a base ball match and the child died Friday evening. They telegraphed to him and have been expecting him home almost hourly ever since but at the time of the funeral, 4 ½ this evening he had not arrived. Did not receive the news until late last night. They will not bury the child until 9 O'clock tomorrow. Just as we reached home we heard the boat whistle and I suppose he was home in less than an hour after the funeral services. Morning text 1st Peter 3rd 15th Evening text 1st John 4th and 8th

Monday, July 27, 1868-A kind of reaction has taken place this morning and we feel unfit to do anything. I worked around at two or three different things but did not accomplish much until after dinner. I then cut out my calico dress that I have had ever since spring, Mary sewed the skirt & I basted the waist. After that we dressed and went up to Mrs. Gaylord's to see the girls & then their visitors Belle & Ella Coles & a niece of Mrs. Wm. Gaylord's. They were all out & we did not see them. On our return home I found a letter from Duvall & Julia Young. They want us to come down but they have no girl now and we will wait until they get one. Mrs. Gaylord gave Mary and me a beautiful boquet which is quite rare at this season. Rec'd. 1

Tuesday, July 28, 1868-From the appearance of the sun we are to have another excessively hot day. Nothing unusual occurred today. We sewed and ate as usual. Mary & I came to the conclusion we wanted to go to Keystone and I wrote to Ella Greene to notify her of the fact. Wrote 1

Wednesday, July 29, 1868-Jennie is 16 years old today just about my age when we came to Portsmouth. We pursued the usual routine today. Pa brought me a letter from Ella Greene today and I sent one to her on the cars this morning. After tea Mary & I went up to see Maggie Jones & found the Gaylord girls & their company there playing croquet. We stayed until church time and Maggie walked down to church with us. We were out today hunting up the bills for the month.

Thursday, July 30, 1868-Sewed nearly all day stopped no time to dress to go calling. Mary Murray took Mary, myself, and Maggie Peebles in their carriage out to call on Maggie Bell's cousins Misses Emma Cragg and Hannah Lithgow. We made a short call at Mr. Glidden's. From there we went to call on the Hall girls and then on the ladies visiting at Mr. Peebles Mrs. Kinch & Emma Steele of New Jersey. When we came home I found two letters awaiting me one from Mrs. Singleton and the other from my Louisville friend containing the promised "Owl" cards. Rec'd 1

Friday, July 31, 1868-I have sewed some today but not so much as usual. At 11 O'clock I put my work down to assist the girl in getting dinner. After dinner I sewed awhile again and then washed and ironed a few things which I wanted done. In the evening late I was quite surprised to receive a call from Charlie Greene who came down from Keystone this evening. He brought me a letter from Laura Loughry. Ella just received my letter as he left and sent a verbal for Mary and I to go up Monday. This evening's mail brought me another roll of music from my Louisville friend. One piece for me & one for Mary. "My Father's at Sea" Polka for me & "Memories of the Past" for her. I wrote to Mrs. Singleton today. Rec'd 1

Saturday, August 1, 1868-Saturday night it has been blowing and threatening to storm all day and now just at bed time it is beginning to rain. I have not done much today. After finishing Ma's dress I got ready and went down street. Went to the P.O. and got some stamps, then to see Maggie Jones and stayed there

until 5 O'clock. When I came home found Charlie Greene here who came to give it as his opinion that we would have to give up our ride. He intended taking us out riding this evening but the approaching rain prevented. The Gaylord girls Belle & Ella Coles, Lida Hoople & Allie Gaffy were here this evening.

Sunday, August 2, 1868-Last evening a hard rain began to fall and it continued until nearly eight O'clock this morning. There was a very small school in consequence. The number of scholars, teachers, and officers combined did not reach 300. We had no service in our church so Mary and I went up to the upper Episcopal with Clara Morris. In the evening Geo. Bell brought Maggie and Emma Cragg in to wait at our house until after Y. M.'s P. Meeting when he came for them to go to church and Uncle Enos went up to Bigelow with Mary & I. We heard Mr. See of 6th street instead of Mr. Cranston. Morning Text by Watts, Matt 2nd 15th last clause Evening text A. B. See Rom 12th 2nd

Monday, August 3, 1868-We were up early this morning getting ready for our trip. Maggie and Mary Peebles came to see us off. Charlie Greene called while they were there and Mary walked down to Market St. with us. We had a very pleasant trip to the Station and as Bart was there with the express we came right over. We reached Keystone Furnace about 2 P.M. Were glad to see Laura and Ella. After dinner we tried to sleep awhile but the effort was in vain, at least so far as I was concerned. They have a splendid swing here and in the evening we resorted to that for amusement. I made the acquaintance of Jas Wheeler this evening. Have known him by reputation for some time.

Tuesday, August 4, 1868-After breakfast Charlie wanted to know if I wanted to ride. Of course I did. We started about 8 O'clock and did not get back until 1 O'clock. We did not ride fast but went about two miles. Went in sight of Latrobe Furnace and to Buckeye Fur. Went up in the hills at Tar Camp to look for the spring which we found after riding around through the under brush, and over the logs. Just as we got within a half a mile of the Furnace it began to rain a little. We hurried and just got under the shed in time to escape a drenching shower. In five minutes the water was pouring down the sides of the hills in little torrents. Laura was sick all the afternoon and did not go down after breakfast at all I believe. Rode 10 miles

Wednesday, August 5, 1868-Laura was better this morning and was down to the table. After breakfast I got ready to go with Charlie some place he was going and just as we got outside of the gate his quick perception detected

something wrong at the Furnace and he told me hurriedly to go back to the house. It is now noon and I have not seen him yet. We heard that one of the men came near being killed by gas. Jim Ricker came over this forenoon from Madison Furnace and brought two horses with him. In the evening he took Laura and Charlie took me riding. We went about 8 miles. It was a lovely moonlight night but this moon did not come up until just as we reached home and we rode on up the road in order to get the benefit of the moonlight. We did not stay up very late.

Thursday, August 6, 1868-This morning we reversed the order of things and I went with Jim R. We only went about 7 miles this time. In the afternoon we began early to play croquet. Bart & I played against Mary & Jim Ricker beat them once were beaten once then Charlie came and helped them to beat us again. In the evening we had company. Mrs. Greene invited Mifs Dickison Capt Evans & his wife to tea and spend the evening. After tea we had a wedding Charlie & Laura being the principal actors. Jim Wheeler the bishop. Bart the bride's father, Ella her mother. Dwight & Laura Webber the attendants. It was very laughable. We have been having a splendid time ever since we came out here. I shall be sorry when the time comes to go home.

Friday, August 7, 1868-The usual program has been gone through with today only I did not ride this morning Mary went to take her first lesson. Our plans for croquet were frustrated by the rain. We had quite a rain after dinner. We spent the afternoon in the parlor consulting "Planchette" playing jack straws, solitaire, pins chess, reading, crocheting, and as many other employments as we could engage in. I have been swinging every day for which pleasure I am indebted to my friend Barton. The only circumstance which detracted from that pleasure is the fear of tiring him out. It's ungenerous in me to allow him to swing me as much as he does.

Saturday, August 8, 1868-We slept rather late as usual this morning but we finally got around and started on our day's work of amusing ourselves. Tim Wheeler & I and Jim R. and Mary started for a horse back ride. We went to

Winchester and home over a new road. Riding about 12 miles. It was dinner time when we returned we played croquet. I took a nap first which made me nearly sick. During the afternoon we played three games. We, Barton, Dwight & I beat Charlie, Jim Ricker & Mary once. Laura Loughry then took Dwight's place & we were badly beaten. But the last game we were victors again so I now feel satisfied to play with Charlie instead of against him. So long as he beat me every time I wouldn't give up. In the evening we went to Ma McCarley's and had some music. Came back & swung until nearly midnight.

Sunday, August 9, 1868-I awoke at Keystone this morning instead of Portsmouth as I had expected. According to an arrangement made by Jas. Ricker and Ella we all got ready and at 9 1/2 O'clock started for Madison Furnace eight miles distant to attend church. Ella Greene & Laura Loughry, Jas. Wheeler & Mary Moore went on horseback Ella Greene & Jas. Ricker occupying the front seat of the "express" while Barton and I sat on the backseat. We rode over quietly, went to J. W. Ricker's to dinner. Saw Mrs. Ricker and Jennie Furgeson. Mr. Barringer preached or rather took a text and gave us a missionary talk. It was my first experience at a country church. Text 2nd Cor 8 Chapt 12th verse

Monday, August 10, 1868-It is quite cool this morning, thick dress would be very comfortable. The programme for the day is not yet made out. Charlie, Barton, Mary and I went to take a ride in the express this forenoon. At 10 1/2 Laura & I went to the store, then Charlie came & took us over to see Mrs. Fulsom's machine. We sat around under the trees until Bart took a notion to ride on a gunwale so we, he & I, struck out on that & stayed until dinner time. We all went into the () arch back or under the furnace & then home to dinner. In the afternoon we played croquet. After tea Mary, Ella, Jim Wheeler, Laura & Barton, Charlie and I went down to the "log". There is a large swing there they all took a turn in it but I swung as much or more than all the rest together. Played consequences. It is our last night at Keystone. We are to be known as the M.C.'s.

Tuesday, August 11, 1868-My last day at Keystone it may be for years and it may be forever but I hope not. We spent a part of the forenoon at the lumber yard Charles, Laura & Mary went bathing on the gun wale so Bart & I went back to the house. I had a long talk with Mrs. Greene. Bart gave me a long farewell swing and then we went to dinner. We left the table and went to get ready to start home. Mary got two letters in the mail. Laura & Charlie rode over on horseback. The rest of us came in the express. We got there just exactly in time five minutes later & we would have been left. We had a very pleasant trip down. Met one of Bart's class mates on the train Mr. Hovey of Marietta. Mary got two

letters from Mattie Kendall today. Laura stayed here to tea & all night. Maggie Peebles was in to see me before I got my hat off. Pa & Ma have been married 21 years today.

Margin Note: Got a letter from Hattie Norton. Rec'd 1

Wednesday, August 12, 1868-I wanted to sew today but we had tomatoes to put up and after that was done I dressed to go down street but just as I began Clara Morris came in. I dressed & went down, she had just left when Allie Gaffy came and she stayed until tea time. I ran down street as soon as she left as I wanted to see Ella Greene but after waiting on her a few minutes I left and went up to see Mary Peebles promising to go back after tea. We went up and met Laura & Emma V. on their way there also. Found Han Rumsey there. We all came down to church together. I saw Emma Cragg and Hannah Lithgow after prayer meeting.

Thursday, August 13, 1868-I have been nearly sick all day. Did not get up this morning until nearly ten O'clock. Hemmed the ruffle for my green gingham which I am making over. This is the third summer I have worn it but it is about as good as ever & I want it like my new calico. I am looking for Ella Greene every minute she promised to come to tea. Ella, Bart and Charlie Hovey came to tea and spent a part of the evening after. A week ago tonight that brilliant wedding came off at the Furnace. What a glorious time we had while visiting there. Ella is one of the dearest, best girls that ever was. The whole family devote themselves to visitors and always succeed in entertaining them well.

Friday, August 14, 1868-I sewed nearly all day, finished my gingham dress. When I got through I dressed to go to Mifs Rumsey's this evening. After tea, Ma, Mary & I called at Mrs. Gunn's to see the girls who came today to visit there. When the time came Mary and I went up to Miss R's. There were fifteen or twenty persons there Ella, Emma V. Laura L. the Peebles and their friends, Allie Gaffe and a few others. We had a very pleasant time but I have enjoyed myself better there at other times. Mary was not at all well and had to come home before the evening was half spent.

Saturday, August 15, 1868-I only stayed at home long enough this morning to work the button holes in my dress, twenty two in number. I then went down street first stopping to see Mrs. Glover then to inquire about Mrs. Peebles. Called to see Maggie Jones a little while and then went to see Ella. I was

persuaded to stay to dinner with her and her "boys" as she calls Bart and Charlie Hovey. I came home about two O'clock and seeing an umbrella I started to walk out to Mr. Bell's in the hot sun to see Emma Cragg and Hannah Lithgow. They want me to stay and spend the evening but as I was away from dinner I thought I had better come home so Johnny brought me home in the carriage.

Sunday, August 16, 1868-Went through the usual programme today. S.S. in the morning then church. Dr Pratt and family came home yesterday consequently we have service all day once more. Sat and talked with Emma and Hannah after S. School. After service in the evening I saw the girls and told them good bye. Morning text Matt 21st 23rd Evening text Acts 17th 1st to 16th verses.

Monday, August 17, 1868-Mary and I went down to see Ella this morning and walked to the cars with her. I felt so sorry to see them go away, it makes me feel lonely. On our way home we stopped to see Frank and ask her about a wash woman. We spent the rest of the forenoon walking around the streets inquiring from house to house for a wash woman but were unsuccessful at last. I wanted to go to the boat to see Emma & Hannah but was too tired. I sewed all the afternoon. Was very tired at night and retired early. Got a letter from Mrs. Singleton. She writes such good letters it is quite a treat to read them. Rec'd 1

Tuesday, August 18, 1868-Some one sent a washer woman here this morning and I was very glad of it, for I had made up my mind to try to do the washing myself. I had to do the cooking however which is not pleasant work when the wash boiler is on the stove. I went to bed early and left Pa & Mr. Brown playing chess while Ma & Mary went over to sit up with Mrs. Vincent's baby.

Wednesday, August 19, 1868-I worked hard all the forenoon and Ma sent me upstairs after dinner to take a sleep. I slept awhile and then got ready to go and see how Mrs. Peebles was but it began to rain and I could not go. I started three times but did not get off either time. Commenced a letter to Ella Greene but did not finish it. While I was at supper Maggie Jones came but Ma did not tell me until I was through who it was in the parlor. I put on my hat & we went down street & walked until church time. Mary sat up last night with Georgie and did

not sleep any today consequently she is not wide enough awake to go to church.

Thursday, August 20, 1868-Although washing was commenced Tuesday it rained before it was finished and today it is all to be done over. Enos is 8 years old today I never did like to cook very well and this is the third day I have been cooking with the boiler on the stove. I have gotten along admirably though considering the disadvantages I labored under. I was very anxious to sew this week but gave up in despair. Two weeks ago today I was at Keystone enjoying my self splendidly.

Friday, August 21, 1868-Ma and Mary have been sitting up with Georgie and I feel that they ought not to work any in day time but still they do. Mary & I ironed all day. We have been very unfortunate about our washing this week the woman has been three days doing it. She came & ironed half a day today. I began a letter to Ella Greene Wednesday but have not had time to finish it yet. I never was more busy I believe. I have changed my dress but once this week and that was for church. Wrote 1

Saturday, August 22, 1868-Got a letter from Laura Heness. Was very busy all day until about four o'clock. Little Georgie died about one and as soon as I could get ready I went over to help dress him. Ma and Mrs. Coriell made him a white delaine dress & sack and I made the trimming for it of white ribbon quilled. Just before tea time the Misses Gunn & their nieces Lora & Addie Gunn called and made a little visit. Pa got a box of peaches today for which he paid 4 dollars also a basket of pears and then five watermelons. Ma and I went up to see Aunt Mary a little while. It is the first time I have been out of the house since church night. Rec'd 1

Sunday, August 23, 1868-Went to Sabbath School as usual. There was no service in either our church, Bigelow, 6th Street, or Baptist all day. The only

choice being between the two Episcopal churches so I did not go anywhere. Ma was over at Mrs. Vincent's all the forenoon making arrangements for the funeral. After dinner I took a short nap and then went over to Mrs. V.'s. The funeral services were conducted by Dr Burr. All our family but the boys went to the Cemetery. Mary and I thought of going to the upper church in the evening but before I was ready it began to rain so I was not at church today at all. I don't remember when it has happened as before.

Monday, August 24, 1868-The usual programme is laid out for today. A general up turning of furniture, sweeping, dusting and so forth. Just as we were going to dinner Lizzie and Billie Givens came with the intention of spending the week & attending the Teacher's Institute. They were away all the afternoon. In the forenoon Ma and I were up to see Mrs. Peebles, I called to see but she was out. Stopped at Emma V's until it stopped sprinkling. In the evening I took some pears and peaches to Mrs. Peebles and leaving the dish there ran down and stood at the gate a few minutes with Maggie J. for the third time. Met the girls in the street. They had been returning calls. Mary & Maggie Peebles, Anna Bell, Mrs. Kinch and Emma Steele.

Tuesday, August 25, 1868-It's one week today since I wrote in my book. Since then I have been almost too busy to breathe. Dinner is over, the girls are gone and I must endeavor to post my book. I have spent the forenoon cutting out ruffles for my black lustre walking suit. In the afternoon I took the ruffles down and got Mr. Nichols to pink them for me. I did several errands and then came home. Mrs. Murray was here to tea. Also the Givens girls, three of them. Mrs. Vincent was in to see us a little while. I played from tea time until bed time. Was rejoiced to get an opportunity at the piano again.

Wednesday, August 26, 1868-Sewed on my ruffles all the forenoon the girl we have is learning to do very well and I feel quite thankful to get a chance to sew again. The company was away somewhere to dinner and I was just getting ready to go and spend the afternoon with Maggie Jones when Cousin Duvall came. We were all delighted to see him. He only stayed until four o'clock. As soon as he left I took my work basket & went down to see Maggie. They persuaded me to stay to tea and as soon as we were through she came up home with me and stayed until dark. We have no prayer meeting tonight as N. W. Evans lectures in our room to the Teacher's Institute.

Thursday, August 27, 1868-I was quite sick last night and somebody sent the doctor here bright and early to see me. I did not have to get up to go to market as usual. I have hurriedly written for nearly two weeks this () and am real tired. Spent the whole day in bed. It is the only whole day I have spent at bed since I had the measles three years ago. Oh how I have wished for Maggie or Ella or one of the Peebles girls to come today. Pa and Mary went to hear Proff Kidd lecture or rather read this evening at the hall.

Friday, August 28, 1868-Mary got ready this morning to go to Cincinnati and stop at Moscow on her return and wait there for me next week. The boat did not come until noon and did not leave until after three o'clock. I have been doing what little I could but that was not much. I kept off the bed most of the time but had to sit in a rocking chair and read. After Mary went away I sent a note to Maggie Jones to come down which she did after tea but only stayed a few minutes as she had company at home. Our girls went home on the boat! Ma and I were in to see Mrs. Vincent a little while and I saw Murt come off the cars.

Saturday, August 29, 1868-We got tomatoes this morning and after doing what I could up stairs I went down & helped prepare them for cooking. Mrs. Vincent came over to help us and we got through soon after dinner. Ever since I have been lying down only when I would get up to go and see after Ma. We have had two delightful showers today. One of them is just ceasing now. The sun is shining gloriously through the western clouds. Wonder where Mary is this afternoon. Maggie Jones & Davie & Charlie Greene came down and spent the evening. Charlie brought me a letter from Ella. We all went up to Seel's & got cream. Maggie Peebles came to see how I was this evening, I was better.

Sunday, August 30, 1868-Attended Sabbath School and church as usual this forenoon. Rev Dr Morris supplying Dr Pratt's place. After Sunday School I went after Maggie Jones to take her to church. Slept nearly all the afternoon and went to church again in the evening. Morning Text Evening Text

Monday, August 31, 1868-Last day of August. This month has not seemed longer than a week. Having made known my intention of going away today, Maggie Jones called to see me quite early and before I was quite ready. Maggie, Mary, and Rachel Peebles made me a farewell visit. When I reached the boat I found Charlie and Murt waiting to see me off and in a few moments Davie J. came down. Mifs Anna Jones was my room mate and I took quite a fancy to her. Never met her before. We had a very pleasant trip down. At Rome the

irrepressible, irresistible, young dentist came on board as usual and the usual programme was gone through with. He seldom fails to make his appearance when I go down on the boat. Long may he wave. I sent Ella a letter by Chas.

Tuesday, September 1, 1868-We did not reach Moscow until 6 o'clock but Uncle Sam went out and said that no one was waiting for me and I concluded to go on the city and return in the evening. It was after 9 O'clock when we reached the "Queen City" and I got ready and went up street with Uncle Sam as soon as we could. I got some writing materials and gloves and then walked around looking at the pictures ect, finally stopping at Pike's which ended our walk. We went directly to the boat. Found Lillie Kenney, was introduced to her friends Mr. & Miss Newell, & Miss Murdock. Saw Miss Jones off. Arrived safely at Moscow at 6 O'clock. Found the whole family awaiting me. We went to Cousin Duvall's and after tea Aunt Sallie came up to see me.

Wednesday, September 2, 1868-We stayed up on the hill all the forenoon although I had intended going down this morning to see Aunt Sallie. Geo Irwin and his wife Lida Keyte that was came and that prevented our going. After dinner we all got ready and went down to Will's. Mrs. Irwin, Mr.& Mrs. Selby Mifs Mary Moore were there besides the two Young families and us. We were all there to tea and when the time to go home came, Will would not let us go, so Mary and I stayed all night. She was full of life and mischief and I feared would keep every body about the house awake. She and Aunt Sallie had quite a frolic on the bed. Four weeks ago I was at Keystone.

Thursday, September 3, 1868-We did not get up until Aunt Sallie came to wake us this morning. We arrayed ourselves in our evening dresses that we had worn the night before and went out to breakfast. We could not do otherwise as we had not expected to remain. Will's house is a perfect little bird cage, everything is in good taste and as comfortable as possible. Auntie came in our room after breakfast to make the bed and I went to assist her. We were both nearly choking and soon sat down on the bedside and took a cry. She took me up to her room and the first thing that my eyes rested upon stirred up my feelings from the very depths of my heart. Among the many pictures are one of

Lizzie and one of John. I love to be in the room there seems to be a charm about it, but it is a very sad pleasure.

Margin note: I wrote home that Aunt would go home with us Saturday. Wrote 1

Friday, September 4, 1868-Yesterday afternoon I went back to Will's and spent nearly the whole forenoon in Aunt Sallie's room with her. I love to be where I can see those pictures but I have to look at them through tears. Aunt & Mifs Moore came up this morning, but did not stay long as Mrs. Penn and Mifs Gilfillan were at Will's to spend the day. After dinner we all went down and stayed until tea time. During the afternoon Dr Hopple & his family came home from their trip and up to cousin Will's. There was such a houseful of company that we did not stay to tea. Retired early to get a good rest. I don't know how I shall get along with out this darling "Lulu". She reminds me so of our Annie. She is a perfect beauty and so good that no one can help loving her.

Saturday, September 5, 1868-Our last day at Moscow. I have enjoyed my visit here as much as possible under the circumstances. I miss the loved and lost so much that I can't feel very gay or lively. I think Aunt does well to bear it even so well as she does. I feel that I have no right or claim on them to justify the sorrow and grief that thoughts of them awaken, but I find my feelings uncontrollable. It's hard to think that "It's better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all". All Will's family but himself were up to dinner with us. Soon after we all went down to Dr Hopple's to wait for the boat. Saw some of the presents they brought home. Mrs. Irwin came up on the boat also to see her cousin Mrs. Stroby.

Sunday, September 6, 1868-Much to my disappointment the boat was delayed by fog and it was 9 O'clock before we reached Portsmouth. Entirely too late for Sunday School. We all went to the Baptist church in the forenoon. At 3 O'clock Pa & Ma, Mrs. Young, Lizzie & I went to Mrs. Salsbury's funeral I rode out with Mr. Lloyd and Libbie. Coming back Pa and I walked and made Ma, Aunt and Lizzie ride in our places. There was a very large funeral procession. In the evening the Monthly concert for prayer was held in our lecture room. Mifs Rankin, a missionary from Mexico, addressed the audience.

Monday, September 7, 1868-Five years ago to day we came to Portsmouth. It seems like a short five years, but when I think of the many changes which have taken place it seems like a long time. Ma and Mrs. Young went up to see Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Stroby this forenoon and in the afternoon they came down and took tea with us. After tea they all went down to Prof Smith's to see his wife but she was not at home. Emma Voorheis and Allie Gaffy called after tea but, did not stay long. Mary and I went home with them. I was up to see Maggie this forenoon a while.

Tuesday, September 8, 1868-This is my 20th birthday. In the morning I went up to bring Aunt Sallie home. She stayed with Mrs. I. and Mrs. S. last night. After coming home Mary Gaylord and I went down street and after our return I ran up to ask Maggie to stay with me as I expected to be alone in the afternoon, Ma and Aunt went up to Aunt Mary's to spend the day. Mary and Jennie were there to tea also. Pa and the boys were the only ones at table besides myself. Lizzie is sick and I have been sitting with her ever since noon. Mrs. Elden & Mrs. Nichols called in the evening. Dr & Mrs. McCurdy & Frank Brown called.

Wednesday, September 9, 1868-I've spent the forenoon in doing nothing. Have written a letter to Ella Greene and when that is said, all is said. Ma and Aunt were out all the forenoon. After dinner I got out some sewing and was going to do some stitching for Aunt Sallie when the door bell rang and Bettie announced a gentleman below to see Mifs Louisa. I went down and found Murt Salsbury. He made a long visit. It was nearly tea time when he left. Mrs. Stroube sent me a very handsome boquet. Mary and I represented the Moore family at prayer meeting. We are having a real rainy week. It rains every night. Wrote 1

Thursday, September 10, 1868-The unfavorable weather has interfered very materially with our washing this week. There is no prospect of our getting through very soon. It has rained today as usual. After tea the rain was falling drearily and I sat by the window looking out into the dark, looking but seeing no one whom I knew. I was tired and had just put out the parlor gas and started up stairs when the doorbell rang and Jennie answered the call and ushered John P. into the back parlor where the clothes horse was standing hung with clothes. Just as I had got things in order in the parlor Murt came and it was quite late when I finally got up stairs.

Friday, September 11, 1868-Pa came home this morning before we were up. As we are still without a girl we always have the housework to do in the morning. After dinner I tried to sew on my dress but I knew that Mary and Maggie were expected home this morning and I could not be content to sit and sew until I had seen them. So I laid my work away and went up to Mr. Peebles. Found Maggie on the bed reading, Mary downstairs sewing and Rachel writing a letter home. I stayed until time to come home and assist in getting tea ready.

Saturday, September 12, 1868-We were quite busy all the forenoon. Ma did not leave the kitchen until the bell rang for church. We had preparatory lecture this afternoon. I had just gone up stairs to get ready for it when Mrs. McClain called to see Ma & Auntie and as Ma had to be excused, I had to go to the parlor. After she was gone of course I had to make a very hasty toilette. When the second bell rang I had only just finished my hair. After lecture Mary and I talked a few moments with Maggie Bell on the corner and then hurried home to see after tea. We were all tired and retired early.

Sunday, September 13, 1868-We were greatly surprised this morning after breakfast by the arrival of Will Young & his family. They came up to take Aunt Sallie home, but we don't intend to let her go. I dressed in a great hurry and did not get down to see them until after the S.S. bell had rung. They excused me to go to Sunday School and I went, but came back to go to church with them. We had communion in the afternoon. In the evening Will, Mary and I went up to the upper Episcopal church.

Monday, September 14, 1868-We had a very late breakfast this morning. I got up at 6 O'clock and went down but as the fire was not burning I came back and stayed until 6 ½. Will, Anna, and the baby left on the boat this forenoon but they had to let Aunt Sallie stay. Ma said that I might take her home. An arrangement which suited me very well. After dinner I went up to Mrs. Gunn's to take some books to Lora and Addie which Pa got for them. Came home and sewed until Ma and Auntie returned from one of their trips.

Tuesday, September 15, 1868-Ma is forty two and Mary is eighteen years old today. I was down street this morning on an errand but was not gone very long. Tried to accomplish something but as usual I tried to do too much and made a failure. Changed my plans for the afternoon as much as a dozen times and finally put on my calico dress and went to sewing shirts. No one came in today some thing very unusual. Five weeks ago today since we left Keystone for home. Time rolls down hill on oiled wheels it seems to me. A week seems no longer than a day. It began to rain very hard again this evening.

Wednesday, September 16, 1868-Five years ago today I attended Uncle Sam's wedding. All this forenoon has been devoted to house work. I would like to go to see Lizzie Burr this evening if I can, but don't know whether I can or not. I worked until time to get ready for church. Mary and I represented the family as usual. Dr Pratt being on a "hunt" we had a prayer meeting which was led by Mr. Riggs sr. When we came home we found Ma putting the grate back in the back parlor preparatory to having a fire in the evening.

Thursday, September 17, 1868-I was down street once or twice today I believe. Went up to ask Maggie to spend tomorrow with me as Ma and Auntie are going to the farm and I will be alone. I have had so little time to write lately that I don't write very often and when I do get a pen in my hand I have forgotten everything that has occurred. I believe I might safely write rain, every day and night. Maggie was here a little while today. She and I went to see Lizzie Burr and then Therza Spry. I made her come home to tea with me and after tea we disposed of a monster watermelon. Mary & I then walked up home with her as it was quite late. I was up to see Mary, Maggie & Rachel.

Friday, September 18, 1868-Ma, Auntie Young and Grandma went to the farm this morning. Pa went down on the boat to come up with them this evening. I spent the whole forenoon ironing tucked and ruffled skirts. After dinner I sat down to sew but as Maggie came soon after I laid it aside as we adjourned to the parlor to sing. Just before tea the folks came home and I took Maggie home in the buggy. We retired early as we always do unless someone comes in. I wonder why I don't hear from Ella Greene? I miss her letters so much and it is now nearly two weeks since I received one.

Saturday, September 19, 1868-The whole forenoon was consumed in sweeping and dusting. After dinner I took my place in the culinary department and remained there the balance of the day. During the afternoon Libbie Lloyd

and Ella Lloyd called but I had to be excused from appearing in the parlor as I was just engaged in stirring up a cake. Libbie left word for me to go up Tuesday. Wonder what she wants of me. This evening found me glad to retire early and get a little rest. The weather quite cool and we find fire very comfortable.

Sunday, September 20, 1868-A rainy Sunday of all things is the most disagreeable. We went to Sabbath School in the rain and for the first time I had to wait in the tardy room. I had plenty of company as such people always do. I stayed during the intermission between S.S. and church. The rain ceased about noon for a short time but before afternoon service it began to pour down again and I did not go.

Monday, September 21, 1868-Little Mary has the scarlet fever. The rain is over and the sun shines beautifully this morning. Ma, Aunt Sallie and I sat by the fire waiting until Uncle Sam came to take her to the boat. We were very sorry to part with her, it would be pleasant to have her with us always. From the landing I went up to see the Peebles girls and stayed to dinner. It was after two o'clock when I came home and finding no one here on my return I cut a pattern off Mary's which I borrowed and then took her's home. Went on up to see what Libbie Lloyd wanted of me but did not find her at home.

Tuesday, September 22, 1868-My prediction in reference to the weather yesterday proved a false one. Today the rain has resumed it's almost ceaseless patter. I could not leave the house and consequently did not ascertain what Libbie Lloyd wanted of me. We find fires very comfortable, I do so dread to see winter coming again, fires are cheerful and there are some features about the season to be enjoyed, but I believe there are none that I would not part with to have warm weather all the year.

Wednesday, September 23, 1868-About ten O'clock the rain ceased and we had a respite until after church time in the evening. About 4 O'clock I was getting ready to go and see Libbie again when she came to see me. The question in my mind was answered and did not altogether surprise me after all. She expects to be married soon and wants me to be one of her attendants. I had thought of every thing imaginable before seeing her and therefore the

thought was not a new one to me as I could think of nothing else she could want of me. I asked time to consider the matter. Walked up home with her & Ella Lloyd called to see Maggie Jones & Mrs. Pratt on my way home. Went to church.

Thursday, September 24, 1868-Such a rain as we have had today is seldom seen. None of the children went to school this forenoon. It slackened enough for them to get started in the afternoon but just poured down again before they reached school. I was disappointed in not seeing Libbie today. We have been fortunate in our meetings and consultations and I fear it will be late before we have our final arrangements made. Notwithstanding the rain Will Bonsall called and spent the evening with us. I received a letter from Ella Greene. Rec'd 1

Friday, September 25, 1868-A long dark rainy day. I managed to get up to see Libbie this forenoon without an umbrella but had to borrow one to get home again. I spent nearly all the forenoon with her talking our affairs. If talking and thinking would make all necessary preparations I would soon be ready but we want to keep it a profound secret who the attendants are to be and if possible, not let anyone know of the wedding until the cards are issued. I have promised the Peebles girls to go to Cin. with them week after next and I ought to go next week but don't know how to arrange it & keep my secret. Spent the evening at Maggie's house with the Peebles folks.

Saturday, September 26, 1868-Saturday night late. I have been writing until I am too tired to sit up. It was eight O'clock when I stopped sewing and I have since written 4 or 5 pages of Ella's letter and as many in my journal. Maggie Jones was here this morning and I cut out the sack to her white and black dress like mine. After dinner Maggie, Mary & Rach Mrs. Dr Burr & Miss Charlie Burr all called at once. Oh dear I wish I was in dreamland. Wrote 1

Sunday, September 27, 1868-This has been a lovely day but was quite cool this morning. Dr Pratt is home and we had our regular morning & evening service,

the first for a long time. Rachel Peebles and I walked out in the sun awhile after Sabbath School to get warm. We had two excellent sermons today one on the Law in the morning. Morning Text Psalms 19th 8th verse Evening Text John 13th 34th verse

Monday, September 28, 1868-I have taken such a severe cold today that I am unfit for any kind of work. I took my regular Monday sweep and that was about all of importance that I accomplished. In the afternoon I went up to see Mary and Maggie and just before I left Maggie brought me a saucer of delicious ice cream and cake. Rach went to Hanging Rock this morning and I did not see her. The girls are getting ready to go to Charlestown Ind to see Belle Steele married. I am very sorry they are going to leave this month.

Tuesday, September 29, 1868-I have been up to Mrs. Peebles two or three times today. I had to go out and collect the bills for the month and while out on that errand I stopped to see the girls and called at Lib's a few minutes. I have tried very hard to get Mary O'Connell to come and sew a few days for me but it is impossible to prevail upon her to do so as she has so many engagements. I have not accomplished much today the natural consequences of running around.

Wednesday, September 30, 1868-Last of September. We are still without a cook and struggling almost in vain to accomplish some sewing. This affair that comes off week after next is hurrying me very much. I have not made any preparations yet and have to go to Cin next week on a pleasure trip with the girls. How I am to manage to do any shopping without the knowledge of four girls is beyond my comprehension. Libbie came down just before church time to see me and show me a letter from Miss Fotie Wambaugh describing the dress. Mary and I went to church as usual. I was almost too tired and sleepy to get much good of the service.

Thursday, October 1, 1868-The first of October, the months seem like weeks! There is a great republican mass meeting in town today and in spite of any resolutions to sew I had to give it up and dress to go to the speeches. Lost the whole day. There were a great many people in town. I sat in Mr. Wick's carriage with Mrs. Brown but could not hear. After school was out Mary came & told me that Libbie Lloyd & Mollie Murray wanted me so I left the grounds and went to Mr. Murray's. We girls took the carriage and went riding. In the evening Charlie Greene came and spent the evening with us while Pa & Ma were gone to the

speeches. Jim Ricker is in town but he did not come with Charlie. After the speech there was a grand torchlight procession & illumination. Charlie Mary & I walked around town to see the sights.

Friday, October 2, 1868-Went to work at my dress with the firm resolve to work briskly. Mollie Murray came down to consult about our dresses and some one to make them. I laid aside my work and dressed to go with her to try and get a dress maker to come to the house. We went a long distance and were unsuccessful after all. Mollie finally got her Ma to promise to make hers and we will make mine at home. I sewed until bed time for once I was thankful that no one came in to spend the evening.

Saturday, October 3, 1868-Weather pleasant and warmer than it was a few days since. I have sewed with out any interruption today. Was very glad to have the chance to do so. It is Saturday night again and I have this whole week to write for. Pa put another letter from Louisville under my plate at dinner and in the evening he brought me one from Laura Loughry. The former contained a photo. I nearly finished my black walking dress today with a great deal of assistance from Ma. We have a prospect of a girl next week but I expect she will be so dutch we can't make her understand anything. Rec'd 1

Sunday, October 4, 1868-Sabbath School opened at 9 O'clock instead of 8 ½ this morning. We were all at S.S. and remained to morning service. Dr Pratt preached on the 1st Commandment and in the evening he preached to the young men. Morning Text Ex. 20th 3rd Evening Text 1st John 2nd 14th

Monday, October 5, 1868-Maggie, Mary and Rachel Peebles Mary Murray and I went to Cin this morning on the Bostona. We had expected Maggie Jones to go but she gave it out. Maggie and I occupied the "bridal chamber" and the other three, the room next to us. We had a grand time. Uncle Enos was not on board until we reached Maysville. Mr. Bell was on all the way and we were indebted to him for a great deal of our pleasure. After we reached Maysville, Uncle Enos and Mr. Douham came back into the cabin with us and we spent a delightful evening. Mary crocheted red roses for each of us to wear and we intend to keep them.

Tuesday, October 6, 1868-Last night we were serenaded as usual by a duette of calves, chorus of 240 hogs and a number of sheep. We did not sleep much in consequence. We started out early to do a little shopping. Slippers, kids, ect for the affair next week. The Peebles' girls went to call at Mrs. McCabe's first and then met Mollie & myself and finished our rounds with us. Mary took us all to Mrs. Jones and we had some splendid cream. Met Mrs. McNeal, Laura Loughry, & Will Stephenson on the street. On our way to the boat, loaded with little bundles we met Mrs. Hopple who had been to the boat to see me. Mr. & Mrs. Tewksbury brought Sallie home today. She has been very sick. Oh! How we missed the girls on our way home.

Wednesday, October 7, 1868-Mollie walked up home with me this morning and after dividing our "spoils" I went with her up to Lib's. Spent the whole forenoon running around the streets. By noon I was too tired to do anything but after eating my dinner I felt well enough to undertake the skirt of my white tarletan skirt and Ma took the waist in hands. Spent the afternoon in working on it and only stopped in time to get ready for church. After church we walked up with John & Ella Overturf and they stood at the gate and made quite a little visit. The wind is quite high tonight, I'm glad I'm home.

Thursday, October 8, 1868-This is Pa's birthday and he is not at home. While I was in the city Tuesday he left home on a transit boat for Cin. and has not returned yet. Ma and I sewed all day. We have shut ourselves up in my room and are trying to get my dress done without any one's knowing it. Mollie Murray came in this morning. In the afternoon Mrs. Exden came to invite Pa and Ma to spend tomorrow evening at their house. Ella Overturf and Mary Bannon called this afternoon. It is very cool we have fire in three rooms and will have in the dining room tomorrow. It is colder than last Oct. Libbie Lloyd's wedding cards were sent out today. We received four and one for Uncle Enos.

Friday, October 9, 1868-It is now noon and the Bostona has not arrived yet. There was a very heavy fog this morning which did not rise until 9 O'clock and I hope that is the only reason of the detention of the boat. I have spent a good deal of time looking out of the windows to see if she was in sight. It is a bright, beautiful day since the fog has vanished. Shortly after writing the above the boat came but Pa did not. Uncle Sam stopped on his way down and I showed him my dress waist. No one came in today and I have not been out. Have not seen

Maggie Jones since I came back. Ma and I worked until nearly midnight on my dress.

Saturday, October 10, 1868-We did not rise this morning until 6 ½ O'clock early enough however after being up so late last night. We went immediately to work after breakfast and sewed until nearly five O'clock. I have not been away from the house since Wednesday. Pa came home on the Telegraph at noon today. My dress is nearly done and I am so thankful for it. Some times I feel sorry that I undertook it at all. It has been about a year I think since we were all at Keystone together. Just a year today since Ella Greene came to ask me to go with her and invite the girls to go on the Furnace trip.

Sunday, October 11, 1868-This has been another lovely day. The leaves seem to be falling before turning very much this year and as yet the forests do not present such a lovely scene as they usually do at this season. We had our regular missionary meeting this morning but instead of the regular exercises we had short addresses from Mrssrs. Sheaf, Chunn, and Fulton of the Y.M.C.A. of Cin. In the afternoon the B's monthly meeting was held in 6th Strt church. In the evening we had a union meeting of all the churches in our church for the purpose of organizing a Y.M.C.A. here. Mrssrs. Sheaf, Chunn, H. Thane Miller & Fulton addressed the people. We had a glorious meeting which lasted nearly three hours. 381 persons put their names down as members of the new association. I hope it may do much good. Text in morn. Ex.20th 4th, 5th, & 6th verses.

Monday, October 12, 1868-We are enjoying our Indian Summer now I think. The weather is lovely. This morning I went down street on an errand and of course called to see Ella Greene who came down from the furnace Saturday night. When we were once folded in each others embrace we did not part until noon. After dinner Mollie came down and we went to see her dress, then took the carriage and went up to see Libbie she was asleep but her mother showed us some of the bridal presents. I came back home but started out again in a few minutes. Took Roffy and went down street called at Ella's again to let her see him. I have been going to and fro a good deal today.

Tuesday, October 13, 1868-This is the eventful day. We were quite busy all the forenoon but managed to get through in time to take a nap in the afternoon. I began to dress early and at 8 O'clock the carriage came for me. Found the brides maids there at least Misses Wambaugh and Hand, Mollie Murray came

soon after. The gentlemen arrived soon after I did. Mrssrs. Davy Stephenson, R. N. Spry, Farley and Huntington, also Rev Mr. Wambaugh who officiated. The ceremony was very pretty and entirely different from any I ever saw. Mr. Farley brought Dr Fields in and Fotie Wambaugh led Libbie in. There was not a very large crowd, the rooms were comfortably filled however. Mr. S. and I led the way, then Davy & Mifs Hand came & stood opposite us on the right. Then Mr. H. & Mollie who separated. Then Mr. F. & the Dr who took their places lastly Libbie & Miss Wambaugh. Election Day & Republican victory.

Wednesday, October 14, 1868-Notwithstanding my last evening's dissipation I was up nearly as early as usual. Busied myself until nine O'clock doing some little pieces of work. Ella Greene & Emma Voorheis called for me to go to Gus Farmer's wedding at Bigelow and I dressed and went. We were in very good time. Julia Pursell and Ellen Varner were the bridesmaids I did not know the groomsmen. The boat went out crowded with passengers. I heard last week that there were forty rooms engaged for this trip. We have just received cards to Mrs. Tracy's reception. The bridal party with the exception of Davy, who left town today, and I, who went to church spent the evening at Libbie's. I was up there a little while before church. After I had been in church a little while I discovered that Jim Martin was here. Rec'd 1

Thursday, October 15, 1868-I was at home all day and did not do much in the forenoon, tried to answer a letter which I received from Maggie Peebles last night but did not finish until Ma concluded to make her brown silk skirt and that took us all the afternoon. Mollie came down a few moments but did not come in. I wrote a little while before dark and did not begin to dress for the party until after seven. All of us went and I don't remember of ever enjoying a party more that I did that. We did not get home until 1 O'clock. There were a great many persons there whom I did not know. So many of the girls were out of town that it seemed quite lonesome. I being with the bride party of course enjoyed myself.

Friday, October 16, 1868-I did not rise until 8 ½ O'clock this morning something very unusual for me. I missed my breakfast of course. Maggie J. came while I was attempting to finish Maggie Peebles letter and when she started home I went with her as far as 2nd street on my way to Lib's, met the party and we all went to the store. Then up to Mollie's and played croquet until time to go to the boat. We saw them take their final leave and then came home to dinner

of course dinner was all over but I got a piece of bread and pie. The party left just in time. Since the boat left it has commenced to rain and the prospect is that it will continue for some time. There was an attempt at a torchlight procession tonight. I can answer for one who was not there. Rep

Saturday, October 17, 1868-Ma and I sewed busily all day to finish off suits for the girls to wear tomorrow. Mary went up to Mr. Gaylord's in the forenoon and stayed to dinner. Got Maggie Peebles' letter off in the morning mail. I was at home all day with the exception of a short call at Uncle Enos' to see how aunt Mary was. It seems rather strange to settle quietly down to work after such an exciting week as this has been. I am heartily glad it is all over. Wrote 1

Sunday, October 18, 1868-No service in our church again today. I shall be glad when Dr Pratt gets through with his visiting and is ready to stay at home awhile. Our Sabbath school was not very large this morning only about 365 or 380 scholars I believe. The weather is quite cold. In the forenoon Mary and I went to church with Maggie Jones and heard Mr. Clark in the evening. Jas Martin called to go somewhere to church with us but it rained and we did not go anywhere.

Monday, October 19, 1868-I was at home all day until after tea. We sewed some I have been trying to make me a calico dress or rather wrapper. In the evening John P. and I went to call on the bride Mrs. Libbie Fields but she and the Dr had gone out to spend the evening. We went to Ella Greene's to call on her cousin Lillie Johnson, soon after we got there Davy Jones came in and we spent a very pleasant evening. When I came home I found a splendid fire in the parlor and everything looked so cheerful that I could have spent an hour or two there very pleasantly. Mary had returned so I only read the paper and then followed her.

Tuesday, October 20, 1868-The gaieties open this week with a large party at Varner's but as I am not invited I don't expect to go. This is another day which has slipped by without my going down street. We were all at home alone this evening and I enjoyed it very much. It is seldom the case now that we all spend an evening together.

Wednesday, October 21, 1868-It was raining when we arose this morning rather an unfavorable prospect for the party this evening. Mollie Murray came in

the rain this morning to invite us to spend tomorrow evening at their house. Just before tea I went down street a few minutes. Met Ella and Lillie on the street talked a while. Went up to see Mrs. Peebles called at Maggie Jones' but she was out. Went to church and heard the German preacher. Came home finished our toilettes and went to Dr Jones'. Ma and I. Oh! We had a gay time. Ella & Lillie waited at our house for the cars and when they came Charlie & Mrs. Churchill came too. Letter from L Henness Rec'd 1

Thursday, October 22, 1868-We did not feel in a working mood today and although I had to prepare a dress for the evening I did not get to work at all in the forenoon. After dinner I laid siege to my white merino gored the front width by folding it in. I went down street to get some scarlet velvet to trim the waist. Got it done just in time to put on. Mary and I got nearly ready and at 9 O'clock our escort had not arrived. We were ready to give up the party much against our wills when the door bell rang. Mr. Bonsall had been a delegate of the Y.M.C.A. at Cleveland and had to make his report. We eventually got to Mollie's. We had a most delightful time, only about 35 present and all had tables to sit down to. It was a perfect success. It was 1 O'clock when we got home.

Friday, October 23, 1868-I was not down to the breakfast table this morning. I have missed several times this week. The weather has moderated a little and it is much more pleasant today. I spent the forenoon in putting away the summer dresses and feel very thankful that it is done. In the afternoon I tried to work on the children's dresses but did not accomplish much. Dressed before dark and went up to Mollie Murray's to go to teacher's meeting at Mrs. Martin with her. On my way Jas Murray called me in to take tea with them and I went. After teacher's meeting I went home with Mollie and stayed all night. There is a little party at Col. Bolls this evening and Pa and Ma went there leaving Mary alone with the children.

Saturday, October 24, 1868-I went to work at the dress waist in earnest this morning and worked at it until it was completed. During the day Ma received an invitation for herself and Pa to spend the evening at Mr. P.C. Gunn's with Mr. John Gunn. I have an engagement for this evening made about two weeks since so we will all be away again this evening. I felt very sorry to leave Mary again but it could not be avoided. About 8 P.M. Mr. Brown called for me to go up to spend the evening with Maggie Jones. Soon after we got there Mr. Cadot came in and we played croquet and sung and enjoyed ourselves very much until quite late.

Sunday, October 25, 1868-We have been blessed with another lovely day. Light dresses were very comfortable. Dr Pratt is home again and we had service and a full house as there was no service in some other churches. I was very much encouraged about my S.S. class this morning they were all there but Bill Whitney who has gone to the Episcopal S.S. All had a lesson. Dr Pratt preached from Exodus 20th 4th verse 3rd Cor. In the evening Mr. Gunn came here to tea and not to church with our folks. I was sick and had to go to bed. Pa went with them.

Monday, October 26, 1868-I did not get up until late this morning. Then I dressed and started out to see Libbie off. As it was early I went to see Maggie a while first. On my way up to Lib's Mollie overtook me in the buggy. I got in and we went up together but did not go in the house. Saw Lib and the Dr. Went to the store & waited for them. When they came down we all went to the boat together. There were a good many there to see them off. Mr. Gunn and Addie left today. Also Maggie Bell who is going home to make a visit. In the afternoon Ma and I went out to make some calls. Made 8 calls. I got a letter from Mary Peebles. Rec'd 1

Tuesday, October 27, 1868-Another lovely day has passed. I spent the forenoon making the waist to Lizzie's dress. About 3 O'clock Ma and I went up to Mrs. Gaylord's to call on her and Miss Miller who is visiting there. It was a long but delightful walk. On our way home we stopped at Mrs. Tracy's but she was not at home. We made our party call at Mrs. Dr Jones but she was out also. After that Ma went to call on Mrs. Cranston and I went to see Maggie Jones. My visits there are very frequent I was there twice yesterday and once today. I stopped to see Mrs. Peebles and tell her that I had heard from the girls but no one answered the bell. It rained a little after dark.

Wednesday, October 28, 1868-Pa went to Cincinnati very unexpectedly today. Had I known it ten minutes before I could have gone with him just as well as not and met the girls at Cin. As it was I stayed at home all day and sewed busily. After dinner Ma took the four children and went down to see Grandma. Maggie Jones came down a little while after school was dismissed and stayed until church time. It has been a lovely day and I should have enjoyed a walk but as all the rest of the family were away I thought I had better stay at home & work.

Thursday, October 29, 1868-The weather we are having now is as pleasant as it is possible for it to be. I stayed in the house all the forenoon but after dinner I

dressed and started out to get some one to walk with me. I was unsuccessful after all my trouble and walked until I was tired without finding company. Stopped a few minutes at Mrs. Peebles and tore my dress on the gate coming out. Called for Maggie and she was putting down a carpet. Went up after Mollie and she was down street. Came home tired enough. In the evening just as I was taking off my ribbons and pins the door bell rang and Jim Peebles & Jim Ricker came in to spend the evening.

Friday, October 30, 1868-One more pleasant day which threatens to be the last for a while at least. The girls came home on the Bostona this morning. I could not get up to see them until after dinner though it required some degree of patience on my part to wait until I was ready. I had to take the two widths out of my dress and put another in. Then I had to collect the bills but I did not wait to finish that. Went up and visited with them until about five O'clk then they went down street with me to do my errands. I am so glad they are home again. It began to rain late this evening and I hope the river will rise now.

Saturday, October 31, 1868-The rain has been falling steadily up to the present time, noon and I hope it will continue some time, abating long enough however to allow the republicans to have their torchlight procession this evening. This has been a pleasant day for reading sewing or anything else I have felt very much inclined to hide away some where with my last volume of "Conquest of Mexico" and finish it, but there were some other things more necessary to be done. Dinner over I arrayed myself in water-proof and seizing an umbrella started with the bills and money. Was gone until dark. Spent sometime at Maggie's and then we went up to see the Peebles girls and Maggie Coles. It was nearly dark when we left there. I received another letter & photo from Ky. tonight. Rec'd 1

Sunday, November 1, 1868-It has been a real dreary November day, a fair specimen of what we may expect during the rest of the month I expect. I was very much encouraged with my class today in two important points. Attendance and lessons. My runaway Florence Vincent has returned and I hope she will do better than she ever did before. Mary & Maggie were in their places again today after an absence of three Sabbaths. In the morning Dr Pratt preached on the 4th Commandment from 20th Ex In the evening Monthly Concert for Missions was held in the lecture room. Aunt Maria was here this afternoon.

Monday, November 2, 1868-Every thing looks bleak and cold outside. I was up and read a while before breakfast. After that I wrote to Cousin Julia asking her to come immediately and make us a visit. After sewing until the middle of the afternoon I got ready and went up to see the girls, they were not home, so I went down after Maggie Jones and we came home to see if the girls were here, they were not and we walked down street again and by this time it was quite late so I came home and stayed here.

Tuesday, November 3, 1868-It is hard for me to stay in the house such beautiful weather as this but I am anxious to get some thing done this week. Maggie & Mary Peebles and Maggie Coles called here this forenoon. They were going up to Mrs. Gaylord's to spend the day and of course I could not go to see them. I don't owe any one a visit and so had to stay at home for the want of some place to go. So I got something done. I did want the girls here to spend the evening but we were not quite prepared to have company and as they had two previous engagements of course, they were not here.

Wednesday, November 4, 1868-Ma and I had made our arrangements for a good day's work but we were doomed to disappointment in that. I had to dress to go and do some errands. I had just got ready to sew again when I had to put on my gaiters and go down to see Maggie Coles and Mollie Murray they did not detain me long but just as I had changed my shoes again for my old slippers Mrs. Hamilton came to spend the day. I put all the work away. Dressed and went according to promise up to Mr. Peebles to bid Maggie Coles good-bye. Waited until dinner before she got there. Came home, dined, went back and to the boat with the girls. Then walked down to Missions with Maggie. Mrs. H. stayed and went to church with us. That ended the day which was to have seen so much work done. Letter from Laura Loughry & Mrs. Bing. Rec'd 2 letters.

Thursday, November 5, 1868-I managed to finish off my water proof suit this morning by 10 ½ O'clock and then put it on and went to see Mrs. Merritt and Mrs. Hamilton on errands for Ma. Then I went on up to see Mrs. Lloyd for myself. I want to see her at least once a week now that Libbie is gone. She was making apple butter out in the wash house and took me out there to taste it "just like Libbie" as she said. She is such a dear old lady. I saw Libbie and Dr Field's portraits, just finished they are excellent. On my way home I stopped to see Ella

Greene & Lillie Johnson, they just came down last night. I sewed all the forenoon. Did not take off my wrapper. Emma Voorheis came in for a little while.

Friday, November 6, 1868-I put this day in faithfully on the dress. Was up early and went right to work. Did not have my wrapper off at all. No one came in to interrupt me and I accomplished quite a good day's work. Made the waist and saque, two pairs of sleeves. Just before dark Mrs. Paul Jones called. I called on her last fall when she came here a bride, no last spring it was early in March. She has not returned it until today. She is a very lovely little woman. Ma has spent the whole day on mince meat. This evening Mary sent for the fruit for a cake and she seeded the raisins this eve I assisted her from 8 ½ to 11 O'clock while Jennie read to us out of Hans C Anderson's household stories to keep us awake.

Saturday, November 7, 1868-We are enjoying splendid weather again. I was busy all the forenoon finishing off Mary's waterproof suit. Last night when we came up stairs at 11 O'clock my suit was on the bed and I thought that Ma had finished Mary's and had brought it in. I was in a quandary how she managed to get it done so quietly & quickly we felt anxious about the consequences of such an action on her part. This morning all such anxieties were dispelled by finding a half day's work still to be done. In the afternoon Mary and I called to see Ella Greene and Lillie Johnson. Lillie went to take a short walk with us and on our way home after leaving her, we met Emma Voorheis & the Peebles girls. They, the latter two, had been here.

Margin Note: Finished the "Conquest of Mexico" at last.

Sunday, November 8, 1868-Milton is ten years old today. It is warmer than yesterday with a bright unclouded sky. We had quite a full school this morning something over four hundred (400) scholars besides 48 teachers and 5 officers. Dr Pratt preached on the 6th Com. taken from Ex 20th this morning. At four P.M. there was a devotional meeting of the Y.M.C.A in our church but, not knowing whether ladies were wanted, I did not go. In the evening Dr Pratt preached a sermon to the young men by request from the Y.M.C.A. from Eph. 2nd 10th

Monday, November 9, 1868-The weather continues warm and pleasant too much so to last much longer. The weather wise have predicted rain for several

days. I try to make the most of it while it lasts by going out every day. The invitations to the Peebles' party were brought around today. After dinner I went down street and bought two Hyacinths and glasses for Pa and some music for Jennie and myself. It is the first Jennie ever had and is very pretty. "Cinnamon Rose Polka" () Maggie Jones went with me to get the girls' hats and then we came home soon after Maggie Peebles and then Mattie Gaylord came. We all went down street together and Davy over took Mary & me on our way home and walked up with us. The Connolly girls came home yesterday.

Tuesday, November 10, 1868-The long expected rain came last night and at the present writing 2 P.M. it is still coming. Ma and I have been all the forenoon rubbing the silver. We rubbed 4½ dozen forks and 3 doz tea spoons. I must try to answer Mrs. Singleton's letter today. The rain continued nearly all day. I was at home all day in consequence. Wrote to Mrs. Singleton, did not get through until night. I do enjoy the letters very much. Wrote 1

Wednesday, November 11, 1868-The Peebles girls are busy and I can't go to see them and feel lost. I don't know what to do with myself. I am just trying to pass the time away until after the party when I hope to be able to get to work again. We have not attempted to begin anything this week, thinking if we got the hats and bonnet ready for Sunday we would be doing very well. As yet I have not been able to find anything to suit me at all and heartily wish I could wear my old hat all winter. In the evening Mary, Jennie and I went to church but got home before 8 O'clock. Ella Greene and Lillie Johnson were here.

Thursday, November 12, 1868-Ma and I actually spent this day in idleness. I read aloud from Prescott's "Conquest of Peru" which I commenced this week and she knit until time to take her nap, then she slept while I read on. After dinner we went down street and she succeeded in finding a bonnet to suit her without much trouble. We went to the party about 8½ O'clock and the rooms were soon full. Every one seemed to be having a delightful time. They had four rooms down stairs for the company and in the back room there was space enough for a little promenade. Maggie Coles and Rob Peebles were down from Ashland.

Friday, November 13, 1868-All my energies seem to have been awakened by the party last night and I got up this morning and swept the whole house and cleaned up generally. As soon as I had my dinner, I went up to Mr. Peebles' to take a pattern to Maggie C. and bid her good-bye. She and Rob went back today. After they were gone I went out to the kitchen and helped them sort the silver & tie it up. Jim Ricker & Davy Jones come to take the girls riding but they could not go. Presently they came back after me when they found out where I was. We had a glorious time. Davy & Lillie Johnson sat on the front seat, Ella Greene, Charlie and Mollie Murray on the 2nd facing us. Maggie Jones, Jim Ricker & I on the back seat. We got home about dark and I got ready for Teacher's Meeting and went up to Mrs. Peebles' to go with them. They had not been to tea so I went with them then also. Then we all adjourned to Mr. Gaylord's Maggie J was here this morning.

Saturday, November 14, 1868-I have not accomplished very much today. Fixed the children's hats, also one for Bettie whom I found here again on my return last evening and one for Lizzie Smith also. We received two invitations this morning, one to Emma Voorheis to take tea this evening and me to Emma Johnson's for Tuesday evening. Late in the afternoon Ma and I went out. She went to see a scholar and then we called on Mrs. R. Lloyd and Mrs. Peebles. I got a hat which I presume I shall wear all winter rather than have any more trouble about it. When Mary and I went down to Emma's we found Ella Greene and Lillie Johnson, Miss Han Rumsey, Allie Gaffy and Venitia Ramsey there. We had a very pleasant time and came home about 9½ O'clock.

Sunday, November 15, 1868-It was not very cold this morning, the atmosphere rather indicated rain. We had quite a full school there being something over 400 scholars. In the morning Dr Pratt preached on the 6th Commandment. In the evening he took the 22nd verse of the 55th Psalm as his text for a very beautiful sermon

Monday, November 16, 1868-I was down street this morning doing some errands for Ma after which I went up to see Maggie Jones a few minutes. We went down street together and met Ella Greene, Lillie Johnson and Mollie Murray. Lillie leaves today on the Telegraph. After doing our errands, Maggie and I took a walk and I did not get home until dinner time. We made a call on the Peebles' girls. In the evening Mary and I went up to escort Maggie to the Y.M.C.A.P.M. at our church. Mr. and Mrs. Murray were here to tea. Lettie came back tonight I received a letter from Cousin Julia containing Lulu's photo. Rec'd

Tuesday, November 17, 1868-This morning was ushered in by a slow drizzling rain which continued nearly all day. It is rather unfavorable for the party. Early this morning Mary and I received a note from Mr. H. R. Tracy desiring our company to the party. It was for young folks nearly all of that class in town being present and only two or three married ladies. We all enjoyed ourselves very much as the lateness of the hour of dispersing would testify. It was 1 O'clock when we came home and those who dance had just commenced that amusement when we left.

Wednesday, November 18, 1868-Being up so late last night I slept until Pa had gone to the shop this morning. He came home about 10 O'clock to say that he was going to Cin. on the boat. I was not down street today until church time when Mary and I went to church. The rain is over and it has turned cold. I have been making over my steel colored merino dress this week. I ripped it up Saturday and have been sewing at it ever since.

Thursday, November 19, 1868-I am very glad to have two girls in the house this cold weather I would much prefer sitting by the fire and sewing to running about in the cold doing the house work. I sewed all day or at least until Maggie Peebles came about four O'clock she made me a good long visit. After she left I dressed to go to the meeting at the church to assist in looking over the new library books. There were not very many teachers present. The first snow fell this evening, when we came home there was about a quarter of an inch in some places. It is too cold to snow.
Snow

Friday, November 20, 1868-Winter seems to have come to stay now. What little snow fell last night is still on the ground and it looks quite bleak out of doors. I finished my dress and then went down street. After doing an errand or two I went up to see Maggie and we went together to see her sister-in-law Hattie. It was a very unpleasant day but we never consult the weather when we want to take a walk. After that call we went to see Mary and Maggie Peebles a few minutes. Pa came home this morning and brought each one of us a piece of music. Faust for me "Home Sweet Home" by Ryan for Jennie, "Musings at Eve" for Mary and a little waltz for Lizzie. He had to go away on the cars again at noon.

Saturday, November 21, 1868-We are favored with a bright sunshine this morning but I suppose we need not expect any more pleasant weather until next summer. We moved the piano into the back parlor this morning. After dinner Mary and I went up to Maggie's. We had intended making calls but it was so cold. We sat there some time then went down to Reilly's with Mollie Murray. We were going to make our party call at Emma Johnson's but met her on the street. Also met Ella Greene but went home with her.

Sunday, November 22, 1868-Clear and cold. When we went to Sabbath School this morning we were quite surprised to find the Library all in order and open. Last Thursday night none of the books were marked. The children were delighted. The books are beautiful both outside and inside. Dr Pratt preached on the 7th Commandment this forenoon. In the evening he took his text from 2nd Tim 2nd 19th .

Monday, November 23, 1868-I spent the greater part of the forenoon in practising and reading. Enjoyed it very much. Sewed all the afternoon and by way of variety did not leave the house today, nor did any one come in. In the evening I read aloud to Pa and Ma from the Conquest of Peru. It is very interesting the author, Prescott sometimes grows very eloquent and his thoughts always good becomes very beautiful and poetical. He is one of my favorites.

Tuesday, November 24, 1868-This morning everything is white with frost. There is a dense fog overhanging the city even at this late hour 8½ A.M. and the sun is vainly endeavoring to penetrate the cold cloud. After sewing all the forenoon I went to spend the afternoon with Maggie and Mary Peebles. Found Mary sick with a cold. I tried to find some work to take but not being successful I worked for Maggie. I went early that I might come home early but they would not let me off and I stayed to tea. Then Maggie and I came down to Ella Greene's and she & Maggie came home with me. I wrote to Julia Young today. Wrote 1

Wednesday, November 25, 1868-Last evening I saw a beautiful halo around the moon the first I ever saw and true to the signs it began to rain before morning. Contrary to my usual custom I did not go out today. I so often do go out in the rain that persons down street quite expect me if the weather is unpleasant. I sewed, read and practised until time to get ready for church and after that I practised the whole evening as it rained so hard that I did not think it best to go out.

Thursday, November 26, 1868-Thanksgiving day. The rain has ceased but everything is wet and disagreeable outside. I have just seen the carriages pass containing the bridal party. Mr. John Elden and one of his lady clerks who has been in the store for two years or more. Emma McIntyre that was, Mrs. Jno Elden that now is. It seemed like a strange match but they both did very well. He is rich and will be good to her. We were all home to dinner but after that Mary and I were left alone for the afternoon. Luc Lloyd came to invite us to spend tomorrow evening at their house. I did not feel like going out nor did any one come in so it was a quite lonely day for me.

Friday, November 27, 1868-Rain again, no I am informed it did not rain today but we had every indication of it except the drops. The schools have a holiday today as well as yesterday, and the children are all at home. Mary was out nearly all the morning. Maggie Jones was here this forenoon. In the afternoon Maggie and Mary Peebles came to see if I wouldn't go with them to see Clara Newton at Mr. Collins'. We made that call, also one on Mrs. Capt Evans. I then called to see Hattie R. Newman at Mary Murray's but they were out. Stopped to see Maggie a few minutes. Came home & dressed for Lloyd's. There were about 25 or 30 persons and we had a very pleasant time.

Saturday, November 28, 1868-I took my cloak down to Mrs. Jenkins this morning to have it cut over and while I was out, gathered up the bills for the month. Spent the afternoon ripping my cloak to pieces preparatory to getting it cut. Maggie Jones called to see Callie Newton this morning and on her way home stopped here. Uncle Sam was in a few minutes this evening. The weather is so bleak, cheerless and just such as we should expect to see in November but I wish the sun would shine. Wrote to Libbie Field.

Wrote 1

Sunday, November 29, 1868-It is not so cold as might be expected this morning. We had quite a full Sabbath school 420 of our scholars were present beside the officers and teachers. Dr Pratt deviated from his regular course of sermon this morning and instead of a commandment took his text from Ephesians 2nd Chapt. 28th verse last clause.

Monday, November 30, 1868-This forenoon I again took my cloak to Mrs. Jenkins and on my way home I met Dell & Cal Ramsey with Mrs. Cutter & Florence Carson going to the Synagogue to see a wedding so I went with them. It was the first wedding of the kind I ever saw and it all seemed very strange to me, particularly keeping the hats on. After it was over I went and sat about an hour with the girls. In the afternoon I sewed a while then went out to pay the bills which kept me until dark. Called on Miss Russel at Neal Lloyd's.

Tuesday, December 1, 1868-First day of winter and a pretty good representative it is too. Ma and I are deep into the mysteries of making boys clothes, a work which I thoroughly dislike. Ma went down to Mrs. Rumsey's this forenoon and I worked at them all the forenoon by myself. Mr. & Mrs. McCollum have their crystal wedding this evening but Pa and Ma sent their regrets. It has been snowing and drizzling all day nearly. Late in the evening I went down to see Miss Han but she was not at home. Then I went to Maggie's. She & George came nearly home with me. Jno P. and Will Bonsall spent the evening here.

Wednesday, December 2, 1868-Still at work on those clothes between two and three O'clock in the afternoon, just as I was about through Maggie and Mary Peebles came to spend the afternoon and take tea. I dressed and went down. I enjoyed their visit very much. Mary Damarin and Mary Shackleford called. They were the only persons in during the afternoon. When Pa came home to tea he brought a piece of elephant tusk which was found in digging a well out on 7th street. It seems that it was entire until broken by the workmen who did not know what it was.

Thursday, December 3, 1868-The sun is shining bright enough this morning. I have spent some time in "posting" my book which was very much behind. When I was ready to sew I went to Ma's room and found her gone, being cold I sat down to read and did not stop until after ten O'clock. From that time until nearly dark I sewed on my cloak or rather sacque. In the evening Mary, Jennie and I went to the church to practice singing for the New Years celebration. After the scholars were dismissed the teachers had a meeting and still other meetings were appointed for tomorrow evening.

Friday, December 4, 1868-This morning it is raining and freezing so we are going to have a slippery pavement for two or three days I suppose. About eight O'clock this morning Mr. Draper, Miss Adams' have called to tell me that he would call and see me down to our Committee meeting this evening but fortunately I had somebody else's bean already engaged and can save Miss A any feelings of jealousy she might have. Mr. Collins called for me and we had not been down there a half an hour when Mr. Nichols came and scolded us all round Mr. G for calling for me & me for coming with Mr. C. He Wm N called for me himself. After our meeting there we went to Mr. Peebles' to (?) a Cin. there but they had gone, then to Mr. Geo Johnston's where we spent the rest of the evening.

Saturday, December 5, 1868-Worked all the forenoon on my saque and in the afternoon we all went to preparatory lecture. It was very cold after service was over but, as usual we had an errand down street which we attended to and then hastened home. Maggie Bell came home yesterday and I got my first glimpse of her in church this afternoon. It would have been six weeks Monday since she left. Libbie Lloyd Fields went the same day.

Sunday, December 6, 1868-The weather seems to have moderated a little and it is not very cold today. We had three services today beside S. School. There were over 480 present this morning including teachers and officers. Dr Pratt preached from
We had Communion in the afternoon and regular Missionary meeting in the evening.

Monday, December 7, 1868-This has been a real dreary Dec. day. Rain and snow fell all day but it was not cold enough to snow. Mary and I went down to Mrs. Jenkins to have a cloak cut for her. I sewed on mine all day and it was not finished there. There has been quite a change since dark and we shall have a fearful night. In the night's paper we have accounts of several dreadful accidents. Collision and burning of the Louisville mail boats. United States & (?) explosion of a private residence in Cleveland, burning and sinking of one or two other boats.

Tuesday, December 8, 1868-What a fearful night we have had it even surpassed my expectations. The wind is blowing almost a hurricane this morning

and the ground is covered with snow. The clouds look so black and frozen that there seems little prospect that they will ever be bright again. Pa had to start off on a trip to the furnace region this morning. The regular Teacher's Meeting was held at Mr. Rhodes' up on 2nd this evening but I was disappointed in not getting there. The annual election was held. The officers were re'elected with two exceptions and the present incumbents are 1st Supt. R. Bell 2nd J.H. Roads, 3rd J. W. Overturf. Librarians Jas McDougal and Wm Bonsall, Mary Peebles was here this morning.

Wednesday, December 9, 1868- Cold, oh, so cold today. Ma and I are making Mary a dress for a Christmas present and she is not to know any thing about it. We cut it out yesterday morning and hoped to make it while she was at school but she was determined to stay home from school. We contrived to keep her down street doing errands nearly all the afternoon and nearly got the dress done. Ella Greene was here this forenoon and in the afternoon Maggie Jones, Miss Han Rumsey, Emma Spry and Maggie Stewart. Maggie S. stayed all night with us. Miss Eliza Gaffy came tonight on the cars.

Thursday, December 10, 1868-Weather freezing, skating any where. Ma and I have begun the slippers. I was down to see Kate Glover after dinner and ask her to bring her work up but she couldn't. In the evening Mary (?) and I went to the church to practice my singing for the celebration on Christmas Eve. Emma Voorheis, Mary Peebles Emma Bell, Dell and Carrie Ramsey Maggie Peebles Sallie Tewksbury and I sat in a group and we had a fine time. We only had to join in the chorus of the songs while the class did the most of the singing. Libbie Lloyd's mother was here to see us this afternoon.

Friday, December 11, 1868-This forenoon according to promise Kate Glover came up and spent the morning. She had her slippers with her. Ma and I commenced ours yesterday evening but did not accomplish much. We worked industriously all the forenoon however, in fact all day and each of us has nearly finished one. After Mary returned from school we went down street to see about our picture then we made a short call on Maggie Jones and afterwards at Mrs.

Peebles but the girls were out and although we waited some time we did not see them until we met them on our way home.

Saturday, December 12, 1868-Bright, clear and cold. Every body and thing that can skate is on the ice today. Our boys are almost beside themselves to go but I have another engagement for them. At ten O'clock we all went down to the gallery to have a group taken for Ma's Christmas present. The children were nearly a square ahead of Mary & me and their quick sight saw Ma coming up 4th street so they ran as fast as they could and got around a corner before she saw them there. We were gone all the forenoon but got a good negative. In the afternoon they all went skating but Mary, she went to sing. I went after Maggie Jones and she brought her work and spent the afternoon with me I finished my first slipper.

Sunday, December 13, 1868-Oh but it is cold this morning. Sabbath School was not quite as full as usual. Dr Pratt resumed the course of sermon he has been preaching for several weeks past until the exception of the last two. His text this morning was the 8th Commandment taken from Exodus 20th Chapt. 15th verse. I did not hear the text in the evening but the sermon was about atonement and sacrifice. Just as we were singing the closing, doxology tonight the gaslights began to flicker and in a moment they all went out and left us in total darkness Dr P. pronounced the benediction and we all got out safely.

Monday, December 14, 1868-It is as cold as ever but not so clear. It looks like snow now Ma and I went out to try the skating but as my skates were unmanageable I soon tired of the sport and came home leaving her on the ice. Unfortunately the work was locked up and consequently I could not sew when I did not get any thing done. In the evening Mary and I went to the W.M.C.A. prayer meeting at our church. While we were gone Davy Jones and Jim Ricker called.

Tuesday, December 15, 1868-The skating is spoiled now and I am glad of the chance to stay at home and work on our fancy articles. Pa and I went up to the Sixth Street church to get our dinner today. The people of that church are holding a series of dinners, fairs, concerts ect. for the purpose of paying for their

church. In the evening Jno Brown came to play chess and I was particularly successful winning three out of four games.

Wednesday, December 16, 1868-This is one of the worst disagreeable kinds of days. It rained nearly all night and part of today freezing as it fell. Pa and Ma went to the Fair to get their dinner today. The walking is too disagreeable for any one to get out who is not obliged to. We have stayed at home and worked nearly all day. Uncle Enos brought new skates for Mary and me today. Mine were too large and had to be exchanged. Prayer meeting was in order for this evening at a Teachers' meeting held after service the day for the Anniversary was changed to New Year's Eve.

Thursday, December 17, 1868-We have put this week in very faithfully so far in our preparations for Christmas. This morning Maggie Jones came for me to go down street. I had some errands to do and went. We met Mr. Cadot and made arrangements for them to spend this evening here. In the evening they came and soon after Johnny Brown found his way over. We had a real merry time. Indeed that word don't express it. Very few of the family could sleep for our laughter down stairs. I did not get off to dreamland until after 1 O'clock. I played several games of chess with Pa, and beat him once.

Friday, December 18, 1868-We are getting along famously with our work. My skates came but the ice is all gone. Ella Greene and Miss Han Rumsey called this afternoon. After tea Mr. Johnson came in to play chess with Pa and after watching them a while I came upstairs I was too sleepy for any use.

Saturday, December 19, 1868-Got a good letter from Libbie Fields today near eleven pages long. Finished one slipper. Three pairs we had made. After dinner Ma and I went down street. Dry goods stores, milliner shops. Reilly's and made a few visits. I went up to tell Mrs. Lloyd about my letter. Ma stopped to see Mrs. Gregory and I called there for her on my way down. We called at Mrs. Peebles and then I came home. In the evening Pa and I played chess I beat him once more. I think I am improving. Rec'd 1

Sunday, December 20, 1868-Unusually warm and pleasant for this time of the year. It was raining a little when we went to Sabbath school but on returning from church the sun was shining brightly. Dr Pratt preached on the 9th Comm. In the morning in the evening he preached a sermon from the text "Do thyself no harm".

Monday, December 21, 1868-Pa went to Cincinnati this morning and I should have liked to go with him only we are so busy getting ready for Christmas. Ma and I are making some beautiful handkerchief boxes for Maggie and Mary Peebles and Maggie Jones. Mary Peebles and Dell Ramsey were here a few minutes today. In the evening I wrote a letter to Libbie Field. I should have gone to Y.M.C.A. Prayer meeting but we had no one to go with us up to 6th Street where it was held and I am afraid that home attractions were too strong also. It seemed so delightful tonight.

Tuesday, December 22, 1868-I went early this morning to post two letters, one to Laura Loughry. I was down street four times before ten O'clock after which I sewed until dark or nearly dark and then I ran down to Reilly's to get our group photo Ma's Christmas gift. In the evening according to a previous arrangement Mr. Cadot called for me to go up to Mr. Peebles with him. We stopped for Maggie Jones and Mr. Bonsall and then all went up there and spent the evening with Mary and Maggie. The wind was blowing and it was very cold. Wrote 2

Wednesday, December 23, 1868-Pa came home this morning and brought a handsome paisley shawl for Ma and the velvet for sacques for Mary and me. Music for Jennie. Tonight after the church bells rang we finished the boxes. There is one for Mary, Maggie Peebles, Maggie Jones and Mattie Gaylord. Mattie's is made of lavender colored watered ribbon lined with white silk, trimmed with fluted ribbon white. The others of white watered silk, lined with cherry silk, tops of white satin emb. with cherries, trimmed around with white fluted ribbon.

Thursday, December 24, 1868-Christmas Eve has found me on the street all day. Mary and I went early in the morning to attend to some of her affairs, then Ma and I went after dinner. We visit all the places where Holiday goods were kept it seemed. Ma got a pair of butter knives for Mrs. Vincent, a silver butter dish & knife for Mrs. Pratt, and I got a silver knife and nut picker for Pa, after dark Bettie and I took the handkerchief boxes and left them at Mr. Peebles & Mrs. Jones. Then I came home and Pa opened his store of literary treasures. Oh! what a time we had looking at the books.

Friday, December 25, 1868-A Merry Christmas it has been surely. It seemed that Santa Claus must have upset his wagon at our house. We can number our presents by the doz. Some of us having more than that. Ma gave me a bonnet and scarf. Pa two books, Mary a white hood and a ring box and every body else had some thing for me. I gave Uncle Enos his slippers which I worked. Mary & Maggie Peebles came in the afternoon to say that they had received the boxes. In the evening Emma Spry brought Gracie Helphenstine and I gave her a bow of plaid ribbon and Ma had a doll for Grace. Mary & I went home with her to see their tree and she gave each of us a little present.

Margin Note: Pa got four handsome parlor chairs.

Saturday, December 26, 1868-Christmas is over and although I enjoyed it I am glad of it. Mary Peebles and I went out skating this morning. It began to snow before we left home but we went any way and although the snow became nearly two inches deep we kept on skating until noon. In the afternoon I had intended going calling with Maggie Jones & Mary to see Mrs. Penn and Miss Anna Keyte of Moscow visiting at Miss Mary's but we had a regular snow storm which prevented. In the evening Mrssrs Brown and Johnson & Uncle Enos came in to play chess with Pa and stayed until after I had gone to bed.

Sunday, December 27, 1868-It was not so very cold today but the snow made the walking very disagreeable. There was a very full attendance at S.S. being about 432 scholars. In the afternoon Mrs. Bonsall's funeral sermon was preached at our church. I felt so sorry for the family what is left of them. Alice was away from home and was sent for after her mother was dead. It was very sudden. She had been out Thursday & invited company to dinner for Christmas. She died in about fifteen minutes of the attack. Heart disease.

Monday, December 28, 1868-This a lovely day. Ma and I went to call on those ladies this morning and then up to Mrs. Murray's. Maggie Jones was here a few

minutes. There was a general Teacher's and Committee meeting at the church this afternoon. We had quite a lively time. After the meeting Mary Peebles and I went to see Therza Spry and afterwards to call on Miss Han Rumsey. The weather is miserably disagreeable.

Tuesday, December 29, 1868-This afternoon at 2 O'clock was the time appointed for the scholars to bring in their presents. Ma was on the committee to receive them but she could not go and I went in her place to see what was going on. Finding nothing to do I went down street and got the materials for making some frames and then took them to Therza Spry's and she showed me how to make the frames.

Wednesday, December 30, 1868-This forenoon I made two waxed thread picture frames for the Christmas Lace. I put a picture of Dickens in one and the Empress Carlotta . In the afternoon Ma and I went down to the church to assist in the preparations. They were waiting for the popcorn and we could do nothing so I went up to see Lizzie Burr but she was not at home. I went up and sat with Maggie Peebles a while then went back and went to work at the candy bags. We did not get through so we went back after supper and finished the work. It was nearly ten O'clock when Mary and I came home we saw the trees put up and the present on them. There is an arch thrown over the largest tree which is to be lighted with little gas jets under the arch is the motto "We hail our anniversary Day".

Thursday, December 31, 1868-New Year's Eve. This evening our annual S.S Celebration took place. The house was crowded to overflowing in spite of the rain which fell incessantly. The order of exercises was first the "Tribute of Praise to Jesus" by 24 girls. It was a perfect success then singing by the school. Remarks by Dr P. Distribution of presents to the classes next stripping the trees of the (?) Infant classes. The teachers were the recipients of some very ridiculous things. The visitors were dismissed first and then as the scholars passed out they each received a bag of candy. The exercises kept us there from nearly 6 to nearly 10 P.M. In the afternoon I went out to pay the bills then

Maggie Jones, Mary and I called at Mrs. Tracy's to see Misses Lida Gilfillan and Anna Keyte and Mrs. Penn.

On the last page of the diary is a list of couples who married in the year 1868. The list includes dates for each entry. Also a short recipe with no directions.

Jan 14th Estelle Robinson to Will Hickok P. church
Jan 16th Amelia Grimes to A.B. Fitch Episcopal church
April 30th Hattie E Hempstead to Gaylord B. Norton
May 28th Lizzie N. Burr to L. S. Cochran
Oct 13th Libbie M Lloyd to Dr Geo W Field

Mrs. Lloyd's White Cake
3/4 lb butter - beaten to a cream
1 lb of flour
1 lb white sugar
whites of 16 eggs
3 full teaspoonsful of best baking powder

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