

## *Louisiana Moore Ricker Diaries 1900*

### **Monday, January 1, 1900**

Weather still very cold about 2° above zero. Too cold to do much. The girls were home all day and had a few callers. In the evening the Christian Endeavor Society held a business meeting which was followed by a social meeting. Lucy + Edith stayed all night and the young folks were up until midnight.

### **Tuesday, January 2, 1900**

Cold and clear. Our guests left on the 2 o'clock C. P. + V. train, the river being too full of ice to return by the C + O as they came.

We shall miss them very much, having enjoyed their stay as much as they did.

Miss O'Connor came again this morning and we resumed work on Lizzie Peebles' dresses. The letters from her still are very encouraging.

### **Wednesday, January 3, 1900**

Still cold and moderating a little. Miss Maggie came and we put in a busy day sewing, Elizabeth and I sewed on her work while she cut out a skirt for Elizabeth from the goods we bought yesterday.

We wrote to Will.

I went to Kinder-garten meeting at All Saints' chapel. Ethel Schwartz had Mrs. Ross' place as Sec'y. After prayer meeting Lucy + Edith Moore + Margaret + Will Sellards came and made a long call.

### **Thursday, January 4, 1900**

Moderating + miserable. Was busy all day sewing and sewed until bedtime on L. Peebles' work. Did not go to W. C. T. U. meeting for I could not spare the time.

Letters from Will with a few pictures of himself and surroundings.

The Bubonic Plague has appeared in Honolulu.

### **Friday, January 5, 1900**

Moderating and thawing. Was very busy all day, sewed some on E's work, getting her ready to go back to Cin. Mary has made her a new suit this week with a little help from Miss Maggie, I sewing for her in the meantime.

The C. L. S. C. met this evening. Dr. Clara Cook, Lucy + Edith Moore took supper with us and spent the evening. Will's Christmas present for the girls came today, D. K. E. pins, which pleases them.

### **Saturday, January 6, 1900**

Mild and thawing. Which makes the mud deep and widespread. Miss O' Connor sewed busily all day but quit when I got Elizabeth's skirt alone. She put it on and took the afternoon train for Cin. I then went out to make my home department calls and see some of my S. S. pupils. Walked to Second + Court and from there as far as Mrs. Amy York's about # 400 East 11<sup>th</sup> came back down 9<sup>th</sup> + then out to 10<sup>th</sup> in all walked about fifty squares.

## **Sunday, January 7, 1900**

Rather unpleasant.

All went to Sunday School as usual.

Rev. Mr. Kohr of Westerville preached both morning and evening for us. Dr. Taylor, having sprained his ankle, could not come as was expected. Elizabeth Greene is twenty years old today.

## **Monday, January 8, 1900**

Bright and mild but very muddy. Spent part of the forenoon with Father + Mother who are not well though Father went in the carriage to the office this afternoon for an hour. I met Mrs. Johnson at Mrs. Emma's and made out W. R. C. reports.

Had a good letter from Will in which he speaks of the Bubonic Plague in Honolulu but has no fears of it himself. The Christian Endeavor Society are to lead the Week of Prayer services this week for want of any other leader. Called to see Mable Poffenberger.

## **Tuesday, January 9, 1900**

Cloudy and damp, mud milder than a week ago. Sewed all day for Lizzie Peebles except when making brief calls at Mrs. Taylor's + Mrs. Barr's. Carl had letter from Elizabeth. I wrote to her also Will, or rather sent the one written yesterday + May went to Clover Club at Edith Fulton's after prayer meeting. We finished Lizzie Peebles' work.

## **Wednesday, January 10, 1900**

Rained and was unpleasant. Sewed when not doing errands. Miss O'Connor will sew a few days on Margaret's work. Was over home to sit with Mother and we all went to prayer-meeting which was led by Madame Knowles.

## **Thursday, January 11, 1900**

Weather moderately mild. Have been very busy all day helping Mrs. O'Connor with Margaret's work. We finished her gold cape and it is a fine job.

We went to prayer-meeting in the evening which was small owing to the bad night. Grace Cross led the meeting and did it well. The C. E. Society has certainly done well.

## **Friday, January 12, 1900**

Weather unpleasant. Damp and chilly. Mr. Kirkland began repairing Carl's room which is to be repapered also, and made attractive for him. He does work for the rest of us.

Margaret went to the station at 4 o'clock to take the train for Cincinnati but a bad wreck on the Ohio Valley R. R. would delay the train nearly all night so she returned. We all went to prayer meeting, which was led by Winnifred Smith closing the services for the week.

## **Saturday, January 13, 1900**

Damp and cloudy, with a little rain. Was out nearly all forenoon trying to find the necessary things to alter Margaret's blue cloth dress. After dinner I went to see Mrs. Joe Reed and Miss Sue Reed who are going to Hot Springs Monday. Was over to see Mother + Father.

The war news from South Africa is discouraging for the British. Their war seems more serious than the Spanish American was.

## **Sunday, January 14, 1900**

No rain but not very fine weather.

All went to Sunday School as usual and the attendance was much larger than it has been for some time, about 230 I think.

Dr. A. A. E. Taylor conducted communion services, and preached for us today very acceptably. Hope we may soon have a pastor.

## **Monday, January 15, 1900**

Beautiful day and not cold. Mrs. Ethel Cotton Schwartz has had three fine Mondays for her "at home" days. Relief Corps meeting took all my attention. Officers were even installed. Wrote to Elizabeth and began a letter to Will, which cannot leave San Francisco before the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The war news is very bad for the English in South Africa.

## **Tuesday, January 16, 1900**

Weather damp and unpleasant.

Am trying to sew and help Miss O'Connor + May with the work they are doing. Go over home and take my work when I have it as both Father and Mother are feeling badly.

## **Wednesday, January 17, 1900**

Cloudy and damp though it did not rain when we went to prayer-meeting in the evening. We are busy sewing. My gray dress is the next thing to be made, the family insisting upon it.

Last evening Miss Lydia Williams, bookkeeper in Gilson's Store was sand bagged and the safe drawer robbed just as she was lighting up. She is seriously hurt.

Kinder-garten meeting.

Letter from Lizzie Peebles.

## **Thursday, January 18, 1900**

Damp and pleasant with only a little gleam of sunshine. Sewed a little but not much. Carl's room was put in order and is pretty but not yet as pretty as it will be when the pictures + window draperies are in place. In the evening Jas drove Andy to take Maggie Peebles + me to the C. L. S. C. at Kate Connins.' The town is in a state of nervous dread over the tramps, and we will be very careful about going out at night.

Carl's room was finished, paid for \$12.50, very grand + papered red.

## **Friday, January 19, 1900**

Dark and damp with rain early + late. Father + Mother both not so well as usual. Margaret went to Cin. on the 4:15 train, Ohio Valley R. R. to see about new glasses. Long letter from Will who tells of the measures taken to stamp out the Bubonic Plague in Honolulu. He has been on guard duty seven miles from the city. Is well himself and not the least nervous over the trouble. Letters are all fumigated. Mary Peebles was here.

## **Saturday, January 20, 1900**

Rained all day, which was not pleasant for Margaret in Cin. She spent the day at Dr. Satters and came home on the Ohio Valley train or perhaps the C. P. V. at the usual hour, about 9 PM. Miss O'Connor + I sewed all day with Mary's help most of the day.

I put notice in the paper about my lost fur collar, being satisfied that it is not around the house.

## **Sunday, January 21, 1900**

Beautiful bright day. All went to Sunday School as usual and to service both morning + evening conducted by Rev. Jno W. Parker of Greensburg, and whom we liked very much. The Sunday School seemed more encouraging today. Mr. Geo. D. Scudder took charge as Superintendent for the first time. Was over home to see Father and Mother, neither of whom are well.

## **Monday, January 22, 1900**

Beautiful day. The fourth fine Monday in succession. We sewed all day on Margaret's cloak, making it over with good success. In the afternoon, late, Margaret, Mary + I made our calls upon Mrs. Cotton and her daughters.

Saw by paper that Mrs. E. McC. died in Cin. I wrote Elizabeth. After supper Jas, the two girls + I called at Mr. Scudder's to meet Rev. Jno W. Parker, and met many others there.

Margaret Scudder brought home my fur collar which has been lost since before Christmas.

## **Tuesday, January 23, 1900**

Fair and pleasant, but the streets + roads are muddy. Miss O'Connor finished her work here today, making a wrapper for Mother.

Had a long letter from Will, the latest date being the 12<sup>th</sup> only eleven days on the way. The plague has almost killed business and is not decreasing as yet. He does not feel alarmed but is tired of quarantine.

Went to see Mary Peebles about For. Mis. reports. Maggie P. went to Mrs. Emma Rogers' funeral in Cin.

## **Wednesday, January 24, 1900**

Weather moderately pleasant. Was busy at home most of the day. In the evening I was at prayer-meeting and in obedience of the request of Dr. Kline, chair of prayer-meeting com. I served as leader. It being my first attempt in the general prayer-meeting.

Attendance was unusually good, probably because the people expected to hear, or perhaps do something in regard to calling a pastor but notice must be given beforehand.

### **Thursday, January 25, 1900**

Cloudy and clear by turns. Was busy at home all the forenoon. After dinner went to see Mary Peebles start on her trip to Palestine. Maggie Coles went as far as Ashland with her, she having come from Cin. last night with Maggie Peebles, both having been to Emma Rogers' funeral yesterday.

Was over home to see the sick before supper.

### **Friday, January 26, 1900**

Cold and unpleasant. We thought Teddy had gone to the country today but he appeared at home as usual in the afternoon. Sister Mary is so fond of him we do not want him to leave.

Father and Mother about the same.

### **Saturday, January 27, 1900**

Cold. Was home all day except when I went over home to see Father and Mother. Made a flannel skirt for myself after 4 o'clock.

Mary went to Industrial School + Margaret to Primary Union meeting in the afternoon. They both spent the forenoon at Bessie Titus' developing pictures, the remained there to dinner. I marked about four dozen handkerchiefs + a dozen or more towels.

### **Sunday, January 28, 1900**

Beautiful day but cold and a few flakes of snow falling. All went to S. S. + church as usual. Dr. A. A. E. Taylor of Col. preached.

I had a large class, nine of my own girls present besides Julia Tappan's class which is still with mine while trying to find a teacher.

I presume Elizabeth is in Middletown today with Mrs. Todd.

### **Monday, January 29, 1900**

Cold. Ther. About zero, clear and bright. Letters from sister Lizzie + Mrs. Bond. Wrote Mary Peebles directing to Str. New England at Charleston, Mass. where she sails Thursday for Palestine. Called on Miss Eisman + Mrs. Cotton this morning in business for Kindergarten + Missionary work. Was at home most of the day. Then made more calls for the same interest + S. S. work. Carl + the girls went to C. E. meeting at Winifred Smith's.

### **Tuesday, January 30, 1900**

Severely cold. I was out a short time this morning and then went to Foreign Mis. Soc. in the afternoon at the church. Only four persons present, Mrs. Evans having the topic, the sec'y Miss Connins and myself. Snow was falling and wind blowing all afternoon.

Maggie Peebles was absent, the weather, and preparation for the Reading Club being two reasons.

Kentucky is almost in a state of war over the new Governor, Rep. Taylor being seated, the Dem. Gloebel contests and has been shot by some unknown person. Was out to Mrs. Silcox's.

### **Wednesday, January 31, 1900**

Very cold, mercury nearly down to zero.

Have been busy all day as usual.

The event of the day was the congressional meeting held this evening for the purpose of electing a pastor. Notwithstanding the extreme cold, quite a large number present. Mr. Scudder let the prayer-meeting after which Rev. Dr. Alderson came and presided over the business meeting, Mr. Johnson being clerk, Carl, Mr. Morgan and Will Richardson being tellers. When the first ballot was counted, Mr. John W. Parker of Greensburg Ind. Had 132 votes, Rev. Mr. W. Parker of Iowa O. and Mr. Kendall of Bloomingburg had 5 votes. It was made unanimous and the salary fixed at 1800.00. a fire occurred on Second St. during the meeting but only those who had business near there left the church + some of them returned.

### **Thursday, February 1, 1900**

Cold but mercury has risen a few degrees. Was over home to see Father + Mother. Wrote to Will, and enclosed a note to Jennie in a letter from Mary to Elizabeth.

Went to W. C. T. U. in the afternoon, and came directly home. Mary Peebles probably sailed from Boston this forenoon for Palestine.

Carl took May to 6<sup>th</sup> St. to a home talent concert. Phoebe Phillip + Mr. Huske were married today.

### **Friday, February 2, 1900**

Moderating a very little. The traditional ground-hog might have seen his shadow any time today.

Was over home twice. Saw Therza Spry there. Have taken a cold and am trying to cure it with "77." Have felt like doing nothing all day. May + her father went to hear the Temple Quartette at Bigelow.

Bessie Hall Titus' little daughter Grace, I suppose arrived this morning.

### **Saturday, February 3, 1900**

Moderated until the weather is quite comfortable and my cold is better. Was at home all forenoon and then went out after dinner. To Dr. Van Tine's, Mrs. Donoghy's, Mr. Ridenour's, then to see Bessie and the baby a few minutes. Mrs. Halderman was out, or I failed to see her anyway. Called upon Mrs. Frank Kinney and Mrs. Draper, stopping to see Father + Mother.

### **Sunday, February 4, 1900**

Rainy and disagreeable, 203 at S. S. and small congregation at church to hear Rev. Harry Cran.

We all attended S. S. but Margaret + I did not go out at night both having bad colds.

Regular Bi-monthly S. S. meeting was held in the afternoon at our church with small attendance owing to the rain and conflicting meetings.

### **Monday, February 5, 1900**

Bright again but very muddy. Wrote to Elizabeth. Had letter from Helen in Newton telling of her attempt to see Mary Peebles on the steamer, failing because of the crowd. Went to the first of the Reading Room course of lectures, one given by Judge Bannon, very able and interesting. Mrs. Jones and Maggie Mason called this PM.

### **Tuesday, February 6, 1900**

Cloudy but no rain. Was over home most of the forenoon, neither Father nor Mother feeling as well as usual.

Went to Home Mis., and Aid Society meetings in the afternoon. Mended on a tablecloth, made a new one + four tea towels.

Mary went to Clover Club, Saw an interesting letter from Barton Greene Jr. His experience in Oklahoma is hard.

### **Wednesday, February 7, 1900**

Rained. Worked on my darning.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Came home and the family had a game of dominoes with the new double-mines which Carl got lately.

We enjoy our evenings together more than I can tell, only missing the two absent ones very much, but their cheerful letters help reconcile us to their temporary absence.

### **Thursday, February 8, 1900**

Cold. Was busy as usual. Took work over home in the morning to sit with Mother then went to W. C. T. U. in the afternoon, after which I went to see Mrs. Jones and Maggie Mason. Was caught in the rain. On my way home I stopped to see Miss Kellogg.

### **Friday, February 9, 1900**

Weather not very pleasant but not so cold as it was this time last year. Have been mending table linen and bought one new cloth which is now ready for use.

Letters came frequently from Elizabeth, all full of cheerful accounts of her work. Went to see Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Williams.

### **Saturday, February 10, 1900**

Cloudy. Was busy all day as usual. May went to Industrial School in the afternoon.

I wrote to Julia Prichard and began a letter to Will.

### **Sunday, February 11, 1900**

Rainy. We all went to Sunday School and the usual church services, Dr. A. A. E. Taylor preaching for us.

Went over home to see Father + Mother.

Capt. Jas. P. Jack died at his house on 7<sup>th</sup> Street this evening, he was almost 84 years old.

## **Monday, February 12, 1900**

Rainy and dismal. Letter started to Will on early AM train. J + I went out to see Mrs. Jack this morning. Carl stayed there until midnight last night and will be there again tonight. I did an errand and then in the afternoon slept some time at Mrs. Drew's taking K- G this morning.

Wrote to Elizabeth this evening + sent them with Carl's letter.

## **Tuesday, February 13, 1900**

Rainy in the morning, cleared off and was windy in the afternoon. I went out and took the veils I borrowed for the funeral.

Dr. Alderson conducted Capt. Jack's funeral at his late home in the afternoon. I attended the services then went to out F. M. Soc. at the church but had no (?) to transact business so adjourned until the next regular day. Went to see Mrs. Miller.

## **Wednesday, February 14, 1900**

Clear and pleasant. Frosty in the morning.

Helen returned from Boston last evening and was over to see us after breakfast. She + May went house-hunting. In the afternoon she + I attended the Kinder-garten meeting at All Saints' chapel.

Had letters from Will today with a fine photo of him for myself. His father and Carl got the letters.

Prayer meeting in the evening.

## **Thursday, February 15, 1900**

Bright and pleasant but growing colder. Mrs. Anna Cook and her daughter Clara took dinner with us and the former made quite a visit, but Clara went to her office, having only recently opened an office on Second St. and begun the practice of medicine here. In the evening Margaret and I attended Temperance meeting at our church, Miss Covette being the speaker. Very few present owing to brief notice and other engagements.

## **Friday, February 16, 1900**

Ther 20° and snowing all day, soft wet snow.

Was over to see Father + Mother did housework and sorted up a lot of letters to be filed away for future reference.

C. L. S. C. met at Miss Kate Connins' on E. Third Street and J.W. harnessed Andy and took Maggie Peebles and me up then, then called for us about 9:15. There were nine present and we had a good meeting.



## **Saturday, February 17, 1900**

Ther 8° and still snowing lightly. Cold and clear all day. Was busy at home going over a lot of letters, tonight with packages, Will's + Elizabeth's + putting them away. Was over home before supper. Mrs. Taylor, Enos + Helen, + Dr. Williamson were here. Sister could not attend the Shakespeare club meeting at Margaret Sellards' on account of her cold.

## **Sunday, February 18, 1900**

Very cold. All went to S. S. as usual but we had no church service, this being the day the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres Ch. celebrates the twenty-fifth Anniversary of their Congregation, our congregation was invited to attend their services. I was not well enough to go so far in the cold so Jas + I went to Bigelow. Margaret was not well and only went to S. S. and C. E. Junior meetings.

## **Monday, February 19, 1900**

Still cold. Was busy at home all forenoon. Went to Relief Corps in the afternoon. Wrote to Elizabeth. Went to Concert at All Saints' chapel in the evening the third entertainment in the Reading Room courses. It was fine.

## **Tuesday, February 20, 1900**

Not quite so cold, and thawing, a little.

Sewed until I finished the black satin skirt I have been making from an old dress.

Mary went to Clover Club and Carl went three places before the evening was over. First to the Local Union C. E. meeting then to the Ladies Aid Social at Mrs. Knowles' and finally to Mrs. Draper's to the Clover Club upon her invitation.

Blanche Selby was here to borrow a dress for a Washington reception at Mrs. Hargett's.

## **Wednesday, February 21, 1900**

Raining and disagreeable. I was busy house-cleaning all day. Took down, washed + put up curtains, and worked hard all day, as did Mary also, getting ready for a Junior Social to be held here tomorrow.

Congressional meeting was held after prayer meeting which was led by Carl. It was decided to have free pews and make some other changes in case Rev. Mr. Parker comes to our church. Dr. Tappan wanted the change.

## **Thursday, February 22, 1900**

Rained all day with a little sprinkle of snow. The Junior Social kept us busy all day but it was a success and we did not regret the time spent upon it. About seventy were present including ten grown people.

Carl + I wrote to Will. Mary + her father went to hear George Kennan in the Bigelow course lecture on convict life in the mines of Siberia.

## **Friday, February 23, 1900**

Rain and snow all day. Have not felt very well. It was clear awhile after dinner and I went up to see Maggie Peebles who was not at home and later went to see Father + Mother. Helen was here to spend the evening.

## **Saturday, February 24, 1900**

Mild and light snow all day, turning colder in the afternoon. spent most of the day sorting over old receipts + papers of which there are a great many.

Anna Ross called this afternoon.

This is Jennie Ricker's birthday.

Jas had a letter from Uncle Drew Ricker today.

## **Sunday, February 25, 1900**

All went to Sunday School as usual though the extreme cold kept many at home.

We had our usual services with Dr. Taylor to preach morning and evening. we enjoy his sermons very much.

## **Monday, February 26, 1900**

Cloudy and windy. Housework and letters took up most of my time. Went to see Dr. Taylor about Libraries in general + Father's in particular this morning. Father is planning to sell his + I wanted to ask Dr. T. about such transactions.

## **Tuesday, February 27, 1900**

Cold and unpleasant. Busy at home in the forenoon. Spent the afternoon at Foreign Mis. Soc. where the election of officers resulted in re-election of the whole set. I being Pres. M- J Peebles Vice Pres. Sarah Connin Sec'y + Mrs. E. P. Treas.

Went to Kindergarten Fair in the evening, it was small but a financial success. Two letters from Will + one from Miss Ham in China today.

## **Wednesday, February 28, 1900**

Weather rainy with light snow. Heavy snowstorms in the north and west. Have been sewing a little and cleaning a little. Was over home as usual.

Went to prayer-meeting which was led by Miss M. J. Peebles. Since Dr. Tappan has been gone every available person is pressed into service in that capacity.

Mrs. Taylor is a chairman of the new prayer-meeting committee.

K + G Association meeting.

## **Thursday, March 1, 1900**

Dismal day with snow and light rain.

Busy at home as usual. After dinner Helen, Mrs. Taylor and I went to the Frances Willard meeting at Maggie Peebles' home. Had a pleasant meeting, with cake + lemon ice. Letter from Lizzie who seems to be improving. Wrote all evening, letters and reports.

## **Friday, March 2, 1900**

Rain and snow most of the day.

Had letter from Barton saying Virginia stood the surgical operations well and is recovering nicely. No particulars. Helen and I were out this afternoon, O on K-G business + house-hunting for the new lady doctor who is coming to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Mary Cotton. C. L. S. C. met at Maggie Peebles' this evening.

## **Saturday, March 3, 1900**

Beautiful day, much milder than yesterday. Was over home with some mending in the forenoon.

After dinner I went to see Mrs. Folsom a few minutes then to Mrs. Harsha's on an errand and finally made a long call upon Bessie and her baby.

Had letter from Barton saying Virginia is doing unusually well.

Jas. is at primary meeting tonight.

Margaret had a good letter from Lizzie Peebles this morning. She went to the Shakespeare Club at Grace Cotton's tonight.

## **Sunday, March 4, 1900**

Fair and rather mild. All went to Sunday School as usual. Had no church service so we went to hear Bishop Fowler at Bigelow. In the evening I went to C. E. meeting then, Helen + I went to All Saints' church and heard Mr. Herron preach from the text "Soft answer turneth away wrath."

## **Monday, March 5, 1900**

Rained a little. Was busy at home all morning. After dinner Maggie Peebles + Sarah Connins came to attend to some Foreign Mis. Work. Dr. Nye of Cin. called as agreed upon for Mary to go with her in search of a location for an office. She comes to succeed Dr. Mary Cotton. Mrs. Musser came to see about some C. L. S. C. books, Miss Firmstone brought magazines. After supper Jas, Helen, Mary, Carl + I went to hear Bishop Fowler + twenty minutes in a most interesting way. Wrote Elizabeth + Virginia.

## **Tuesday, March 6, 1900**

Rome rain, some sunshine. Mild and oppressive. Sewed some on my black skirt. Dr. Nye was here to report that she had found a suitable location + engaged it to be occupied in April.

Went to Home Mis. Society in the afternoon + remained to Aid Society. Letter from Libbie Fuller who is with Virginia + reports her doing well.

## **Wednesday, March 7, 1900**

Weather damp and rainy. Have been sewing some time. The event of the day was a reception given by the ladies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. Ch. to Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Titus who leave soon for London. Our Missionary Societies were invited to be present and quite a number went. Mrs. Taylor + I went together. May went with Lucy + Edith.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening + a meeting was held later to consider about a singing class being formed.

## **Thursday, March 8, 1900**

Bright and pleasant but very, very muddy. Was busy at home in the forenoon. At 2 PM went to W. c. t. U. then to Mr. W. K. Thompson's funeral at our church and sewed again. Finished off my black skirt and turned the front width in Margaret's blue cloth skirt this morning.

Helen is busy hunting a house.

## **Friday, March 9, 1900**

Pleasant. Sewed in the forenoon, and in fact until 4 PM when Margaret left for Cin. to see Dr. Satler, and then I went to make some business calls. Before dinner I went to see Ella McNeil but she was not in so I came home. I went to see Mrs. Storck at Haas + Schwartz and then up to Mrs. Bell's on C. L. S. C. business, then to Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Jenkins + Mrs. Caden.

May had company in the afternoon, Lucy Moore, Edna Davis + Marg't Sellards. We sent aprons + letters to Virginia for her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Teddy was taken to Harrisonville.

## **Saturday, March 10, 1900**

Rained in the night, cleared off later and was beautiful. Letter from Cousin Geo. Dimock in regard to father's library. Was busy at home all forenoon and spent the afternoon with Maggie Peebles and Miss Connins in making out programs for the Foreign Mis. meetings of this year. Carl had letters from Will. Carl tendered his resignation at the Bank to take effect July 1<sup>st</sup> but Mr. Reed does not want him to go. He has been with them for nearly eight years and has had his sales raised from 3.00 a week to 12.00 a year, never having asked for a raise but once.

## **Sunday, March 11, 1900**

Beautiful day. all attended Sunday School and the usual services, Dr. Taylor of Columbus preaching for us. Had a good attendance. I had eleven present in my class, besides the other class, which is without a teacher.

This is Barton + Virginia's twenty-fifth anniversary. Mother came over this afternoon, the first time for several months.

## **Monday, March 12, 1900**

Beautiful day but much cooler than yesterday. Wrote Elizabeth. Had letter from Jno Peebles enclosing one from Will which he had written to his Aunt E. Mary and I sewed, rather she sewed and I ripped the lining from two jackets which used relining. After four o'clock I went to see Mrs. McClure.

## **Tuesday, March 13, 1900**

Bright but cold. Was busy at home all forenoon.

After dinner Father wanted to be taken to the office, and afterwards Mother wanted to be taken a few squares. After that I did an errand at the Dyer house, then Aunt Mary Moore called after which I dressed and went to the social at Mrs. Isaac Miller's just in time to go home as many were leaving when I got there.

## **Wednesday, March 14, 1900**

Weather milder with some indications of snow or rain. Sewed some today. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Dr. Margin being the leader. Had a good meeting.

## **Thursday, March 15, 1900**

Awoke this morning to find everything covered with snow, the trees + ferns loaded, so my selection of Lowell's First snowfall for the C. L. S. C. meeting this evening came in appropriately after all. We met at Miss Oak's with only five members present but we had our lessons as usual. I was not out, expecting to go over home during the day.

## **Friday, March 16, 1900**

Snowy. It continued to fall at intervals all day and turned very cold in the evening. Rev. Dr. Frazer of Brazil Ind. came on the U + W evening train, which was late and we missed the Teachers' meeting but those who were there remained a little while to meet + talk with him.

It was our first Teachers' meeting for study in months.

## **Saturday, March 17, 1900**

Extremely cold. Ther 60° this morning. too cold to take the guest driving to see the city and he made his walks short. In the evening Dr. Kline, Mr. + Mrs. Taylor Mr. + Mrs. Johnson and Miss Stearnes called. He dined at Mr. Scudder's.

Had letters from Will, Mary had one also.

## **Sunday, May 18, 1900**

All went to S. S. and usual church services. Dr. Frazer preached tow very good sermons. His morning theme being the pre-eminence of Christ, in the evening he talked about Barbados the model investor. Does not use notes in the pulpit.

Was fair in the morning but began raining at noon, and continued all the rest of the day.

## **Monday, May 19, 1900**

Rainy and unpleasant. Letter from Lizzie Peebles at Hot Springs, wrote Elizabeth at Cin. Rev. Dr. Frazer left on the 7.10 train for his home at Brazil, Ind. Did not feel well and so did not do much in the forenoon. After noon, went to Relief Corps meeting. Rained steadily all evening. Wrote to Elizabeth as usual on Mondays.

## **Tuesday, May 20, 1900**

Very pleasant.

Was at home in the forenoon and went to For. Mis. Society in the afternoon. Had eighteen present and a very good meeting. Maggie Peebles always manages to make her days interesting. Mrs. Mary Pratt had a good paper on Affric and Maggie had several letters from her sister Mary written from Palestine which she read.

## **Wednesday, March 21, 1900**

A light snow fall on the roofs this morning which soon melted away.

Helen was here with her work. I finished a few birthday verses to be sent to her Grandfather for his birthday April 1<sup>st</sup> at her request. Was out in the afternoon and went to see Lena Kline Reed. Enjoy writing with her. Had a letter from Lillie Fuller saying Virginia had received a letter with 500.00 from Maggie Peebles which touched her so deeply that she had a backset and is not well.

## **Thursday, March 22, 1900**

Weather rather pleasant. Mother was over here al lone time this morning. I was out on an errand in the forenoon and then spent the afternoon making visits on church and K-G work. Went as far as Glover St. to see Mrs. Jenkins + Mrs. Marsh. also down to see Mrs. Helfenstein. Found a box of California oranges when I came home, a present from some friend.

Mrs. Geo. Carrett was here to dinner.

## **Friday, March 23, 1900**

Fair and mild with signs of rain soon. Sewed a little, made button holes, and went up to the K-G to say goodbye to Miss Kellogg as she leaves for spring vacation today. After dinner took Father to the office. They had election of officers + directors there today and Carl was made Treasurer and a director. I hope the change may be a good one for the business.

Margaret, Helen and I drove out to the Cemetery and were just leaving as Mrs. Iams' funeral arrived.

Wrote to Will and Sister Jennie.

## **Saturday, March 24, 1900**

Beautiful day. Spring like and delightful. Was busy at home in the forenoon and spent all afternoon at Maggie Peebles with her and Sarah Connins trying to complete the programs for the Foreign Mis. Societies for the year. Came home and found the Rev. Mr. Grubbs of Dayton here to stay over Sabbath.

## **Sunday, March 25, 1900**

Rainy and unpleasant. Jas. Mary + I represented our family at S. S. + church today, Margaret being in Columbus + Carl in Cin. Rev. Mr. Gibbs preached two very good sermons for us and we like him in the home. Think he would make a very good pastor. Text in the morning upon visions. The young men shall see visions, the old men dream, dreams.

Evening. Beheld I stayed at the door and knocked a real gospel sermon.

## **Monday, March 26, 1900**

Rained in the morning, cleared off beautifully and J. W. and Mr. Grubbs went out to see the town and make a few calls. I was busy at home all forenoon and went out to see the town and make a few calls. I was busy at home all forenoon and went out about 3 PM. Wrote to Elizabeth + Virginia in reply to one from Barton asking me to go and stay

awhile with her. Rev. Mr. Grubbs left for his home in Dayton this afternoon. Carl came home from Cin. Finished preparing the Foreign Mis. Programs for the year, and we have them ready to print. Carl + May went to hear Dr. Willetts. Wrote to Margaret.

## **Tuesday, March 27, 1900**

Mild, but rather windy and quite dusty. Ripped my black waist preparatory to making it over. In the afternoon went to see Bessie and her baby then called upon Mrs. Fairtrace, Miss Cochran + Mrs. Voorheis, also Mrs. Gharky who misses so greatly her sister Mrs. Iams.

Was over home in morning and up to Maggie Peebles + we went over the program for the last time. Took it and the paper to Mr. C. B. Taylor who will print them. Letter from Will who was in quarantine March 14<sup>th</sup> on his way to Eva to put up some machinery.

## **Wednesday, March 28, 1900**

Rather cloudy but no rain, a very short sleet in the evening. worked awhile on my waist then went out to do some K-G visiting with Mrs. Ives. Took some money to the meeting, or rather the Treasurer as there was no meeting. Was up to Mrs. Peebles, Maggie being new in Jackson. Called to see Mrs. Sparks.

Went to prayer-meeting which was led by Mr. Johnson.

## **Thursday, March 29, 1900**

Raw and disagreeable. Rain a part of the day.

Was at home all the forenoon then spent the afternoon with Mrs. Jno E. Miller and her L. S. U. friends. Helen being invited also.

## **Friday, March 30, 1900**

Very fair. Have been sewing a little today. Mary invited Miss La Croix to tea this evening and then added Enos and Helen to toe list. They all came and before we were through supper Margaret came home from Columbus. she had a pleasant visit with Mrs. Richards.

## **Saturday, March 31, 1900**

Pleasant though windy. We have all been busy today. Margaret getting ready for school again, May went to Industrial School.

Winifred Smith came to see Sister but she was out. I wrote to sisters Virginia and Elizabeth, also Will but his letter will not go before tomorrow evening. Mr. Gregg was in town but I did not see him. Left his evening.

## **Sunday, April 1, 1900**

Fair and pleasant.

all went to S. School and the usual church services. Rev. Mr. Arnold of Cleveland preached very acceptably both morning + evening. The Bi-monthly meeting of the S. S. Association was held in Bigelow and Mr. W. W. Gates chosen to fill the vacancy left by S. O. Titus who was president.

Letter came from Will who was still in quarantine. Helen's Grandfather Barnes is ninety years old today.

### **Monday, April 2, 1900**

Sunshine and shadow. Hard rain early. Election day and a large vote. The Vickers contest seems stronger than ever. Margaret and I cast our first vote this morning for the Anit-Vickers man on the school board ticket, Mr. Ben Bratt who was elected. After supper Mrs. Taylor + I went to call at Dr. Cotton's upon Rev. Mr. Arnold of Cleveland. Margaret, Carl, May, Julia Taylor, Helen + Bessie Smith went to C. E. meeting at the Knowles'. I wrote to Elizabeth.

Jackson left today.

Edith Prichard was here.

### **Tuesday, April 3, 1900**

Fair. The election news was all right for the Republicans. The School Board has elected now has enough Anit-Vickers men to make a tie in Board and there are strong hopes that the time has come when we can have a new Supt. but the tricks + slips have been so many that it may fail after all. I did not attend either the Home Mis. or Aid Society meeting today.

### **Wednesday, April 4, 1900**

Pleasant. Have had a busy day. Made preparations for the prayer-meeting which I was asked by Dr. Kline to lead, attended small K-G meeting and then went to church with Kate Connins to help her put a map of India on the black-board for the evening meeting. She was here to tea. The annual congregational meeting was held and Messrs. Sam Johnson and Henry Brown elected trustees for three years.

### **Thursday, April 5, 1900**

Rather windy and dusty. Was not feeling well and slept some during the day. In the afternoon went to W. C. T. U. meeting but came directly home. A gentleman called to see Jas. about going west. He wished to reciprocate for a small favor done him once when he was here in town, and a stranger. I went to bed before dark.

### **Friday, April 6, 1900**

Very dry, dusty and windy. Wrote to Virginia Greene + Elizabeth Peebles. Virginia is not yet able to be up and we have heard that Elizabeth has not been so well which accounts for her not writing. Miss Kellogg was here, Mrs. Sparks called also. I have felt a little better but not like doing much. Sister Mary had a letter from Barton which was very amusing.

### **Saturday, April 7, 1900**

Dry and dusty.

The girls went on the Ky hills this afternoon after Arbutus, but did not get much, it has been too cold for it to bloom.



Winifred Smith came this evening to stay a few days with us. Margaret Sellards was here and we went together to see Mrs. Finney who is awaiting the return of Walter from Cal. with Oscar's remains.

## **Sunday, April 8, 1900**

Bright and fair only we still need some fire. all went to S. S. as usual and the regular church services were held with Dr. Faye Walker in the pulpit. Attendance at Sabbath School and church good.

Winifred Smith spent the day and night here, Blanche Selby being still away from home.

## **Monday, April 9, 1900**

Dry and very dusty. so unpleasant that I dislike to go out of the house, still I did go for it seemed that we were not going to have any report sent to Presbytery, the elders all seemed to think it impossible to get one ready unless Mr. Scudder was here. Finally I persuaded Jas to go + get Mr. Damarin to go to Mr. S's office and get the necessary book + make the report with the help of Sam Johnson.

## **Tuesday, April 10, 1900**

Very dry, dusty and windy but sleeted a little after dark. Margaret, Miss Kellogg + Grace Cotton went after arbutus after school. Esther Cochran Lucy + Edith Moore, Helen and Miss Kellogg were here to tea. Wrote to Will.

Dr. Bing was buried this afternoon from 2<sup>nd</sup> church. Intended going but could not get off, there was too much to be done to leave it all with Mary, as Ruth went to a funeral. There has been a terrible flood in Texas, secondary only to the great Johnstown flood a few years ago.

## **Wednesday, April 11, 1900**

Rained some. Rather chilly and unpleasant. Went to Oscar Finney's funeral at 9:30 Am then came home and mended Margaret's dress. After dinner Mary and I sewed all afternoon.

Went to prayer-meeting in evening. Winifred smith stayed all night here. The School Board did some more high-handed work last night and proceeded accept Dr. Vicker's Resignation and re-elect him for a year, before the new Board could have a meeting.

## **Thursday, April 12, 1900**

Cloudy and cold. Fires still needed, though the buds are beginning before noon. Wrote to Will again. Had a letter from him. Mr. C. B. Taylor finished the printing of our W. F. W. S. programs and when they are tied in book form they will be ready for use. Elizabeth came home on the afternoon train to remain until next Monday. Is well and happy. Had not seem Helen for three years. Went to C. L. C. C. at Mrs. Dever's.

## **Friday, April 13, 1900**

A little raw and chilly with some wind.

Elizabeth went to K- G awhile this morning and Mary Julia Taylor. We began a new waist for E. and I did the tucking on it while the others were out. They went to see Bessie and the baby today. Wrote to \_ I forgot whom. Mrs. Fulton and Edith were here to see Elizabeth, also Miss Kellogg + Helen.

## **Saturday, April 14, 1900**

Pleasant. We were busy sewing and getting ready for company to tea. Dr. Nye, Miss Eva Nye Miss Kellogg and Julia Taylor were here.

We managed to finish Elizabeth's new red Henrietta cloth shirt waist so she will have it to take back with her. She got her hat fixed also and several necessary things done. Dr. Edwards is very sick with pneumonia and his many friends are anxious about him.

## **Sunday, April 15, 1900**

an ideal Easter Sunday, beautiful as it could be. We all went to S. S. and the usual services, Dr. Walker of Oxford College filled the pulpit morning and evening. In the afternoon J. W. Helen and I attended the children's service at All Saints' Church.

Was over home a little while as usual.

## **Monday, April 16, 1900**

Fine day. Elizabeth + May went to K- G again this Am and stayed awhile. Then did some errands, packed up and had guests to dinner. Edith + Eunice Prichard, Miss Kellogg. Then Dr. Nye and her sister came to go to the train with Elizabeth, as Miss Eva Nye was going home on the same train, so there was quite a party of them. Elizabeth + Edith were finally persuaded to go in the carriage though they all wanted to walk. Miss Kellogg found both her Father + Mother on the train coming here. I was at W. R. C. but called on her later.

## **Tuesday, April 17, 1900**

Pleasant though it rained quite hard in the morning, when Jas went to get Mrs. Biggs who came at noon and began cleaning upstairs. A letter from Barton said he might bring Virginia down tomorrow. I sent an immediate reply. I did some errands, and spent part of the morning writing.

Dr. J. F. Edwards is very ill with pneumonia at his room at Dr. Cotton's.

Mary made a new lounge pillow. She did not go to the Clover Club meeting this evening, not feeling well.

## **Wednesday, April 18, 1900**

An ideal spring day. Mrs. Biggs put in the whole day upstairs but is not quite done. I helped Mary on a sofa cushion cover, did odd jobs and wrote letters, to Elizabeth sister Lizzie, Mrs. Bagley, Pres. of Conf. Corps, Mrs. Macon, + Ed Assembly Herald. Maggie Peebles was here this morning. We got word that Virginia would not be here today. Mary is not well. Jas took ceiling off the front hall. I paid the Anderson's bill.

## **Thursday, April 19, 1900**

Another beautiful day.

The house-cleaning goes on with little help from me, there seems to be little chance for me to do regular work. Had card from Barton saying Jennie could come for a couple of weeks, at least. Wrote to her, also so Bertha Ketchum and Will. Jas sat up with Dr. Edwards last night and said the nurse thought he rested better last night. Mary is almost sick her cold is the kind that suggests pneumonia + I finally got medicine \_ insisted upon her taking it.

## **Friday, April 20, 1900**

Cloudy + light sprinkles.

Mary has been in the house all day with her cold.

Was out in the forenoon in the interest of K-G work. Wrote to Julia Prichard. Margaret put out new roses this spring and they have been in Mrs. Fulton's care for some time. Cherry tree is just beginning to bloom.

Helen was here to tea and most of the afternoon.

## **Saturday, April 21, 1900**

Fine day but it rained tonight. And there was a very heavy rain-fall in the afternoon. The girls were out in the carriage and got home just in time to escape it. I was out after K- G business, awhile. It was reported late that a heavy hail storm prevailed the country in places the hail stones were piled up to the depth of two feet.

## **Sunday, April 22, 1900**

Fine day. All went to Sunday School as usual and Dr. A. A. E. Taylor preached for us both morning and evening. Spent the day as usual.

## **Monday, April 23, 1900**

Delightful, rained in the night. Tucked the front + back of Margaret's new blue silk poplin waist. Wrote to Elizabeth. Mary had letter from her. I had letter from Mrs. Baylor and one from Virginia. Was out in the afternoon and in the evening went with Helen to a Musical at all Saints. Fine music which I greatly enjoyed. Margaret + May went over on the hills + got beautiful arbutus. 3 letters from Will.

## **Tuesday, April 24, 1900**

Beautiful day and getting warm. Sewed some and went out some in the forenoon then went to Foreign Society in the afternoon. Subject India and special interest was aroused by the accounts of the awful famine now prevailing there.

Wrote letters to Mary Ketchum Sisters Virginia + Elizabeth, + Elizabeth Peebles + Florence C. Margaret + Mary + some Juniors went on a long walk out north of the city, after school. Had good meeting.

## **Wednesday, April 25, 1900**

Fine weather.

Jas reports Dr. Edwards very much better and he is now probably out of danger, but has been very sick.

Mrs. C. G. Young had charge of the prayer-meeting this evening and according to promise I presented the subject of the great famine in India and asked for subscription to the Foreign Society, the sum of 24. 90 cents has been pledged so far.

### **Thursday, April 26, 1900**

Fine weather. Had Mother out in the carriage.

Went to kindergarten Mother's meeting in the afternoon.

Have been out a great deal trying to stir up the K-G interest.

### **Friday, April 27, 1900**

Beautiful day. The men finished putting on the ceiling in the hall at noon and I went after Mrs. Biggs who came and began cleaning the parlor after dinner. I was out in the carriage awhile. Wrote to Will this morning. Alex was here to dinner. Mary is not well and I went with Sister to Dr. Nye's where May was to meet them and go to an entertainment, but upon Dr.'s advice Mary took some medicine + came home.

### **Saturday, April 28, 1900**

Ideal spring day. House-cleaning has gone on all day and I was only over home a few minutes to take a letter from Richard, to his Father. Lizzie is still unable to write. John brought the letter.

Margaret + Mary have been out driving, or wheel riding most of the day. Mary still coughs and is hoarse but is taking medicine prescribed by Dr. Nye last evening. The girls took Dr. Nye + Miss Kellogg to Munn's Run this forenoon.

Margaret has gone to the Shakespeare Club Mary has been practicing with the orchestra.

### **Sunday, April 29, 1900**

Beautiful day. All went to S. S. as usual and attended the regular services.

Rev. Mr. Shepherd of Carrolton, Carrol Co. preached two excellent sermons for us. The morning text being taken from Solomon's Song, and the evening one from Acts, Saul's generic who art thou Lord?

Mary did not go out in the evening, she coughs badly and has some fever this evening.

### **Monday, April 30, 1900**

Another beautiful day.

Mrs. Biggs was sick so did not come today. Mary still coughs but is not taking her medicines and trying to get better. Was out in the forenoon with Mother. After four o'clock I took the horse and went after Miss Kellogg taking Anna Hamilton home and doing several errands then Miss K. and I went out to see Miss Prichard + Charlotte who have just returned from California. Miss Ruth is here and Julia will come tomorrow, all here to attend Stanley's wedding at Arion this evening to Emma Maglison. Dr. Margaret called to see us. She leaves today for her politician in the Pres. Horsfield (?)

## **Tuesday, May 1, 1900**

Fine weather. Mrs. Biggs was not well and did not come today. Mary and I have been improving the time in making her new gray skirt, which she cut out and basted and I have stitched. I am out a good deal and do not sew long at a time, but it is best for me so.

Carl had a nice letter from Mr. Tuthill saying the money Carl sent to be invested in candy for Will had been received.

## **Wednesday, May 2, 1900**

Weather fine. Have had a very full day Mrs. Biggs was here and I helped all day with the books and other things in the parlor. Congregational meeting in the evening elected Rev. Frank Arnold of Cleveland as pastor and telegraphed action to him. Regular call will be sent. Mary was not well enough to go out this evening.

## **Thursday, May 3, 1900**

Fine weather for our work. The painters began on the hall and soon put the first coat on. Mr. Gartner being the contractor.

In the afternoon I attended a Musicale at Mrs. Draper's where a fine program was rendered, it was quite a treat and I appreciated my invitation. I was out in the forenoon doing errands. Went to see Mrs. Jones, paid a bill at Patterson's and did several other things.

## **Friday, May 4, 1900**

Weather fine. The house cleaning has been going on all day, though I have not done the heavy part there was still enough for me to do. In the evening, I attended S. S. teachers' meeting at Mr. Scudder's where about fifteen were present and we were treated to ice-cream after the lesson.

## **Saturday, May 5, 1900**

Bright and pleasant. Mrs. Biggs came and worked until noon, about finishing up her part of the work. The painters finished the hall which is much improved, with the steel ceiling, a pretty pinkish drab + the sides green. In the afternoon I was out to preparatory lecture then came home and sewed, finishing Mary's gray skirt and doing some other things.

## **Sunday, May 6, 1900**

Pleasant. Rained very little last night. All went to Sunday School excepting Mary, it was damp today and she remained at home. Is better but not yet well. Dr. A. A. E. Taylor conducted Communion Service for us this evening, and preached in the evening. Mrs. Witten (Mrs. W. K. Thompson's niece) united with the church and with her little daughter was baptized also Mr. Kenny Fairtrace.

## **Monday, May 7, 1900**

Beautiful day but the rain of last night did not amount to much and it is still dusty. Had letters from Mrs. Bond and Dr. Mary Cotton, the latter sending 5.00 for Kindergarten. I wrote to Elizabeth. Went for a drive with J. W. and we went to see Julia Prichard. The Wallace Circus passed the house this AM went to see Dr. Nye, Miss Kellogg and Mrs. Labold this afternoon. Florence Crossley and Miss Thomas were here.

## **Tuesday, May 8, 1900**

Warm and dusty with wind and late in the day rain with lightning. Spent most of the day out on K G work and similar errands. Went to see Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Alderman, Miss Ross, Mrs. Labold. Made my call upon Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Thompson + her niece Mrs. Wither.

Carl had letter from Elizabeth. I wrote letter to Mrs. Crissman but did not get the money off, will send tomorrow, the money for the India Famine Fund.

## **Wednesday, May 9, 1900**

Weather warm and pleasant. Do not think of anything of special interest. I seem to be busy every moment and yet much that I do cannot even be remembered a few hours. Went to prayer meeting as usual. Letter from Rev. Frank S. Arnold saying he had decided to accept the call to our church was read this evening and that he would place to be here June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Thursday, May 10, 1900**

Very warm. This is Uncle Sam Moore's birthday. Had telegram this afternoon saying Virginia + Barton would be here on the evening train, 6:45, so I went to work to get ready for her. Went to see Miss Kellogg and her sister who had just come from home to make her a little visit + then to tell Mrs. Dever that I could not attend the C. L. S. C. at her house this evening. Virginia was very much exhausted when she came and was carried up to be at once.

## **Friday, May 11, 1900**

Pleasant. Barton left for home this afternoon on the 4. 33. Virginia is recovering from her trip nicely and we hope will soon begin to gain strength. Barton had her out in the buggy today for a drive and to do a little shopping. I went to S. S. Teachers' meeting. Grace Cross was leader.

## **Saturday, May 12, 1900**

Weather warm and dry. Have had a busy day. Margaret + Mary with Miss Kellogg and her sister Daisy took the Lucasville drive this forenoon, returning after 11 PM. They had their lunch with them and had a pleasant time. In the afternoon I took Mother and Virginia for a little drive. The orchestra did not meet and we missed the music we had hoped to hear.

## **Sunday, May 13, 1900**

Beautiful day but very warm. We all went to S. S. as usual, Virginia did not need anyone to stay with her and Helen came over and gave her breakfast and medicine.

Carl + I went there in the evening. It seems too far to go to the Second Pres. when the weather is hot, besides we were late getting home from Sunday School.

## **Monday, May 14, 1900**

Beautiful day, but very dusty and quite warm.

Wrote a hurried letter to Elizabeth.

Mary's improving all the time, her cough is all gone.

## **Tuesday, May 15, 1900**

Warm day and dusty. Virginia seems to be gaining a little each day and goes over home without help, but cannot go up and down steps, except with help or by crawling. She does not see company, outside of the family, when it can be avoided.

Has been out in the buggy each day except Sunday.

## **Wednesday, May 16, 1900**

Warm and dry. all signs of rain fall. Margaret is not feeling well and May is better. She went to prayer-meeting this evening, the first time in several weeks.

Have sewed a little. Mary is making yokes for Margaret's night dress + I am helping make them.

I went to see Cora Dammert whose father died Saturday and the Phillipi girls whose mother died today. The girls all belonged to my S. S. class. also stopped to see Mabel + Martha Poppenleger.

## **Thursday, May 17, 1900**

Warm and dry and dusty. At noon it was hot. Mary took Mother, the Virginia out for a drive then I took John out to the Cemetery to take some measurements with Barton. After dinner I went up to Famine Fund through the W. F. M. S. Carl got me a duplicate draft for all the money sent for the money sent Jan. 2, 1900 for the Assembly Altered but which went astray.

## **Friday, May 18, 1900**

Prospect of rain but the day was pleasant. I did nothing until after Barton, Virginia + Churchill left on the 10. 28 train for home. Mrs. McGuin and Mrs. Lake called this forenoon, Mrs. M. has been attending the M. E. Mis. Soc. Con. Julia Prichard was here, she is going to apply for a position in the schools here. Went to S. S. Teachers' meeting in the evening. Maggie Peebles brought invitations to an evening company at her home next week, also rec'd cards to Mary Brown's wedding.

## **Saturday, May 19, 1900**

The rain which began last night continued all day and night a fire was necessary to comfort. Have sewed all day. Did not go anywhere except over home a little while. Had nice strawberries and Mary sent us some ice-cream. Mary had a fine letter from

Elizabeth. I marked the new flag for the S. S. it is a beauty and only cost \$5.85. My gray silk waist was finished.

## **Sunday, May 20, 1900**

Beautiful day, as nearly ideal as we ever have. All went to S. S. and the morning service excepting Carl who drive to a S. S. meeting in the country where Mr. Bragdon had promised to sing. They returned at noon. Dr. Biggor, Synodical Missionary preached for us in the morning. Had no evening service. Jas + I went to Bigelow in the evening and heard Mr. Hargett.

## **Monday, May 21, 1900**

Weather beautiful and pleasant. Wrote to Lizzie Peebles and Elizabeth Ricker. Was out on K. G. business and making calls both morning and afternoon. Called to see Mrs. Towne at Mrs. Lodwick's and during the day made calls, business or social upon Mrs. Ives, Miss Ross, Mrs. Scudder, Mrs. Donoghny Mrs. Caskey, Miss Moore, Mrs. Horchow, Mrs. Esselborn, Mrs. Pursell + her guests, Mrs. McClain + Mrs. Silcox. Attended W. R. C. in afternoon.

## **Tuesday, May 22, 1900**

Fine day and I have been out most of the day. Went early to the lower side of town to visit some Mothers. Had letter from Virginia saying Robert is sick and they need Elizabeth. Took the letter up to Maggie Peebles + saw Maggie Coles there. Came home and sewed on Margaret's skirt. After supper went to see Miss Nettie Jackson on C. E. S. C. business. Quite cool this evening.

Dr. Nye was here to supper in formally.

## **Wednesday, May 23, 1900**

Another delightful day with a light rain in the evening. Sewed all forenoon then went out after dinner to Mr. Bedell's, afterwards in the carriage then went to Mrs. Prichard's. Brought Miss Kellogg in from there. Will's letter about the Honolulu Kindergarten came today in one from Elizabeth. It is very interesting. Elizabeth Peebles went to Zanesville today to take care of Robert who is sick with Typhoid Malarial Fever. Prayer-meeting.

## **Thursday, May 24, 1900**

## **Friday, May 25, 1900**

Fine weather. Mary went to Ashland this noon on the C + O with Maggie Coles. Went to Mrs. Hattie Peebles' to visit Frances for a few days. F. and Charlie graduate this evening. After dinner I took Mother for a little ride, then Margaret drove and I went to see Mrs. Barton and Mrs. York neither of whom were at home. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. After dinner I took out Mary's packaging alumni invitations and Rob Bryan gave 1.00 for KG.



## **Saturday, May 26, 1900**

Beautiful day. Margaret took the Juniors to Yorktown for a picnic, Helen and some of the larger girls going also. I was out in the morning and called upon Mrs. Esselborn who gave 5.00 for the Kindergarten, then to Mrs. Evans' to take some magazines, then to Mrs. Alderson's who gave me 1.00 for the K-G.

In the afternoon I called to see Miss Kellogg but she was gone to Mrs. Holman's but saw not one of them though the Misses Smith were at home. Called on Cora Dillow + her baby.

## **Sunday, May 27, 1900**

Beautiful day. All went to S. S. as usual excepting Mary who is in Ashland. Pro. Schaft of Lane Seminary preached both morning and evening. In the afternoon the usual Memorial services were held at All Saints' church, with a fine sermon by Rev. Mr. Herron pastor of the church. Everything in connection with it was beautifully arranged.

## **Monday, May 28, 1900**

Rainy most of the day. Wrote to Elizabeth as usual. I started out several time bus came back because of the rain, which at time was hard. Finally went and attended to some errands. Went to Mrs. Kline's but she was not at home. Amy Wilson is here and Lena has gone to Washington C. H. to assist in an entertainment. Watched the solar eclipse from 7:30 to 8 AM The clouds served as a smoked glass and at times we had good views.

## **Tuesday, May 29, 1900**

Rained all day and the prospect for tomorrow is not bright. The flowers are abundant but the hard rain will beat them to pieces. We held our regular Foreign Mis. meeting this afternoon. with a small attendance. Came home between showers. It did not rain while we were at the church C. L. S. C. met here this evening with six present.

## **Wednesday, May 30, 1900**

Rained hard early in the morning + sprinkled in the forenoon but the entire afternoon was delightful and Memorial Day was a success, so far as program and attendance + weather was concerned. The general public still heap the flowers upon the family graves, so it takes all that can be gathered to make the soldiers' graves look as though they had been remembered.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Mary Peebles returned from her long trip to Palestine this morning at 7 o'clock.

## **Thursday, May 31, 1900**

Beautiful and delightful day. Spent the forenoon driving. took Mother, Mrs. Jones E. miller + Mrs. Jones out to the Cemetery to see the flower, then I went a second time and took sister Mary and little Helen Hosey out the same trip to see the flowers. Stopped to see Mrs. Mark Selby about K-G. spent the afternoon at W. C. T. U. and in making calls in the interest of K-G had five contributions of 1.00 each. Miss Kellogg was here to tea and to make her farewell visit as she goes home tomorrow.

Had letter from Mary who is in Ironton and having such a busy time visiting that she may stay until next week.

Mrs. Sellards was here after tea.

### **Friday, June 1, 1900**

Weather about perfect. I wrote to Will today, also sent a note to Elizabeth by Miss Kellogg who finished her work and went home. The kindergarten closed this forenoon and the results of the year are, most gratifying. Two of the girls Edith Prichard and Anna Hamilton have finished their studies \_ successfully passed their examinations. Went to S. S. Teachers' meeting.

### **Saturday, June 2, 1900**

Delightful weather, not hot and no dust. Was busy all forenoon doing errands, or trying to close up the K-G business. Went to Mrs. Labold's two or three times. She, with her husband and daughter left today for a trip to Europe.

Judge Bannon gave me 5.00 for the kindergarten which will almost finish paying the year's expenses.

Richard and Lizzie came home from Hot Springs on the C + O train this afternoon. She does not look much better than when she left. Shakespeare Club met here tonight.

### **Sunday, June 3, 1900**

Beautiful day. All went to S. S. as usual, excepting Mary who is still away. We had no service so we went to All Saints' in the morning and Bigelow in the evening. We hope to have a pastor next Sunday.

### **Monday, June 4, 1900**

Pleasant. I wrote to Elizabeth as usual and had a letter from Will. Jas went on the early train to Akron to attend the Sunday School Convention. I arose at 4 o'clock to make a cup of coffee for him. I took Mother to see Lizzie this morning and then after dinner she wanted to call upon Mrs. Ruggles so I took her there but Mrs. R. not being in, she went again to see Lizzie.

### **Tuesday, June 5, 1900**

Pleasant but growing warm. Was out most of the morning no- I was busy at home and was out all afternoon. Went to Home Mis. Soc. and Aid Society meetings then to Chantiqua Circle in the evening. Helen is busy with her house cleaning getting the house ready for the paint and paper. I called upon Mrs. Ruggles at Mrs. Dennis'.

Mrs. Dan McFarland was buried this afternoon.

### **Wednesday, June 6, 1900**

Warm, with heavy rain at noon, + more later in the day. Letter from J. W. which I answered. Mrs. Titus brought me a letter from Will, to read and the shells he sent her, for me to see. I was out to Mrs. Bannon's this morning to see Jose Murfin who has come to the William-Brown wedding. Took Mrs. Cook with me. Went to see Lizzie Peebles.

Mary came home from Ashland. We hoped to have Mr. Arnold at prayer-meeting but he did not come on the 7 o'clock train so Carl led the meeting which was a very good one.

### **Thursday, June 7, 1900**

Very warm. Was busy at home until time to attend the W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon. After that I went to the Kindergarten Association meeting at All Saints' church, and from there came home.

The Association re-elected the old officers and added there new vice-Presidents Mrs. Marsh, Dr. Alderson and Dr. Nye hoping to have a strong Executive Board.

### **Friday, June 8, 1900**

Cloudy with some rain in town but the Alumni reunion at Camp McColloch escaped a drenching this year though the clouds gathered and the distant thunder muttered a threatening. Jas did not return from Akron until too late to go so our family was represented by May and myself. Margaret being too tired to go and Will + Elizabeth being away.

Mr. Arnold came to Portsmouth this afternoon, as did also Margaret + Richard Peebles. Elizabeth had to stay + care for Robert who is still sick.

### **Saturday, June 9, 1900**

Fair and warm. Was busy at home all day or until late in the afternoon when I went over home to the tea party given for Mrs. Ruggles, Dr. R's mother. Rev. Mr. Arnold made his first appearance socially there this evening the other guests being Dr. + Mrs. Scudder, Mr. + Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Dr. Cotton Jas + myself. Enos did not come home, but Helen was there. All our family were there + Father sat at the table.

### **Sunday, June 10, 1900**

Bright and warm. This being Children's Day at our S. S. was upstairs at 10 o'clock and the address was made by Rev. Frank Arnold who made his first appearance since he was called to the pulpit. His first sermon was preached in the evening to quite a good audience.

This is Mr. + Mrs. Peebles 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary but the celebration was yesterday. After the Bi-monthly meeting in the afternoon at the Christian church, Jas + I stopped at Mr. Peebles to see Lizzie.

### **Monday, June 11, 1900**

Very warm and bright. Wrote to Will + Elizabeth then May and I cut out Elizabeth's blue dress.

After tea took the box + book up to Mary Peebles, Treasurer of the Foreign Mis. Society. Made Lizzie a visit while waiting for Mary to return from the Reading Room.

She is still unable to sit up.

## **Tuesday, June 12, 1900**

Warm, with promise of rain which was not fulfilled. I went in the morning to see Mary Peebles and we went over the Foreign Mis. Treas. books + accounts. Made a short call in Lizzie's room then came home to sew on Elizabeth's graduating dress. Helen was here nearly all day. After supper Jas. Helen + I went for a drive and took Anna Hamilton out to see Edith Prichard, + afterward drove around the Boulevard. Came home and found Mary + Mr. Powers on the steps with no key to open the home.

## **Wednesday, June 13, 1900**

Weather pleasant. In fact we have had very little that was unpleasant this summer. Mary and I have been working on E's dress. We went to prayer-meeting with a feeling of relief and pleasant anticipation this evening for there was a pastor to take charge of the meeting. The attendance was fair but not as large as it should be, or has been at times during the past year.

## **Thursday, June 14, 1900**

Pleasant. An event of general interest among us was the arrival this evening of Mr. Arnold's wife and two little girls though I did not see them. Have had a very busy day.

Have been making the skirt of Elizabeth's new light blue dress to be worn at Kindergarten commencement next week.

## **Friday, June 15, 1900**

Beautiful day. We celebrated Carl's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday by putting new red + white matting on his floor. I with Mary's help took up the old carpet. I cleaned the floor then with a little help from Jas. put down the new matting. Mary + I each gave him four new hdkfs.

In the evening a new surrey which he bought for family use was brought home. It is very handsome + comfortable, having been built partly to his order.

## **Saturday, June 16, 1900**

Fine weather. Have had a busy day as usual. Mary R. + Helen went to Cin on the C. P. + V in the morning returning about 11 PM on a special train. Helen went to get some carpet border + May went to help her shop + to see Elizabeth. Margaret had Ethel and Helen Arnold + Ethel Sparks here to spend the day. I went to call upon Stephen Smith's family but his wife was not at home + I only saw their three little girls.

It was cloudy but pleasant all day.

## **Sunday, June 17, 1900**

Beautiful day. all went to S. S. as usual. Rev. Mr. Arnold preached his first regular morning + evening sermons today and made a good impression. Mrs. Arnold and the little girls made their first appearance in church.

Mother not at all well and I sat with her all the afternoon.

## **Monday, June 18, 1900**

Delightful weather. Mother sick + I spent most of the day with her. Wrote to Elizabeth, Will, Helen Ellis + sister Virginia sending her letter to Oklahoma in care of Bartie. Put new facing + binding on Margaret's gray skirt. Went to W. R. c. meeting then returned to Mother. Sister Elizabeth celebrated her birthday by coming down to make short calls. Margaret brought her in the new surrey. Helen busy getting the house ready to move into.

## **Tuesday, June 19, 1900**

Warm. Was busy all morning at home then I went to Aid Society meeting at the church where plans were completed for a reception to be given Mr. + Mrs. Arnold, next week. Had our last regular C. S. L. C. meeting in the evening at Mrs. Trenthart's. Maggie Peebles, misses Oakes, Grimm + Worley, Mrs. McColm + I in addition to the Misses Alice + Bertha T. + their mother were present.

## **Wednesday, June 20, 1900**

Pleasant but warm. I spent forenoon getting the C. L. S. c. business straightened up for the year then got ready to go to Cin on the 4:15 Ohio Valley train. Elizabeth met me and we went to Mrs. Merrill's where I found supper had been kept for both of us. Met Mrs. Richardson and Natali Merrill of whom I had heard so often also Miss Gates + Mitt Fitcher. Retired about 10 o'clock.

Little Tatters, Margaret's pet canary died this morning and we shall miss him very much.

## **Thursday, June 21, 1900**

Fine day, but it looks like rain and in the evening was windy + cool. E. + I did some shopping and then went out to call upon Mrs. James who spoke highly of all our Portsmouth girls + their excellent work. Two of the three best in the first year class were Edith + Anna and there was only one higher than Elizabeth in the Normal class and her music (vocal) was what kept her back from higher standing. Attended Lain Fete in Clifton in the evening.

## **Friday, June 22, 1900**

Showery. Went to Madisonville in the rain and saw Mrs. Fuller and Jennie. Returned at 11 o'clock and went after Elizabeth's waist which is pretty. after dinner Laura Todd, Elizabeth + I went to the Commencement at Kindergarten Hall in Avondale and E received her diploma. Mrs. James and others spoke highly of her work and I found she had made many friends during her stay in Cin. We were invited to Mrs. Kellogg's to tea and I went. E. could not. Edith + Anna received their certificates with highest distinction, + were a credit to themselves + friends.

## **Saturday, June 23, 1900**

Very warm. Clear in the forenoon, thunder + rain late in the day. I arose early and got ready for the train. At 8 o'clock E and I left on the Ohio Valley for home, and the household seemed loathe to part with her. Reached home at 11:30 o'clock, had dinner

and saw the families. I then went to make inquiries about Anna Hamilton's family, called to see Lizzie Peebles, Anna Ross and Drs. Nye + Clara Cook. Also made my first call upon Helen in her new home. Rec'd photos of Honolulu Kindergarten from Will.

### **Sunday, June 24, 1900**

Very warm. All went to S. S. and the usual church services.  
It is very pleasant to have a pastor and our own services.

### **Monday, June 25, 1900**

Warm and wet.  
Have been visiting with Elizabeth and enjoying having her at home.  
Margaret + Mabel Russell went after ferns this forenoon and were gone until noon. It was a hot trip. Wrote to Mrs. Merrill, to thank her for her kindness + E + myself.

### **Tuesday, June 26, 1900**

Weather warm and wet. Rained again today. Margaret was busy all day preparing for the reception which was given in the evening at church for Mr. + Mrs. Arnold.  
Miss Darlene Schofield came on the evening train to visit May and we had supper then went to church and spent the evening, about 300 people were there. We had our Foreign Mis. Meeting at Mrs. Cotton's. Will Lorey's funeral was held in the church in the afternoon.

### **Wednesday, June 27, 1900**

Very warm and moist. Frequent showers kept the river stirred up but do not help the farmers much. Think we shall enjoy Mr. Arnold as a pastor. We all received cards to Julia Tappan's wedding which occurs July 11<sup>th</sup> at Oxford. Wm. Bell Langsdorf being the groom.

### **Thursday, June 28, 1900**

Very hot and showery. Was not up to see Lizzie this morning, but Mary went. She is very weak and unable to go up or down stairs. If she improves at all it is very slow. Late in the afternoon Jas + I drove out to do some errands and found it very muddy.  
It is sixteen years today since Enos and I sailed from new York for our European trip, and I made the acquaintance of Mrs. Bond.

### **Friday, June 29, 1900**

Fine day for the S. S. picnic at Scioto Furnace but I was afraid to venture out because of the stiffness in back + joints so Carl and I remained at home and dined with Enos and Helen, their first guests in their new home. She got her last carped put down today, after I left I rested and read up in my Greek Art in the afternoon. The picnic party came home all right and reported a fine day. Hard rain after they came back. Wrote to Mabel Campbell, Sec'y of the C. L. S. C. of 1900.  
Hard rain after supper.

## **Saturday, June 30, 1900**

Fine day and delightful after the rain. Have been sewing nearly all day on Elizabeth's clothes. Mended a lawn dress and cut the train off her serge. Took Mother out after dinner for a little while. Made the last of my Home Dept. calls. This was Carl's last day at the Bank where he has been now for a little more than eight years. I trust the change he has made will not be a mistake. Elizabeth, Mary + Darlene went to Helen's to tea.

## **Sunday, July 1, 1900**

Warm but pleasant. A most beautiful day and rather cool in the morning.

Attended S. S. and the usual church services which I enjoyed very much. It is goof to be settled again with our own regular services.

## **Monday, July 2, 1900**

Very warm. Have been busy all day. Helped Ruth quite a good deal as we have company and she is not well.

Had letters from Will. Elizabeth left on the 5:45 C. P. + V. train for Cin, to go to Terrace Park with the Kindergarten for their Air Outing. I went to see Lizzie Peebles this, also Nettie Jackson and Ella Robb. Gertrude Oakes came to see me in the afternoon. Read C. L. S. C. in the afternoon.

## **Tuesday, July 3, 1900**

Very hot and close. Have had a full day getting ready for the picnic, sewing a little and reading a little C. L. S. C. work. Am almost through. The papers contain news of a dreadful fire at the pier in Hoboken where many lives were lost on the S. S. Soale. The war news from China is most distressing. Wrote to E. V. R. Ed. Schofield came home from Ironton to attend our picnic. J. W. + I took Mrs. Silcox + Janet driving.

## **Wednesday, July 4, 1900**

An exceptional day since we had our picnic at Turkey Creek and it did not rain on us though east of town it rained hard. Our party consisted of ourselves excepting Elizabeth who is at Terrace Park + Will who is in Honolulu, so there were five us. Bess Pixley, Darlene Scofield and her brother Ed, Dr. Edwards + Mr. Bragdon and Winifred Smith. We had an unusually pleasant day, at least all who went expressed themselves in enthusiastic terms.

Prayer-meeting was post-poned on account of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Thursday, July 5, 1900**

Warm. We all felt rather tired after our day in the country and did not do much but rest today. The girls did not get up until nearly noon. Mrs. Barr and Ella Robb called and invited Carl, Mary and Miss Scofield to an evening party tomorrow evening. They were invited to tea with Lucy + Edith Moore this evening. Carl could not go, the others did and then all went to prayer-meeting.

## **Friday, July 6, 1900**

Warm with beautiful nights. The young people went to Crichton Inn this evening. I went to see Lizzie who is still feeling badly. She is so very nervous that the fewer persons she sees, the better, excepting those who wait upon her. Mother is very miserable also and needs constant care and attention.

## **Saturday, July 7, 1900**

Weather very warm. Was busy all forenoon. Went to preparatory service at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and afterwards I started to make a short call for two on C. L. S. C. and Sunday School business but when I stopped to see Lizzie Peebles I found her feeling so sick that I decided to remain all night with her, as Mary has been taking the principal care of her at night.

## **Sunday, July 8, 1900**

A very warm day. I came home early but did not feel able to go to S. S. As it was Communion day and Mr. Arnold's first service of the kind I felt I must attend the service, and then went again in the evening, to stay with Lizzie who is still very sick.

There were twenty-two persons received into the church this morning, some by letter others upon profession. A number being from the S. S.

## **Monday, July 9, 1900**

Warm. I came home from Mr. Peebles' after breakfast and took a nap. Slept some in the afternoon but it was too warm to do any good.

Miss Scofield went home this evening on the 6:45 train.

Margaret and Winifred Smith left on the early C. P. + V. train for Oxford to attend Julia's wedding.

## **Tuesday, July 10, 1900**

Very cool early in the morning but when the sun was up it became very warm again. I sat up with Lizzie Peebles until 4 o'clock AM then came home without a wrap and was quite cold. Slept much of the day and was taken sick in the night. Three consecutive nights of sitting up was too much for me.

Went to see Mrs. Ross to ascertain whether she could stay night with Lizzie.

## **Wednesday, July 11, 1900**

Warm. Just after midnight I was taken sick and continued so, until finally Jas went to the Dr. and got some medicine for me.

Was sick all day and unable to get up. In the evening there was no one to represent the family at prayer-meeting excepting Jas, Mary + Carl.

Julia Tappan and Prof. Wm. B. Langsdorf were married this evening at Oxford, O. Margaret + Winifred Smith were present.



## **Thursday, July 12, 1900**

Weather warmer, and oppressive. I got up before noon and came downstairs up could not remain up all the time. Ruth swept and put the dining room in order which completed the job for this week. Sister and Elizabeth came home on the 9 o'clock train, the former from wedding at Oxford and the latter from Terrace Park.

Elizabeth will now be at home for her vacation.

## **Friday, July 13, 1900**

Very warm.

Have not been able to do much, not being well and the weather so oppressive.

Could not go to the teachers' meeting this evening. The news of the trouble in China grows more and more distressing and it is more than probable that many foreigners there have been murdered. Thirty-seven years ago today the Union gunboats reached Yazoo City, Miss where we then lived. Letter from Will contained money for a trip.

## **Saturday, July 14, 1900**

Weather. Very hot and dry. Went up to see Lizzie and found little change in her, she is a little better.

Elizabeth went to stay all night with Helen and the other girls spent the evening there. Jas + I took Miss Nettie Jackson who was not at home. We drove around the street fair building and then Miss Jackson treated us to ice-cream soda.

## **Sunday, July 15, 1900**

Hot. All went to S. S. and the usual morning services. Mary Peebles reported Lizzie a little better. Was going to see her after dinner but went first to see Mother who felt so badly that I remained with her.

I gave Jas a new China cup and saucer for his birthday.

Went to church in the evening.

Mary stayed all night with Helen.

## **Monday, July 16, 1900**

Very hot and oppressive. Went up to see Lizzie and found her a little better and Margaret not well. Mother a little better. The girls and I sewed, Mary doing the most.

The street fair opened today with a parade which we missed, it being dinner time.

Wrote to Virginia. also to Miss Kate Kimball Sec'y of the c. L. S. C.

Went to Relief corps meeting, and afterwards went to see Mrs. Miles at Mrs. Helfenstein's.

## **Thursday, July 17, 1900**

Weather very, very warm. Was busy at home all the forenoon and then went about 11 AM and stayed with Lizzie all the afternoon. She had a quiet, restful time, but it was not without effort on her part and there was reaction later. a wind storm came up just before supper time and I hurried home. Very little rain fell. Sister Virginia came this evening. We had no telegram and were not expecting her.

## **Wednesday, July 18, 1900**

Extremely warm. All signs of rain failed. Weather hard on people generally. News from China indicates war with the world. Great anxiety felt for all foreigners in China.

Was not up to see Lizzie today. We were very busy sewing, all four of us being engaged in it. Took Miss Jackson the last of the money for the C. L. S. C. books, that from Mr. + Mrs. Bell. Went to prayer-meeting Mr. Arnold talked on the topic assigned by Com. Social to save.

## **Thursday, July 19, 1900**

Rained some. Was cloudy much of the afternoon. Went up to Helen's and saw Virginia then we both went to see Lizzie Peebles but Mr. Peebles had decided to see no one this morning and was asleep when we were there. We did an errand or two down town then she went back to Helen's + I came home. The three girls have been sewing busily all day. Mrs. Barr and Ella Robb called. I wrote to Maggie Peebles, Anna Hamilton and Miss Kellogg. Letter from Helen Ellis.

## **Friday, July 20, 1900**

Hot. Heavy clouds but all went around and we had little rain. The Wild West Show parade in the morning took some of our time, Jas + Margaret with all four of the Peebles children went to the show in the afternoon. I went with Carl and his party in the evening upon his urgent invitation. Elizabeth and May, Mr. + Miss Scofield being the others. The horsemanship and shorting on the main features together with some remarkable acrobatic performances.

Darlene + her brother came at 4:15 PM.

## **Saturday, July 21, 1900**

Hot, with clouds, thunder and a hard shower in the afternoon. I took Virginia to call upon Mrs. Buskirk, then to see Lizzie Peebles. Mrs. Adair called to inquire the name of her new son-in-law in Honolulu as she couldn't make it out in Allie's letter. Porteous is the name, which Will had written us. Mary decided to go home with Miss Scofield this afternoon so there was some hurrying around to get ready. Margaret took the girls and Carl to the train at 6:45 PM.

Jas Cook died this evening.

## **Sunday, July 22, 1900**

Pleasant after the rain. Elizabeth stayed last night with Helen but came home in time to go to S. S. so she and Margaret were there. We attended the usual services and I went to the Christian Church in the afternoon to attend a meeting called for the purpose of planning a campaign against cigarettes. Had called to see the Cook family before going to the meeting. A rain came up before supper. attended church in the evening.

## **Monday, July 23, 1900**

Pleasant but pretty warm in the sun. Went to see Mother, then to Mr. Peebles' to see Lizzie who is very sick and seems to get no relief. Late in the afternoon Jas and I

went to Jas Cook's funeral. Mrs. Hull and Miss Maggie Firmstone went to the Cemetery with us.

## **Tuesday, July 24, 1900**

Very warm. I went to Miss Hen's about my dress skirt which she is putting on the belt for me, to make it hang right. Did several errands and went to the Cemetery before I finished.

Rained hard again. Elizabeth went to stay all night with Edith Prichard and will not be home until tomorrow evening.

## **Wednesday, July 25, 1900**

Poured down tonight and we got pretty wet coming from prayer-meeting. Had a congressional meeting to discuss a change in church hymn books and it was decided to make a change to the new book published by the Pres. Board.

I was with Lizzie most of the day, all forenoon and part of the afternoon. Mrs. White cut her hair short today. Elizabeth came home.

## **Thursday, July 26, 1900**

Very hot. Was busy all forenoon at home doing things necessary to be done. Was with Mother all afternoon as she is feeling so very badly. Did not go to W. C. T. U.

Had letter from Mary. Mrs. Hull was here to call this morning. She is visiting the Mrs. Firmstone.

## **Friday, July 27, 1900**

Pleasant, the rain of last night having cooled the air + settled the dust. Elizabeth had letter from Clara Ricker + Jas had one from Charlie both stating Uncle Drew's condition very serious. Spent part of the morning with Lizzie P. who suffers greatly with the pain in her head. She changed physicians this evening to try Arthur Moore. I spent part of the afternoon with Mother who seems a little better. Wrote to Virginia, Clara + Maggie Peebles + Mary.

## **Saturday, July 28, 1900**

Warm. Have had a busy day. Carl went to Ironton this afternoon, so there are only four of us at home, and frequently one or more are away to a meal

## **Sunday, July 29, 1900**

Pleasant. Went to S. S. and attended the usual regular services. Mr. Arnold gave the first of his series of three Lectures on China and the Chinese. Large audience Carl was not here today so we missed both him + Mary. Elizabeth had three new dresses for her birthday, none of them made up.

## **Monday, July 30, 1900**

Pleasant. Went to see Lizzie and was there most of the morning. She does not seem to improve much. It has now been more than two years since she was taken down with

this sickness and she has never been freer from pain ever since. I wrote to Mary in Ironton this morning.

## **Tuesday, July 31, 1900**

Weather warm. Was busy at home in the forenoon and then went to Foreign Mis. meeting in the afternoon at the church. Helen Moore had charge of the topic, Siam + Laos, and Margaret conducted the devotional exercises. Had fifteen present and a very good meeting. Richard has done the lettering on our C. L. S. C. class souvenir, put on the roll of twenty members and the class mottoes. It is a very pretty set of cards gray gold, by Grace Cotton. The names of the graduates are Rev. W. F. Filler, wife + daughter Mrs. Elizabeth F. Ewing, Mr. + Mrs. W. E. Bell, Mrs. Trenthart, Alice and Bertha, Alice + Kate Connins, Ella Grimm, Blanche Worley, Gertrude Oakes, Mrs. Frank McColin, Miss Lottridge, Estelle Kerr, Miss Nettie Jackson, Miss M. J. Peebles, Mrs. N. J. Dever, and myself.

## **Wednesday, August 1, 1900**

Weather pleasant for the season. My time is so taken up with visits to Mother and Lizzie and errands, that I can scarcely keep run of the days. After prayer-meeting Margaret went driving with Carl + Elizabeth stopped somewhere so Jas. and I were at home alone when Dr. Edwards came to tell us he has enlisted as a surgeon in the army and will leave this week for the front, probably to go to China. we are very sorry to lose him.

## **Thursday, August 2, 1900**

Pleasant, though warm in the middle of the day. Was up to see Lizzie twice today. She still suffers greatly with her heard. It is very distressing not to be able to relieve her. Wen to W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon and then to stay with Lizzie awhile. The girls and I are trying to sew a little. I washed windows and put shelves in order all afternoon. Wrote to Will this morning to tell him to be on the lookout for Dr. Edwards if he passes through Honolulu. Mrs. Ellison + Mrs. Hull called.

## **Friday, August 3, 1900**

Weather warm. Took Mother out for a short ride. Sewed some but not much, owing to several interruptions. Mrs. Ellison and Mr. Gates were here at the same time to see me. After three o'clock I took Sister Mary and Elizabeth out to Mrs. Prichard's. Brought Mrs. P. + Ruth into town + left Elizabeth who stayed all night. After supper I took Elizabeth P. for a drive + did some errands for myself in S. S. work. Dr. Edwards called again and said goodbye as he leaves tomorrow. The girls were out + missed him.

## **Saturday, August 4, 1900**

Quite warm. Was out soon after breakfast to take Mother for a short drive, then I did a number of errands. Came home and sewed. Saw Dr. J. F. Edwards and from there he will go to San Francisco. Everyone regrets losing him from our community. Mary came home from Ironton on the 4:15 train. Saw him at the station as he passed through

Ironton. I took Mother out again in the afternoon + Carl took me after supper. Sister Lizzie about the same.

## **Sunday, August 5, 1900**

Weather extremely warm and dry.

Attended the usual services from S. S. on to the close of the day. Did not go up to see Lizzie today. Sara Coates was at church today, being home from Boston on a visit.

## **Monday, August 6, 1900**

Very warm, dry + dusty. Margaret left on the 11:05 train for Ironton to go to Olive Furnace with Darlene Scofield for a visit.

Was up to see Lizzie but she was asleep so I did not talk with her. I sewed all the afternoon on short white skirts. After tea J. W. + I took Elizabeth + Robert P. for a drive over on the west side.

Had nothing for Margaret but hope to get something later.

## **Tuesday, August 7, 1900**

Very warm, and we have had a busy day. Elizabeth and Mary have been preparing supper for a small tea party in honor of Miss Chisholm. She, Enos + Helen were the guests and later John Overturf came on J. W.'s invitation. Mrs. Lowes called before they left. I sent Will a remembrance for his birthday, a good leather packet book for bills + papers.

## **Wednesday, August 8, 1900**

Very hot. Have been busy all day getting ready to go to Chappaqua tomorrow if all is favorable. Went to see Lizzie who is about the same, Mother is better but has some called.

Nearly all of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic party have sent in a short letter which is to make up a sort of Round Robin letter to be sent Dr. Edwards at San Francisco to the steamer.

Went to prayer-meeting, eighty-three present, hot as it was. Helen + Miss Chisholm were here late.

***For her trip to New York, Louisiana took a little black book with her to write a more detailed account of her experiences. Then, she condensed the events and wrote smaller paragraphs in her larger diary. So, from August 9, 1900 to August 23, 1900 there are two diary entries. The first entry is the condensed one from her large book. The second entry for the date is Louisiana's entry from her smaller book she carried with her in New York.***

## **Thursday, August 9, 1900**

Weather very warm. Left on the early Norfolk + Western train for Chappaqua N. Y. going through Columbus where I had time to call + see Mrs., Richards. Through Cleveland, Brocton + Mayville where I took the boat for the Assembly Grounds and went

directly to the Hotel Athenian and spent the night in the tower, the Hotel being quite full. A Reception to Southerners was in progress and Maggie Peebles was an invited guest so I saw her before I slept and made my plans to go to Indiana Cottage in the morning.

### **Thursday, August 9, 1900 (*black book entry*)**

Almost sixteen years ago this book was closed and now I open it to record the days spent at Chappaqua, N. Y. upon the occasion of the graduation of the Chappaqua Literary and Scientific Class exercises to which I have come as a member of the Portsmouth Circle. The desire of many years is about to be realized in my experience. The family decided that I must have a vacation and that it must be Chappaqua, and Will sent me the money with the express limitation that it was to be for a trip somewhere. This morning at 3:30 o'clock we were all up to assist in starting the small excursion. I took the 5:15 AM train for Columbus, reaching there about 8 AM. Went to the Ruggery to call upon the S. S. officers then but only Miss Copeland was in, saw Mr. Richards and learned that his wife was at home so called to see her a few minutes. Left for Cleveland at 11:40 AM and passed through, changing cars there at 3 o'clock. Lake Shore Road to Brocton, changed again for Mayville and then took the boat for Chappaqua Assembly Grounds. Went to the Hotel Athenian for the night. A large reception to South sons was in progress so I passed through the gay throng to the office, arranged for a room and then went to the dining room for a late supper. Afterwards registered and then went up to my room, + up a winding stair. Learned later that it was in the tower room # 203. Was about ready to retire when a bell boy brought a card from Miss Peebles, so I hastily dressed and went below. Planned to go to the cottage when she stops, the Indiana, the next morning, took a walk with her in the lovely moonlight then, again went to the Tower, and to bed. Weather hot, dry and dusty but no accidents on the way and the sight of the lake pays for all the discomfort of the day. Wrote to Jas.

### **Friday, August 10, 1900**

Went to Indiana Cottage for my breakfast and took a room in the third floor, with a view of the Lake which is charming. Met a Miss Ella Virginia Ricker from Baltimore this morning, also our class sec'y Miss Mabel Campbell. Am delighted with the prospect of two weeks in this charming place so near the Lake and so full of interesting people. Our first duty will be to attend class meeting and purpose for the graduation exercises. On Recognition Day. Had letters from J. W. Will and Margaret. Heard Bishop Thoburn of India.

### **Friday, August 10, 1900**

Had good night's rest and was up and left the Hotel before anyone was stirring, went to Indiana Cottage for breakfast and returned to the hotel to settle for my high living before the hotel breakfast was ready. Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn were here but left before I saw them. Maggie Peebles has been here a week or more and piloted me over the grounds all day. My first acquaintance proved to be Miss Ella Virginia Ricker from near Fredericksburg, Va. whose features and ground characteristics strongly resemble Father Ricker + Aunt Betsey. Went to C. L. S. C. meeting at various rooms and to the Amphitheater to hear Jane Adams on Democracy + Domestic service. Later Dr. Buckley

answered questions found in the Question Box and latest saw a fine panoramic set of views called Around the world in a man-of-war by Robert Harper a speaker who spoke so clearly that not a syllable was lost in that vast auditorium filled, even to the aisles, with people. Registered at Presbyterian Hdqrs, Administration Building, C. L. S. C. Office. Had letters from J. W. Margaret + Will, all in one. Wrote to Mother cannot say how much I enjoy being so near the Lake, my cottage room is in the third floor but has a veranda overlooking the Lake drive and shore. The breezes through the trees, and the lapping of the waves as the boats go by, are a constant pleasure.

## **Saturday, August 11, 1900**

Weather fine. Wrote to Uncle Drew. Father + Mother's Anniversary, 53<sup>rd</sup>. Called to see Miss Ricker, also Mrs. Tracy + family. Had note from Mrs. Fanny Ure of Allegheny who is here with her Mother ninety years old, so I went to see them. Saw Mrs. Ure also. Heard Russell H. Cornwell give his lecture, Crown of five. Attended class initiation of 1901, an amusing outline of next year's work. Attended reception at Alumni Hall and did not get to bed until midnight.

## **Saturday, August 11, 1900**

Father + Mother's fifty-second Anniversary. Wrote a birthday letter to Uncle Drew, yesterday being the date. Had a fine night's rest and went down to breakfast about 7:45. After breakfast Maggie and I arranged some pine cones + branches for the class decorations some I had brought from home. She is the delegate while I am the class president. Miss E. V. Ricker is also a member of this year's class and my own E. V. R. would have been had she kept on with her reading. Began the day by making a call upon the new Miss R. at snow cottage, then Maggie + I went to Mrs. Tracy's cottage to call upon Mrs. McClain + Mrs. Pratt who was to be there for the day. Met Mrs. Tracy, Persis + two children, Carrie + B. Belle Brooks, Mr. + Mrs. Tracy Balcombe and their baby Tracy. Came back to dinner and found a note from Mrs. Fanny Ure of Allegheny who found my name + address on the registers and wanted to see me. Went to Rose Cottage after dinner and found a note from Mrs. Fanny Ure who found my name and address on the registers and wanted to see me. Went to Rose Cottage after dinner to see her + her husband and found her Mother Mrs. McCalla, now ninety years old with them, though I did not see her. Fran then went to the Amphitheater and heard Russell H. Cornwell give his lecture on the Silver Crown, a very fine lecture the point of which was to show the necessity of being observing + noticing things as we go through life.

Grand concert in the evening where we heard Prof. Sherwood play the piano, Prof. Marcossou the violin, Mrs. Trego and Miss Bessie Bonsall sing and the chorus render some excellent numbers. Attended a class meeting afterwards, Have made some pleasant new acquaintances besides meeting old friends.

Am enjoying everything very much. Attended invitation for class of 1901 and an amusing program, outlining the break of the coming year was given.

## **Sunday, August 12, 1900**

Rained at intervals all day. Went to Hall in the Grove and marched in procession of Chappaquans to Amphitheater to hear the baccalaureate sermon by Russel H. Cornwell up to the text, Romans 12-16 middle clause. "Condescend to men of low

estate." Attended Bible Class at 3 PM led by Dr. Herbet at 5 o'clock attended Vesper service in the Hall in the amphitheater. Am meeting many pleasant people and enjoying every part of the program which I can attend.

## **Sunday, August 12, 1900**

Rained in the night and at intervals all day but we followed out as much of the program as we had planned. Went to hear the Baccalaureate sermon at 10 o'clock, by Dr. Russell H. Cornwell of Phila. Assembled ay Hall in the Grove and marched to Amphitheater, class of 1900 preceding graduates of other years, here for first time following and all undergraduates making up a third division. Seats reserved for classes. The sermon was built upon Roman 12<sup>th</sup> + 16<sup>th</sup> middle clause. "Condescend to men of low estate." The idea being that work among the great middle class results in most good. Sermon fine.

## **Monday, August 13, 1900**

Rained most of the day and I was so wet before breakfast from being up to the P. O. and down to the station that I had to dress again. Did not attempt to attend the program affairs but made some preparations for the Hall decorations, visited a little, wrote some letters and in the evening heard Ganl's Holy City, a Sacred concert and afterwards we went to class reception at Alumni Hall. Went to see Mrs. Ure today at Rose Cottage.

## **Tuesday, August 13, 1900**

Rained most of the day and we lived in overshoes and under an umbrella much of the time. I arose very early and wrote, or finished my letter, took it to the post-office which was not yet open, then went in the other direction to the Railroad office and got pretty wet before I got back. Had to dress again before breakfast. Attended a fine concert in the evening, Gaul's "Holy City" afterwards attended the class reception at Alumni Hall where we met many new and pleasant people. during the day Maggie + I called to see Mrs. Ure. Her husband was present but her Mother, Mrs. McCalla, now ninety years old was asleep so we did not see her.

Attended reception and did not get to bed until midnight.

No letters.

## **Tuesday, August 14, 1900**

Beautiful day which we have spent chiefly in the Hall in the Grove decorating for the Recognition Day exercises. Ninety six members of the class of 1900 are here and only four of them are men. There was a reception at Alumni Hall which we missed as we were too tired to walk up there so we just took a short walk to see the Feast of Lanterns which consists of thousands of Chinese lanterns strung about the grounds and houses, and a promenade concert which everybody goes.



## **Tuesday, August 14, 1900**

Beautiful day. Rain has made everything pleasant. Spent most of the day at the Hall in the Grove with other members of the class decorating for the exercises to be held there tomorrow. The white columns were all twined about with hemlock and pine branches.

Rested at Rose Cottage awhile and had a nice visit with Mrs. McCalla + Mrs. Ure. The sewing chimes are now ringing and I should be in bed. Did not go to class reception, was too tired. I walked out and saw the Feast of Lanterns a little while then came back to write to J. W. in answer to the letter I received this evening.

Capt. Bob Starkey formerly with a Portsmouth firm but now living in Springfield is here with his family + they called to see us this evening.

## **Wednesday, August 15, 1900**

Rained early in the morning and again in the evening but we escaped the rain which threatened to spoil the class procession and general exercises of Recognition Day. A long desired privilege was today realized when I passed through the Golden Gates, with Margaret J. Peebles and received the C. L. S. C. diploma. A Miss E. Ricker was just behind me. Full particulars are given in my notebook.

## **Wednesday, August 15, 1900**

Rained early in the morning and again in the evening, but fortunately the exercises were held between showers, but we had to wear overshoes and carry umbrellas. The members of the class of 1900 went in front of the Golden Gates before 9 AM, and at the appointed hour the procession was formed, Maggie Peebles and I being third from the head of the line. A responsive service was read, a song sung and the gates unlocked by the ground marshal of the day, after which we passed through, first division, nearly one hundred in line, being 1900 graduates, then all other graduates who were here for the first time, having never passed through the gates. No others were ever admitted to go through, eight guards being placed there to see that none other are in line. After passing under the arches of evergreen and flowers they are met by a company of children with baskets of flowers, who sing as they strew flowers in the pathway over which the procession moves.

At the Hall in the Grove a service consisting of songs and responses is rendered then the graduates, with other classes form a long procession and march to the Amphitheater where the address is made.

Dr. Raymond of Union College delivered the address today. Recess for dinner was had then the class assembled at the Hall in the Grove again and awaited the entrance of the eight or ten belated members who were received in due form before the distribution of diplomas. Instead of the promiscuous handing out regardless of names which often occurs, the rolls are sorted in packages often with the names of the owners who are numbered and furnished with a card bearing their number. They are called in tens and then each person is called by name and the number of seals, if any, announced with the name. I deem it a privilege to have been present throughout the exercise. After it was concluded we returned to the cottage, rested a little, had supper then went to the Amphitheater to see a picture play, Miss America which consisted of many views of girls of all typed and classes with a running commentary by the exhibitor. Before it was ended

a heavy rain began falling and we went to the Hall in the Grove to the class initiation onto the order of the Hall in the Grove, it being a very simple and pretty way of introducing the new members to the old, conducted by Miss Teal of Brooklyn. Came to our rooms very tired.

Had letters from home, J. W. and Mary. Wrote to him yesterday, sending the letter this morning, then to her this afternoon.

As I sit at the window I can scarcely keep my eyes off the lake where its many attractions, and on the page where I wish to write.

### **Thursday, August 16, 1900**

Beautiful day followed an early morning rain. Called to see Mrs. Ure and her Mother ninety years old. Later in the day I went to see Miss Ricker who has her family record which we want to compare with ours. Attended a class meeting in the evening.

Had letters from Jas. Carl and Elizabeth. Wrote to Will.

### **Thursday, August 16, 1900**

Beautiful day, though it rained hard early this morning and seemed as though we must stay in all day, since our most pressing business is over. However it cleared beautifully and we went up at the Kindergarten on my way back, but the exercises were over.

Had a roll of pamphlets from home, the Ricker family Reid being one of them. Wrote a long letter to Will. Visited with Miss Alexander of Nashville who is ill in a room near mine, also which two little girls, Mildred Johnson and Margarete Beck. Have made some interesting acquaintances.

In the evening attended a class meeting at Alumna Hall where officers for the coming year were elected and some other business transacted. Miss Mabel Campbell has made a fine sec'y and was re-elected, as was the pres. who is now in Europe. Have met some pleasant members in the class, notably Miss Ella V. Ricker Miss Virginia Fisher, Miss Campbell Dr. Andrews, Mrs. Jno Russell and MR. J. B. Scott.

Had five letters from Jas. Carl and Elizabeth.

### **Friday, August 17, 1900**

Rained a little but turned out beautifully, later. We had planned to go to Jamestown today but gave it up because the boat was so crowded.

Heard Prof. Griggs lecture on Literature.

Miss Ricker called with her record and we found both families traced in the same book but from different brothers. Wrote to Carl. Decided to go to Niagara tomorrow with the excursion which is run from here twice a week during the season.

### **Friday, August 17, 1900**

Rained a little early but proved to be a beautiful day and delightful. We planned to go to Jamestown today but when the boat came it was crowded with excursionists en route to a G. A. R. encampment on the lake below here, at Celeron, so we gave it up to wait for a more favorable time. Heard Prof. Griggs lecture on Literature and he said some good things. Miss Ella V. Ricker came and brought her record to compare with

ours. We found both families but one was from the Marturin branch and hers was from the George branch. She looks like our side.

In the afternoon I attended a Gymnasium entertainment at the Amphitheater which was good. Decided to go to Niagara tomorrow and found others were going, one lady from our table so I went and got a ticket.

Wrote to Carl this morning and a postal to J. W. after I decided to go to Niagara. Beautiful evening and the lake has many boats on it.

## **Saturday, August 18, 1900**

Rained in the night and we had a light shower at Niagara. Went with Miss Paige of Brooklyn, a Miss Sanborn and Mr. Morris and bought one of the tourist tickets on the train to Boston which includes a full day's sightseeing for 1.75 a ride in Prospect Park, trip on the Maid of the Mist, over into Canada, a trolley trip to Queenstown and back in the American side with privilege of stopping anywhere and resuming when ready and a trip up in the Electric Tower besides a tour of all the Islands in carriages.

## **Saturday, August 18, 1900**

Rained in the night, and we had a shower in the afternoon while at Niagara.

Took the 7 AM boat for Mayville to go on the Niagara Falls excursion from Chappaqua which run from here on Tuesdays and Saturdays for a round trip fare of \$1.50 the "sight-seeing" tickets everything, excepting lunch and gives an opportunity for seeing all the important points including car fares and carriage drives with stop over privileges at every point desired. We, Miss Paige of Miss Sanborn of Mr. Morris of Port Jervis N. and myself walked from the station to the gate of Prospect Park and went first to take the trip on the Maid of the Mist. Paid an extra 10 cts for round trip down on the incline railway to save time + strength. There were step (sp) which many people used. Had a good view of the Falls from the little dock while waiting for the boat, then on the upper deck to get the best possible view. The trip was a novel experience but the mist was so blinding we could not see as well as from some other points. The trip taken independently costs .50 cts but goes with the excursion without any extra expense.

From there we took the walk across temporary foot bridge there is a new carriage bridge under construction. Reaching the first island we had the privilege of riding in the reservation carriages everywhere, getting in and out but as often as we wished, by simply showing our tickets. We made the rounds of all the islands, and saw all that was to be seen of this most magnificent piece of nature's work, or rather God's work in all the world. No description can do it justice so I forbear. Ate our lunch on the island then returned and took the ride down the gorge on the Canada side from the site of the Clifton Hotel, new burned, to Queenstown, or the bridge just above, then crossed and went to Lewiston where we turned and took the trolley car which runs along the edge of the river giving a very close view of the cataracts, the whirlpool and soon, with the Canada side as background. Arriving at Niagara on our return we made the trip up the steel tower 300 feet high in the elevator and had a fine view of the Falls and surrounding country, even as far as the Pan-American Exposition Buildings now in the process of erection at Buffalo, 20 miles away where the Exposition will be held in (blank space).

Leaving the tower we went to the station in good season for the return trip. Mr. Morris left our party at Buffalo for his home in Jervis.

I found on the train Mrs. Patton who formerly lived in Portsmouth but is now located in Cuba where her husband and sons are in business. We returned safely to Chappaqua about 10:30 and I went to bed, had letters from home, or rather a letter from Carl and postal from J. W. altogether the trip was most successful and the plan of buying the sightseer tickets was good.

### **Sunday, August 19, 1900**

Pleasant. Heard Dr. Barrons of Oberlin in the morning at the Amphitheater. Sat beside Mrs. McClain who was there alone. Mrs. Ure and Mrs. McCalla were near us. In the afternoon I went to Kinder-garten class conducted by a lady from Chicago and was much interested. Attended Vesper services at the Hall in the Grove and in the evening attended the song service in the Amphitheater. Dr. Ray Palmer is the musical director.

### **Sunday, August 19, 1900**

Pleasant. Went to the Amphitheater in the morning and heard Dr. Barrows, President of Oberlin College. Sat beside Mrs. McClain who came alone to service. Mrs. Ure and Mrs. McCalla were there, having also been out last evening to hear a lecture on wireless Telegraphy. In the afternoon I attended the Kindergarten Sunday School in Kellogg Hall and saw how the exercises were conducted.

In the evening we went again to the Amphitheater to attend a sacred song of Dr. Ray Parker

### **Monday, August 20, 1900**

Rained and was damp + cool. Spent the forenoon writing and visiting. In the afternoon went to the Hall in the Grove and heard Prof. Leon H. Vincent lecture on the Hotel Rambouillet and Les Precieres. In the evening attended the last class meeting, at which there were only nine or ten, nearly all are gone now. Wrote letters home.

The Friends have a large meeting here and they are beginning to come in the evening.

### **Monday, August 20, 1900**

Rained and was damp and cool. Attended a lecture by Leon H. Vincent in the Hall of Philosophy in the afternoon. Spent the forenoon writing and visiting most of the time with Mrs. Ure at Rose Cottage. In the evening we attended the last Class meeting for this year. Misses Richer of Baltimore, + Fisher of Canville were present. Miss Campbell Class Sec'y being there of course.

Wrote to May. Letters from home.

The Friends begin coming in for their yearly meeting.

### **Tuesday, August 21, 1900**

Bright and windy.

The day was given up to a round trip on the Lake with a short time spent at Jamestown. Arrived there for a later dinner, visited the Prendergast Memorial Church and library and then took the two story trolled car for Celeron and there met the boat as she came up from Celeron. Took a very bad cold, or rather added to what I had.

## **Tuesday, August 21, 1900**

Went to Jamestown on the boat, going first to Mayville to get a good start, we made the run down, just teaching at the point, Bernes Point, Lakewood, "Greenhurst, Celeron, going through the narrows and stopping at Jamestown for lunch and to visit the Memorial church erected by the widow of James Prendergast as a memorial of him. It is very handsome, as beautiful as any I have seen. We also visited the Free Public Library erected by the same person and given to the city. A small Art Gallery in the Library is a gem in its way.

## **Wednesday, August 22, 1900**

Weather all right but I am not. Have slept much today and take # 77.

In the evening Maggie P. had Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. McClain and myself to tea in her pretty room and some new, some old who are gathered here and we had a very pleasant time.

This is Will's birthday and I sent him a little remembrance weeks ago which I hope reached him in time.

## **Wednesday, August 22, 1900**

Took a very bad col yesterday and have spent much of this day in bed trying to get over it. Was out awhile this morning.

Miss Peebles entertained a few friends this evening in her room and I was among the number, first Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Pratt + I taking tea with her in her room. Afterwards Carrie Brooks, Mrs. Pratt's half-sister Miss Storer, Mrs. Davidson of Georgia, Mrs. Bowman and sister Miss McKnight of Springfield, Mrs. Jn. A. Hamilton of Buffalo and Mrs. Christie were present, a few sent regrets.

## **Thursday, August 23, 1900**

Weather pleasant. Cold better. Mrs. Tracy took Maggie and me, with her Mother for a drive down to Victoria.

Attended to my final arrangements for going home tomorrow. Have the class mottoes and their decorations which could be taken down, packed in my trunk ready for a meeting there for the presentation of diplomas.

## **Thursday, August 23, 1900**

Cold better. Had a nice drive with Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. McClain and was gone until noon. Made Miss Ricker a short call. Attended to arrangements for going home tomorrow and then went to C. L. S. C. Office and got some decorations and other things for a meeting at home this fall for the distribution of diplomas.

Have been busy all day but things are now pretty much in order for a start tomorrow.

***August 23, 1900 was the last day that Louisiana wrote in the small black notebook***

## **Friday, August 24, 1900**

Very warm. Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Brooks + daughter and I left Chappaqua this forenoon for Cleveland. Maggie will remain awhile longer. We had a warm dusty trip to Cleveland and all stopped overnight then, they with the Balcombes and I with the Hosford's. Had a pleasant visit with Cousin George + the girls and then a good night's rest. The girls have been at Seventh Lake all summer and only came home Wednesday.

## **Saturday, August 25, 1900**

Was up in good time, had breakfast with Connie, George, Alice, Clara and Anna then Clara went with me to the train and I came home. Had a long, hot hard trip. In Columbus I saw Edith Eunice and Charlotte Prichard on their way to Newark, and from there to their new home in Cambridge, Mass. where they go for the sake of school advantages. Carl was gone to Cin + the girls were all out driving when I got home. Jas met me.

## **Sunday, August 26, 1900**

Very warm and I felt unable to attend S. S. but decoded to go after all as Carl was not here and so many teachers are absent. After lessons I went up to see Lizzie Peebles but did not go to any church service, Mr. Arnold being away. Went to bed early, my cold is better but I am not yet well.

## **Monday, August 27, 1900**

Warm. The usual work kept us busy all day. I wrote several letters, and had one from Virginia.

Mrs. Cotton was here to see about the For. Mis. Society meeting for tomorrow. Mrs. Arnold's mother, Mrs. Sherwood was buried in Cleveland today.

## **Thursday, August 28, 1900**

Very warm. Have spent a part of the day with mother, then went to see Lizzie before supper. Attended the Foreign Mis. Society which was locked out of the church, someone not having returned the key, so we met at Mrs. cotton's, seven being present.

After that meeting a Com. meeting of the W. R. C. as held in the same place by courtesy of Mrs. Cotton.

## **Friday, August 29, 1900**

Very warm. Sewed on Margaret's linen dress finishing the skirt which had to be altered after washing. I was out most of the morning trying to find company for a small boy going to Chicago + then his mother changed her mind and decided not to send him. Mother is better, as is also sister Lizzie. Went to ride with Carl before prayer-meeting + then afterwards we all went to spend the evening at Helen's, it being her birthday. C. C. Hyatt is 96 today.

## **Saturday, August 30, 1900**

Very hot. Have been at home all day except the time spent with Mother this morning. Miss Chisholm called to say good-bye as she left for her home in Allegheny at

noon. The girls were all busy, all day. Margaret was sweeping and the other girls cooking and sewing. I wrote to Will last evening and sent the letter today. Carl is planning for the Labor Day picnic. Those occasions are a source of much pleasure to him and consequently for us.

### **Friday, August 31, 1900**

Very hot. clouds, but no rain here. Have had a busy day. Was out in the forenoon, went to Aunt Mary Moore's, Livinia Lawson's, Mr. Peebles', Anderson's and Dell Ramsey's. Finished the little dress doe Elizabeth's little baby friend Elizabeth Richardson. Margaret went to Aunt Mary Moore's for tea and Elizabeth + May went to the supper at the Old Ladies Home. Went to see Lizzie and took her some flowers.

### **Saturday, September 1, 1900**

A very hot day made much hotter by the girls' preparations for the picnic to be held Monday. Carl enjoys these picnics so much that we all look forward to them with pleasure and the girls like the prepare a good dinner and supper for the occasion. They have been very busy all day, and so have I but not in the kitchen.

### **Sunday, September 2, 1900**

Very, very warm. We all went to S. S. expecting Mary who finished up the dishes and then went to church. Margaret got dinner.

Darlene sang in the choir both morning and evening. We used the new hymn books, it being the first time I've been present since they were put in the church, as there was no service the first Sunday after I returned from Chappaqua.

### **Monday, September 3, 1900**

Cloudy in the morning but we were not prepared for the hard rain which fell about noon and spoiled our picnic at Turkey Creek. Fifteen of us went and ate our fine lunch sitting in the carriages, passing the boxes back and forth. Finally we gave up and came home to finish the day with a picnic supper in the dining room, then had an evening of fine music, having a fine quartette in Ed Scofield, Fred Smith, Mr. Bragdon and Mr. Streich. Darlene played and sang all evening. Helen + Enos Winifred Smith, Bess Pixley being the party. Had a good time after all and missed the doctor who was with us July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tuesday, September 4, 1900**

Still warm but the clouds passed over and we had no noon rain. Was busy at home and over home with some work while I sat with Mother. Took Mary out in the carriage to see about her dress making. In the afternoon I attended the Home Mis. Society. After supper Carl took me for a delightful drive, there was no dust and beautiful moonlight. Was up to Helen's a little while.

## **Wednesday, September 5, 1900**

Very hot, but the effect of the rain Monday is not all gone yet and there is no dust of any consequence. Went up to see Lizzie this morning and found her much better. She sat up a few minutes, in a chair. Was over to see Mother who is improving also. Put the trimming on Margaret's linen waist. Made her a white apron after dinner. Had letter from Maggie Peebles. Went to prayer-meeting, the program was an evening in Japan. Fine peaches for the table, which we are enjoying this summer.

## **Thursday, September 6, 1900**

Warm as ever. I was sewing today but stopped in the afternoon and went to W. C. T. U. meeting. Was elected delegate to the State Convention at Dayton, Oct. 3-5, I think. Wanted someone else to go but those present insisted upon having me first delegate. Maggie Peebles came home tonight. Elizabeth Peebles was here to tea.

## **Friday, September 7, 1900**

Hot, dry and dusty. Have been out much of the day. Went to do some errands and also look after Kindergarten interests a little. Called to see Mrs. Leete and Mrs. Silcox. After dinner went to see Mrs. Halderman and Bessie Titus.

Came home at supper time and met the girls just going up street. Thirty-seven years ago today we came to Portsmouth to live just from Yazoo city, Miss, and the midst of the Civil War. Carl went to Cincinnati.

## **Saturday, September 8, 1900**

Very warm, hot I should say. This seems to be an unusually long, hot spell of weather, a time when even the door knobs get hot upstairs and the beds feel as though they had just been ironed. The girls were busy in the kitchen, and I swept and dusted, and worked hard all day and at night was too tired for anything. Good letters from Will.

## **Sunday, September 9, 1900**

Very warm. All excepting Carl went to Sunday School and the usual church services. Carl is in Cin.

I brought Winifred Smith home from church and kept her until evening. Fred Smith, occupied our pulpit in the morning in the interests of Missions. He talked well and it was a pleasure to listen to one who belongs to our own church and is one of our Portsmouth boys engaged in such good work.

## **Monday, September 10, 1900**

School opened with no Supt.

Very hot, so hot I am nearly used up with the heat. Began Elizabeth's dotted swiss which has been waiting for months for us to find time to make it.

I went out to do some errands and then sewed the rest of the day. Was over with Mother awhile. Margaret and I drove out to see Mrs. Briggs after supper to see if Mattie would come and stay over home awhile. Margaret Peebles stayed all night here.



## **Tuesday, September 11, 1900**

Still very warm but more of the breeze blowing. Papers are filled with news of the terrible gulf wave storm which swept over Galveston, Texas and adjoining regions in which thousands lost their lives, some accounts say as much as two thousand. The worst storm ever known. Have sewed on Elizabeth's dotted swiss dress. Mary and I took Minnie Miller Hillman and her two children Francis + Lois and went in search help to stay over home while Mrs. Behrens takes a vacation. Did not see Lizzie P. today. Fred Smith was here on an errand.

## **Wednesday, September 12, 1900**

Weather warm and dry. Have been sewing and doing various other things. Went to prayer meeting as usual and remained to a short conference afterwards where Fred Smith talked to the ladies about a Missionary Library. We are having plenty of good peaches to eat twice a day, breakfast and supper, but have only put up one bushel.

## **Thursday, September 13, 1900**

Warm and dusty. Was busy at home in the morning then went to W. C. T. U. meeting at 4 PM. It was the first meeting for the fall and we decided not to open until Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and to ask the School Board for a room in the Davis building with care of the same.

## **Friday, September 14, 1900**

Very warm. Was out most of the day trying to get an application to the Board of Education ready for the meeting this evening, asking for a room for the kinder-garten in the Public School building. It was presented this evening and word sent me that everything we asked was granted, the use of a K-G sign on the building. Carl + I went to look at paper for the sitting room.

## **Saturday, September 15, 1900**

A warm and busy day. I was home all day, did not get up to see Lizzie Peebles, and was only over home a little while before supper. We had letters from will this morning. Had our first one from him from Honolulu one year ago today. He is still well and doing very well. Had a letter from Jennie in which she sent me letters Will + Margaret had wrote her when they were children. Fred Smith his three sisters + his friend Mr. Patterson spent the evening with us.

## **Sunday, September 16, 1900**

Warm enough for thin dresses all day but it began to turn cool and many had on wraps in the evening. Attended all the usual services. Carl was not at S. S. for Father came after him earl and asked him to take him down to the old home place. I am always sorry to have him miss but Father is growing old and feeble and I feel like pleasing him.

## **Monday, September 17, 1900**

Turned cool rapidly and all day we have been too cold for comfort even with heavy clothing on. The Regimental Reunions began assembling today and Jas. has been much occupied. I wrote to Miss Kellogg, Anna Hamilton, sister Jennie Jane Ricker and Will. Put the binding on Mary's short gray skirt. Went to see Mrs. Arnold before supper. Helen was here to tea. Mother is better. Will Moore left for the Ohio State University at Columbus this morning.

## **Tuesday, September 18, 1900**

Not so cool as yesterday yet we had a fire in the sitting room, the first for this fall. The Reunions have been the event of this day though I've seen nothing of it except the parade of veterans which I watched from the Peebles' where I had gone to see Lizzie who seems much better.

Mrs. Behrens left today for her vacation, she goes to Cin. tomorrow. Margaret will sleep over home tonight.

## **Wednesday, September 19, 1900**

Pleasant. The men came this forenoon to take the old paper off the sitting room and was done by four o'clock. I could not get Mrs. Biggs so went to work at the paint myself to have a part of the room ready for the paper hangers to work tomorrow. Have been very busy trying to do what I could both here and over at Mother's. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening.

## **Thursday, September 20, 1900**

Pleasant though it sprinkled a little. Mrs. Biggs was here + washed the paint so the men could hand the new paper. I was busy all day cleaning and getting ready to put the carpet down again. Tried to get Mrs. Biggs to come in the afternoon but she did not come back after she went home to dinner after washing the woodwork.

This is Mary's birthday and Mary gave her a new red silk dress which sisters will have made for her. Put up 1/2 bushel of blue plerus (sp).

## **Friday, September 21, 1900**

A little cloudy but pleasant. I spent all the forenoon with Mother and came home at dinner time to find a most beautiful surprise. Carl had bought a new Brussels carpet for the sitting room which the girls and he had selected from sample which Mr. Bragdon brought from Cin. It is in dark reds with a light brown + green figure in the pattern. By supper time Mr. + Mrs. Eppler had it on the floor + the girls had the room all in order and with the new red paper it makes a very handsome room.

Wrote to Will. Had letter from Miss Kellogg.

## **Saturday, September 22, 1900**

Warm with signs of rain. The men came and put in a telephone today, the wives have been up several days. Our room is finished and looks very bright and cheery with the new red carpet. Carl was the planner of it all and we are all very much pleased with his thoughtfulness and generosity.

## **Sunday, September 23, 1900**

Weather pleasant but quite warm in the middle of the day. all went to Sunday School and church as usual, except that I stayed with Mother while Mary went to church.

I went in the evening.

Rained last night and was delightful this morning.

## **Monday, September 24, 1900**

Warm. Was over home with work to sit with Mother. Went to see Lizzie a few minutes this morning. Mrs. Johnson came to brace up the north wall in the parlor this afternoon. It was not properly supported when built. The Young People had a meeting this evening to plan work for the winter under Mr. Arnold's direction.

## **Tuesday, September 25, 1900**

Very warm again. Mrs. Biggs came and cleaned the parlor and hall, finishing the day she began last week. I was out in the morning on K-G work. Went to see Mrs. Hall. Went to the Foreign Mis. Soc. in the afternoon and afterwards to see Lizzie Peebles who was overseeing the packing of trunks and wrapping of furniture. Is improving but not able to walk alone. Girls wen to Young People's Convention at our church. Mother surprised us by coming over this forenoon. The first time for several months. Letters from Mrs. Collings + Miss Layman.

## **Wednesday, September 26, 1900**

Weather pleasant though the sun is hot in the middle of the day, indeed late in the afternoon the mercury was over 90°. Was busy all day but went to see Lizzie who so soon leaves that I must see her as often as I can.

Went to prayer-meeting in the evening, it being the last evening of the Young People's Convention.

Attendance was good.

## **Thursday, September 27, 1900**

Bright and pleasant. Was over home, up to see Lizzie and attended the W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon. The program was intended to celebrate Miss Willard's birthday which, however, is the 29<sup>th</sup>. J. W. + I were over home to tea with Mr. + Mrs. Arnold, Rev. Chas. Zorbaugh, Dr. Nye, Mary and John. Mr. Zorbaugh of Cleveland was a classmate of Mr. Arnold in Fairfield, Iowa where Dr. Tappan was a trustee of the College + Dr. T. was to have taken part in the installation exercises but three of his children have Typhoid Fever and he cannot come.

## **Friday, September 28, 1900**

\*Dr. Charles L. Zorbaugh of Cleveland

Beautiful day. Took up stair and upper hall carpet + made up a roll of carpet to send to Indianapolis to be made up into rugs to cover our new carpet. Rev. Mr. Bell of Manchester arrived at noon to take part in the new installation services this evening

where Mr. Frank S. Arnold was installed as pastor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. church. Mr. Bell was the moderator, Mr. Arnold's classmate \* (line drawn to other star above) + friend gave the charge to the pastor, Dr. Alderson, the charge to the people, + Dr. A. A. E. Taylor preached the sermon. Carl went to Cin + came home on the night train.

## **Saturday, September 29, 1900**

Rained, but not all day. Had a nice ride with Carl after he came from the office. Had a busy day. Sent notices to S. Schools for Bi-monthly meeting. Wrote to Mrs. Van Scoyke + Mrs. Cotton of Dayton. Finished Margaret's gray skirt. Went to Mrs. White's and made out reports.

Went to see Lizzie Peebles awhile and found all three of my own girls there, then Helen came in. Lizzie is much better and busy doing little things for the children. J. W. has been at Kendall's all day. Elizabeth P. stayed all night with us.

## **Sunday, September 30, 1900**

Lovely weather. a little rain has settled the dust. Margaret Peebles came home with us at noon to stay until tomorrow morning. We shall miss Margaret she is so fond of coming here and we are all fond of her. We all attended the usual services.

## **Monday, October 1, 1900**

A Beautiful day. Have been so busy I hardly had time to get ready for my trip tomorrow. Was up to see Lizzie Peebles a few minutes. They are all ready for their move to Wooster. Maggie Peebles went today to Dayton to the W. C. T. U. Convention and I go tomorrow.

Lizzie is improving but the trip cannot but be very hard on her, still will do her good in the end.

I had a lot of writing to do this evening before I did any packing. Helen was here but went down to Mrs. Arnold's, where the girls have gone.

## **Tuesday, October 2, 1918**

Fine weather. Arose very early and went in the surrey after Lizzie Peebles, taking her to the C. P. + V. junction where we got on the N + W train, the rest of the Peebles family getting on at the other station. Lizzie stood the trip to Columbus Will + I stayed with her until the train left, the family going to Wooster to their new home. I then went to Dayton and found my quarters at Mrs. Van Scoyke's at # 226 N. Western Avenue. Mrs. Wenger, next door is on the Convention.

## **Wednesday, October 3, 1918**

Fine weather. All day spent in W. C. T. U. Convention. Made some pleasant acquaintances at the dining halls and between meetings. At four o'clock the St. Car Co. furnished cars to take the visitors out to the Soldiers' Home where we spent nearly an hour. It was my first visit and I enjoyed very much. Found a Temperance organization auxiliary of 243 veterans who wear the white ribbon button. Dayton is a very beautiful place.

## **Thursday, October 4, 1918**

Beautiful weather but quite warm in the middle of the day. The day was spent in the Convention. Much routine business was interspersed with pleasant incidentals. The St. Cars of the Nat'l Cash Register took the Convention out to see the W. C. R. Works and while the time was short there was much to be seen and learned, and enjoyed. It is ideal business in real life. Took dinner at Mrs. Solomon's with Mrs. Wisner + Miss Wintright.

## **Friday, October 5, 1918**

Weather quite warm again, though it seemed cool early in the morning. Spent the entire day in the convention. After super, I walked about a little but the stores were closed and I could only see through the windows. The evening was occupied by a Diamond Medal Contest in which five or six young ladies took part the Medal being won by a Miss Henderson of Canton I think. The house was well filled. I was very tired, too tired to enjoy it as much as I should otherwise have done.

## **Sunday, October 6, 1900**

Was up very early and had breakfast with Mrs. Jas. Wengor and one of her guests, Mrs. Dumbaugh before going to the train. Both Mrs. Wengor and Mrs. Van Scoyke have been very kind to me. Went to Columbus and had dinner with Mrs. Richards, her husband's parents + little son Earl, and her Aunt Mrs. (long space here) then took the 3:20 train for home which I reached safely and found all well. It rained in Col. and at night after I got home. Saw Will Moore on the street in Columbus.

## **Monday, October 8, 1918**

Another fine day after a rain which settled the dust. Mary Moore, Mr. + Mrs. Arnold were going to Zanesville this forenoon so we let Mary R. go with the, much to her delight. This being Father's birthday, I went to Mrs. Fulton's and got him some day flowers. He had four large bouquets, three of which Mrs. Fulton sent him. Little Virginia Brent was five years old today + I saw her so gave her some flowers for her birthday.

## **Tuesday, October 9, 1918**

Weather fine as could be desired. Am glad Mary is having such pleasant weather for her visit. Synd meets in Zanesville and Barton + Virginia have a homeful of guests. Miss Charlotte Haweks late of China is there to tell of her thrilling experiences during the riots there when the Pres. Mission at Wei Hein was burned.

Dr. Tappan was to have been there but having so much illness in his family he could not leave home. Dr. Langsdorf, Julia's husband was there.

Wrote to Mrs. Wenger of Dayton.

## **Wednesday, October 10, 1918**

Weather still beautiful.

Elizabeth and I are busy as can be most of the time. Have help promised for next week but none now. Have to spend as much time as I can with Mother while Mary is away. I stayed with her this evening and let Mrs. Behrens go out as she has been in every

evening since Mary left, that is evenings. A native Persian spoke at our prayer-meeting but I missed hearing him.

### **Thursday, October 11, 1900**

Fine weather. A very full day for me. Was busy all forenoon and then went to W. C. T. U. meeting at 2 o'clock to give my report of the Dayton Convention. At 4 o'clock went to All Saints; chapel to Kindergarten meeting and after supper went to 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. church to a meeting of S. S. Septs, being the Sec'y of the meeting. Arrangements for a complete canvas of the city were made.

### **Friday, October 12, 1900**

Weather fair and cool. We could not do much work today because of the political meetings + consequent stir. Wm. J. Bryan spoke at lower market square, and senator Spooner of Wis. (Rep.) spoke at the Opera House and there was a very large torchlight and cavalry parade in the evening. Jas W. was Grand Marshall and Carl was on horseback in the ranks. We expected Mr. + Mrs. Arnold + Mary to return but he came late + the others went to Wooster instead.

### **Saturday, October 13, 1900**

Fine weather. The foliage is still very green and bright, very few trees have changed color as yet.

This is Libbie Lloyd Field's anniversary. Her wedding being the first one in which I had a part as bridesmaid, and the date always recalls the event. We were busy at home all forenoon then went to preparatory lecture in the afternoon. I afterwards went to see Jessie Henderson a few moments then came home. Elizabeth has been getting ready to open the Jefferson St. Kindergarten. Mary returned from Wooster. Mary R. remained in Zanesville.

### **Sunday, October 14, 1900**

Fine day. all of us who were at home went to Sunday School, Carl being in Cin and Mary in Zanesville.

It was Communion day and several were added to the church. Mrs. Henry Padan by letter and her little son Franklin upon profession of his faith. A delicate child but very lovely and promising his disposition.

### **Monday, October 15, 1900**

Fine weather. Was busy at home all forenoon. Mattie McConnell came according to promise and gives promise of being very satisfactory. In the afternoon I went to Relief Corps meeting and afterwards came home. Bessie Titus, with her baby was here and left just before I came. Margaret went home with them.

### **Tuesday, October 16, 1900**

Weather fine but a little cool for me. Have not been well today and have given up going to Presbyterian meeting at Mt. Leigh. Have been very busy all day notwithstanding I was not fit for work. Elizabeth opened the Jefferson St. Kindergarten this morning. I

had Mother out. Carl came home from Cin. Clover Club met here with Elizabeth as hostess. I wrote to Mary A. Ricker in reply to her letter telling me of her intended marriage to Jan. Mrs. Eppler put down the hall carpet so the floors are all well covered now. Carl returned from Cin.

### **Wednesday, October 17, 1900**

Beautiful weather but cool and quite dusty. Spent most of the forenoon in the carriage having taken Mother out, then did errands for the Kindergarten. Elizabeth's much pleased with her opening. Glad to be at work. Our new maid is out and I am in for the afternoon. Went to prayer meeting and afterwards Mr. Arnold held his first Teachers' meeting the study being well filled.

Barton Green surprised us tonight by coming in unannounced from Oklahoma. Has been gone two years in Sept.

### **Thursday, October 18, 1900**

Beautiful weather but quite dusty. Was out all forenoon first taking Mother, then going alone. In the afternoon I went to W. C. T. U. meeting and from there to the reception at Mrs. Tremper's which was a large gathering and very pleasant. The house had been decorated for the Reading Club Banquet and with a little freshening up did nicely for the occasion. Addie Towell Freisner, Maggie Mason and a number of visitors were present.

### **Friday, October 19, 1900**

Beautiful day, not quite so cool as yesterday. Took Mother to Dr. Ruggles' and met Mr. Scudder who told me he had just received a telegram from Oxford saying Lucy Tappan died this morning of Typhoid fever and David is still very low with the same. We are all so sorry to hear the sad news. Lucy was such a lovely, useful girl and David is one of the best boys I ever knew. Dr. Tappan has had more trouble in the past few months than he ever had here, so their fair prospects have not been all realized.

### **Saturday, October 20, 1900**

Pleasant and warm for the season.

### **Sunday, October 21, 1900**

Pleasant. All went to S. S. and the usual church services.

Lucy Tappan's death was mentioned and the S. S. voted to have the Sec'y write Dr. Tappan+ family a letter of sympathy which Carl did.

After the evening service a prayer service in the lecture room was held and largely attended, the object being to pray for Dr. Tappan and his family every member now being sick except the Dr. and David being so low there is little hope of his recovery. I trust the prayers may be answered.

## **Monday, October 22, 1900**

Light rain. Warm. Pleasant. Trees beginning to turn, and leaves to drop. Wrote postal to Mrs. Porton, Mr. Clark + Nettie Jackson. Letter to Kate Kimball. Was not out much. Canvassers and coming in and visitors to see. Big Republican parade this evening though the streets are muddy and the dark clouds threaten rain every moment. Much enthusiasm and noise. Margaret went to Shakespeare Club. I have a Press. Con. Meeting, Revs. Koch and Arnold. Wrote to Mary R.

## **Tuesday, October 23, 1900**

Pleasant and warm. The S. S. cards took most of my time. Took Mother out for a drive and did some errands.

## **Wednesday, October 24, 1900**

Weather pleasant, but dry. I have to make a business of getting out the S. S. statistics and put in most of my time on them until they are done. In the evening I went to prayer meeting and remained to Teachers' meeting.

## **Thursday, October 25, 1900**

Still pleasant. Worked at the S. S. cards until time to go to W. C. T. U. From there I went to All Saints' Chapel to the Kindergarten meeting which was not largely attended but was quite encouraging as we had 30.00 to give to the treasurer, who was not present.

Mrs. Will Schwartz has taken Miss Ross' place during the absence from the city.

## **Friday, October 26, 1900**

Weather delightful, but for the dust.

Was busy with the S. S. statistics most of the day. In the evening we had a C. L. S. C. meeting to discuss plans for the graduating exercises of the class.

Was out with Mother in the carriage awhile and did errands industriously, there are so many things to be done in the next few days.

## **Saturday, October 27, 1900**

Weather still mild and pleasant. Have spent nearly the entire day on the S. S. statistics and am not yet through.

Did not go out this morning.

Carl went to Cin, this afternoon.

## **Sunday, October 28, 1900**

Fine weather, but still dry. Carl was not here but the rest of us were at S. S. and the usual services. Had a very full home in the evening.

I was up at Bigelow to see Mrs. Hagar this morning but she was not there.



## **Monday, October 29, 1900**

Weather fine but dusty. Wrote to Mary, E had a letter from her. We miss her so much. Have been busy much of the day. Mary helped me today. Maggie Peebles was here this afternoon to see what she could do to help either with S. S. or Chantanqua work, but there was nothing. I went to C. L. S. C. meeting at Bigelow in the evening and there was a C. E. Social at our house so the evening was a busy one.

## **Tuesday, October 30, 1900**

Still warm and dry and dusty but nevertheless pleasant for me. Took Mother out in the carriage and did a few errands in the afternoon. Went to Foreign Mis. Society in the afternoon. Wrote to Kate Kimball, Miss E. F. Ewing + Nettie Jackson. Went to see Mrs. Draper + Mrs. Pursell before supper. Mr. + Mrs. Silcox called after supper to bring me a notice of Mr. Bolton's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday which is to be celebrated in Cleveland Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> which occurs on Sunday. Carl came home from Columbus. Dr. Nye was here to tea. Richard sent me a Cleveland paper.

## **Wednesday, October 31, 1900**

Still dry, dusty and warm with prospects of rain. Anna Hamilton was here and helped me awhile with the S. S. cards. Mr. Fuller tuned the piano + fixed the bad strings which were pressing against a warped part of the frame 2.00. Wrote to Mr. Bolton.

Went to practice meeting of children for the C. L. S. C. Went to prayer-meeting + Teachers' meeting.

Carl + Elizabeth went out to the Davis Farm.

## **Thursday, November 1, 1900**

Sprinkled or rather rained some. Had a very busy day. Miss Kellogg was expected on the early C + O train but did not come. In the afternoon I had to go to W. P. T. U. and leave report then to Jefferson K- G and tell them Elizabeth was sick + could not go to her first Mothers' meeting, then came home to meet Miss K. who came on the C + O afternoon train which was late. Thing are accumulating on my hands so I scarcely know what to do first.

## **Friday, November 2, 1900**

Fine weather but quite cool. Miss Kellogg has been busy all day, she + Elizabeth going to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to sort out the materials there + divide them for the kindergartens. I took the carriage and moved the things for Miss K. a whole load of them, to the Davis building.

Mary came home from Zanesville this evening.

I went to the Annual W. C. T. U. meeting at the Baptist church Miss Connette made the address of the evening.

## **Saturday, November 3, 1900**

Beautiful weather. all busy as usual. Miss Kellogg and Anna Hamilton were getting the Davis Building K- G ready for use Monday. Our wedding anniversary (30<sup>th</sup>) was not celebrated except by a present from Carl of a nice set of table knives, a dozen

steel ones with celluloid handles. Mar'gt gave me a tea-pot and cream pitcher. My blue one from Clara was broken today, a tine hole in the side.

## **Sunday, November 4, 1900**

Beautiful day. All went to S. S. at our church in the afternoon. Made my report of the canvas and gave cards into hands of pastors. Miss A. Vooreheis was buried this afternoon. J. W. went but I could not because of the Bi-monthly meeting.

Mr. John Bolton is 80 years old today + the occasion was celebrated by the Cleveland teachers yesterday.

## **Monday, November 5, 1900**

Beautiful weather, not so cool as yesterday, flowers still untouched by frost. Have gone all day, walking on errands in regard to the C. L. S. C. work, the Kindergarten and S. S. work. the K- G in the Davis building was opened this morning by Miss Florence G. Kellogg. Anna Hamilton being her assistant. Edith Moore + Lottie Alderson began the lesson. No, L. A. did not go to class. Carl went to Ironton.

## **Tuesday, November 6, 1900**

Fair but cooler. Miss Kellogg moved her belongings to Mrs. Farm's but came back to stay all night here and wait with the girls for the news. The election passed off quietly and indications are all in favor of the Republicans.

Carl returned from Ironton on the early train and voted on his way from the train being third or fourth on the list. I did not go to Home Miss. or Aid Societies but sent my money. Had to practice with the children C. L. S. C. meeting here in the evening.

## **Wednesday, November 7, 1900**

Turning colder and more unpleasant. Our fine weather is about gone. Was busy as usual, doing errands in the forenoon for the C. L. S. C. Went to Kindergarten meeting in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. Kline Duke and Jessie Halderman were married at noon and J. W. stayed in the office for Mr. duke. We went to prayer meeting as usual and I came home, instead of staying to Teachers' meeting as I had to put my books in order for the Convention.

## **Thursday, November 8, 1900**

Rained and was altogether miserable. We had to get ready for our guests to Relief Corps convention. Mrs. Clara R. Porton of Wilsonville came to us, the train begin late so our supper was over before she came. Messrs Powers + Bragdon were here to supper with Carl. They were going on a possum hunt but the weather turned so wet + cold they gave it up. It snowed today.

This is John's birthday. There was a picture entertainment at our church but I did not go.

Letter from Will.

## **Friday, November 9, 1900**

Fair and rather cold. The day was given up to the Relief Corps convention the forenoon being spent on the books and reports and the afternoon at the hall. Miss Macon the Dept. President and Mrs. Bratt Dept. Sec'y were here and formed the chief attraction. Attendance was small, the Ironton people failed to come. The evening was given up to the Social part of the Convention.

## **Saturday, November 10, 1900**

Rather cloudy, raw and cold. White frost and the plants + flowers have finally been about killed, though there are still some roses.

After breakfast Jas + I went to the B + O train with Mrs. Poston and there saw Mrs. Burch first who was going home to Athens. From there I went to Mr. Peebles and saw Miss Macon and Mrs. Bratt who were going on the Ohio Valley to Gallipolis so the Convention is over. In the afternoon had the children here for practice and have done little else today. Long letter from L. Peebles.

## **Sunday, November 11, 1900**

Light sprinkles but no rain to amount to anything. We all went to Sunday School and the usual church services.

## **Monday, November 12, 1900**

Cold and windy. Have had a busy day. Went up to see how Mrs. Sellards was and met four doctors, Dr. A. G. Sellards + two sons, + Dr. Kline. Went on up to Mrs. Havard Sellard's Mrs. Halderman's + Mrs. Titus.' Spent the rest of the day preparing for the C. L. S. C. graduating exercises. Went in the evening to meet those of the class of 1900 and the past classes, the children and others who were to take part the chantaqua idea seems to be growing here.

## **Tuesday, November 13, 1900**

Cold and wintry. Have been busy all day preparing the c. L. S. C. graduating exercises at Bigelow church this evening. The gates and Arches and program used on Recognition Day were all provided, the chorus of flower girls and ten graduates, Nettie Jackson and Alice Connins not being in town. Mrs. Trenthart, Alice + Bertha, Mrs. Dever, Mrs. McColm Gertrude Oakes, Ella Grimm, Grace Worley, Mrs. Lottridge, Kate Connins receiving diplomas. Mr. Hargett presided + awarded the diplomas.

## **Wednesday, November 14, 1900**

Windy, dusty and cold.

Mrs. Mary Pursell, her brother Mr. Durham and I spent most of the forenoon at the church cleaning up and putting it all in order again. We took down all the decorations and cleaned up all the shattered flowers + evergreens. The collection last night was \$ 6.96 + I made it an even \$7.00 the expenses will be light. went to prayer-meeting + Teachers' meeting. Wrote to Will. Was up to Miss Reed's before supper.

## **Thursday, November 15, 1900**

Cold and clear, dry and dusty. Jas + I went to Mrs. Sellards' funeral this AM. Mary went with Lucy Moore. e. was at kindergarten alone as her assistants both went to the funeral. I afterwards went to Bessie Titus' and then to Mr. Bragdon's + got some gloves + other things. Was out all afternoon at W. C. T. U. + Kindergarten and seeing about the Press notices for the S. S. Convention. Carl + Mr. Bragdon went to Henley `on a possum hunt.

## **Friday, November 16, 1900**

Cold, ther. about 16°. Carl came home this morning having had his annual possum hunt and usual success.

Have been busy as usual but did not have any special engagement for today. Have been occupied at home. The Tri- County Teachers' Association is in session and Margaret was busy with a Committee to serve refreshments this evening after the session. Schools were dismissed this afternoon, on account of the Institute.

## **Saturday, November 17, 1900**

Balmy as spring and I spent most of the forenoon in the yard taking down the frosted vines and cleaning up generally. Jas + I took supper at Helen's and the girls had Dr. Jane Nye to tea with them.

Had a long letter from will who is still well and busy in and about Honolulu.

## **Sunday, November 18, 1900**

Delightful so far as temperature is concerned. Very dusty. All but Carl went to S. S. and the usual services. He is in Cin. It seemed much like rain but none fell here.

Mother went to the church making the second time she has been since Mr. Arnold came.

I was over to see her and father in the afternoon.

## **Monday, November 19, 1900**

Gorgeous eastern sky this AM with heavy haze + clouds in the west. Ther. 58°, air like spring. Sewed some in the afternoon. Mrs. Johnson went to Ironton to the funeral of Mrs.'s J's nephew Frank, killed by cars, so Mrs. Allen presided.

Wrote to Will.

## **Tuesday, November 20, 1900**

Rained. Carl returned from Cin. Have sewed a little today and done various other things. Mary went to Mrs. Simmeron's to help her with her invitations for the reception next week. I shall not be able to do anything after tomorrow until after the S. S. Convention.

## **Wednesday, November 21, 1900**

Beautiful day but it rained in the night after we had gone to bed. Was busy at home all the forenoon then went to Kindergarten Association meeting at All Saints' ch. after which Elizabeth + I went to the Davis Bldg. to Dr. Nye's Physical Culture class given for the Training Class girls. I played for them. Went to prayer-meeting. No. Teachers meeting. Ed. Scofield came + stayed all night. Carl + the girls had company after church. Mr. Bragdon, Lucy Edith.

## **Thursday, November 22, 1900**

A dismal rain was falling in the morning but it stopped before noon, until evening. I went to the Scioto Co. Convention at Sixth St. M. E. Church in the morning and came home just as Mr. Joseph Clark, State Sec'y was arriving at our home to be our guest during his stay here.

The attendance was not large but a good degree of interest was shown. Ed Scofield went home on the 11:05 train and Barton came from Zanesville. Mr. Wilkinson and Messers Bragdon and Powers went to Henley.

## **Friday, November 23, 1900**

Cleared off this morning but rained again in the evening. Spent the whole day and evening in the convention for which I served as Sec'y. The discussions have been interesting and were kept up.

Mr. Joseph Clark left on the early N + W train for Columbus, Jas. May + I getting up to give him some breakfast and see him off. The six rugs from Mark's Carpet Co. came in today.

## **Saturday, November 24, 1900**

Rainy and dismal. Went out to notify the new officers of the Scioto C. Ass'n and was gone until noon. Stopped on the way to see Miss Kellogg at Mrs. Fawn's.

Was home all afternoon. Mrs. Schleiffer called for the contribution to Old Ladies Home. Hope I interested her in K-G while she was here.

Grace cross came to [ay her C. L. S. C. money and order her books. Barton + Elizabeth took supper over home + Margaret went to Helen's. Mother was here.

## **Sunday, November 25, 1900**

Pleasant but growing colder towards evening. Went to the usual Sunday services beginning with Sunday School. Had no evening service at our church as the Union Gospel meetings were to being this evening at Bigelow and we went there. A full house.

Dr. Alderson and Rev. W. H. Miller of Sixth St. made the address.

## **Monday, November 26, 1900**

Awoke to find quite a fall of snow on the ground and more falling. It was wet and miserable and I was in the house almost all day. Went to Bigelow in the evening and heard good temperance talks, or sermons from Mr. Herron and Mr. Comer.

The Evangelist will be her tomorrow.

## **Tuesday, November 27, 1900**

Weather chilly. Busy all forenoon then went to Foreign Mis. Society at 2 o'clock PM after which I came home. The snow is still on the south side of the streets and walking is bad.

Had letter from Mr. Smith saying he would be here Wednesday.

Attended Mrs. W. V. Simmons reception, after the For. Mis. Soc. with mother.

## **Wednesday, November 28, 1900**

Weather pleasant for the season. Have been making some little preparation for tomorrow. Went to Temperance meeting at Baptists church at 2 o'clock then to the Davis Building to Dr. Nye's class for the girls of the training class.

Did not try to go to Bigelow tonight as the crowd gathers there early and seats are needed. Mr. Smith came on the same train with the Peebles family from Wooster.

## **Thursday, November 30, 1900**

A pleasant Thanksgiving. We had the family dinner with Father + Mother, John, Enos + Helen, Barton Green Mr. Smith and out own family excepting Will. Sister Mary went to Mrs. Arnold's to dinner. Several of the Peebles children were here during the day.

I did not go to church. There was to be a Union service at Sixth St. with Rev. Geo. Stewart to preach the sermon and I knew the house would be crowded.

In the evening Jas + I went to Bigelow to the Gospel Temperance service but the house was full and not even desirable standing room left so we came home.

## **Friday, November 30, 1900**

Fine day, pretty frosty. Mother and I went up to see sister Lizzie at Mr. Peebles' but the family were just getting ready for their annual family picture so we did not stay long. This is Mr. P's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday and they are having it properly celebrated, following the usual Thanksgiving day celebration.

I suggested sending him the sampler made by his sister, Mrs. Hamilton when she was fifteen years old and given to Mother Ricker on her last visit here before Mrs. H's death. Jas was willing and we sent it. In the afternoon Lizzie made calls to Helen's, Uncle Sam's, over home, and then went to Helen's afterwards and there told her good-bye as she starts from Mr. Peebles' early. It seems wonderful that she is able to be around again like other people. Sent letters to Will.

## **Saturday, December 1, 1900**

Pleasant. Had three letters from Will today. Keeps very well and reasonably happy. Richard and Lizzie returned to Wooster on the early train with all their family except John, who went to Chicago and Margaret who will go Monday with Jennie Connor. Virginia Greene came this evening to spend a few days with Barton before he goes back west.

The century C. L. S. C. was organized here this evening with Mrs. Robertson as Pres. + Grace Overs Sec'y, Mattie C. Treas.

## **Sunday, December 2, 1900**

Rather pleasant. Signs of rain failed. All went to S. S. and morning service. Rev. Geo. Stuart preached at our church at 3 o'clock and the house was literally packed from end to end. I stood in the gallery with Barton. Virginia found a seat. Temperance, or rather Abstinence was his theme. A union service meeting for men only was held in Bigelow in the evening and I did not go out anywhere. Margaret Peebles came to stay all night here + go in the morning with Jas as far as Columbus.

## **Monday, December 3, 1900**

Foggy in the morning and cloudy + damp later in the day. Got up about 4 o'clock to make coffee for Jas who left for Columbus on the early train and Marg't Peebles went home to Wooster at the same time.

Have been at home all day, busy in the kitchen and elsewhere. Took Mrs. Folsom's C. L. S. C. books to her and stopped to see Mr. Schmitt about the Co. S. S. officers' meeting. Was over home to see sister Virginia awhile.

Maggie Silcox was here + Mrs. Taylor.

## **Tuesday, December 4, 1900**

Wet and disagreeable, was at home all day. Helen went to Home Mis. Society but I could not go anywhere.

Letter from Jas. saying he was unanimously elected Sergeant of Arms of the State Board of Equalization at Columbus and will be home for a few days then return to Columbus.

## **Wednesday, December 5, 1900**

Wet and disagreeable. Virginia was here all forenoon as Barton was getting ready to leave on the 1.55 C + O train. We are very sorry to see him go back to that kind of life. Wish he could stay here among friends and comfortable surroundings.

We had no prayer-meeting on account of the Gospel Temperance meetings which are held every night. Went to kindergarten Ass'n meeting, few present but finances are in very good shape.

## **Thursday, December 6, 1900**

A fair day, the first one this week. Sister Virginia + little Paul went home on the Norfolk + Western train this morning. She was here part of the morning. Mattie did not come this morning and I have been hard at work all day. did not get out anywhere.

Jas. came home from Columbus on the evening train and we had a late supper waiting for him. He saw N. in Columbus before leaving there.

## **Friday, December 7, 1900**

Rain all day. Was busy in the kitchen all day as Mattie was not here. In the afternoon the three girls went to the Gospel Temperance meeting at Bigelow, two or three hundred women were at the doors after the church was filled. Dr. + Mrs. Alderson called her after the meeting. Margaret was over home to tea with Mr. + Mrs. Arnold + Miss Sherwood. Letter from M. a. Ricker.

Got a new stove, for dining, the 11 Odell Radiator.

## **Saturday, December 8, 1900**

Damp but no actual rain, rather a dismal day.

Mattie came again just as M + I had begun breakfast. Was busy at home all day, did not even go over home. Sent a small package to Will for Christmas, half a dozen hdkfs, three ties and a picture of the three girls. Carl went to Cin.

Dr. Nye was here to tea. Helen was here to dinner. Miss Kellogg and Anna Hamilton were here.

Wrote to Will, as did Carl, Margaret + Mary.

The Stuart meetings still going on.

## **Sunday, December 9, 1900**

Fine day, but rather cold. Went to S. S. and morning service at our church. A little after 1 PM I went to Bigelow to get a seat for the Stuart meeting at 3 o'clock. House packed, aisles + all both afternoon + evening for the closing meetings. Hundreds could not get in and some remained in the church between the meetings, not having any supper. The sexton could not get near the bell rope + there was no need to ring the bell. Never saw much crowds.

## **Monday, December 10, 1900**

Pleasant winter day and I have been busy every moment, not being able to tell what I have done as it was all sorts of things. The girls are busy with their Christmas preparations and I enjoy seeing them all at home and so happy with their various employments.

The books are being removed from Father's library to the Public Library, he having sold them to the Library.

## **Tuesday, December 11, 1900**

Cold and clear. Arose at 4 o'clock to make coffee and bake cakes for Jas before he went to the train on his way to Columbus. Had a busy day and ended by going up to Claire Farscham Robertson's for a C. L. S. C. meeting. Between the City + C. O. S. S. Associations, the C. L. S. C. and Kindergarten work I am busy as can be all the time.

## **Wednesday, December 12, 1900**

Freezing this morning but bright and clear.

Have been occupied all day with visitors on various kinds of business. The Blade had a personal notice about Carl tonight which made a stir in the family and his social circle, though it was not news to me.

Went to prayer-meeting and remained to teachers' meeting. Came home and wrote to Winnie Gould McBride and Virginia Greene.



## **Thursday, December 13, 1900**

Beautiful day and not so cold as yesterday. Had three letters from Will, one from Mr. Clark. Went up street to do errands, and wrote several letters, one being to Mary Ricker to tell her of the spoons we will send her. Went to W. C. T. U. meeting. Overhauled and put down the large rug in our bedroom. Miss Kellogg was here to tea. Wrote to Kate Phillippi, Ed Meyor + wife, Oella Tappan, Miss Ella Ricker, C. L. S. C. letter.

## **Friday, December 14, 1900**

Cold. Cut out some flannel night dresses + began making them. Was up street in the morning, the after dinner went with Mother to the shop, and to call upon Mrs. Stephen Smith. Afterwards I went on S. S. and C. L. S. C. errands to the upper end of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Came home + found Minnie Gould + Mrs. Padan's to see Minnie and Mrs. P. insisted upon my going to the dining room and having supper with them. Have also called upon Margaret Sellards while out. Wrote to Mrs. Roberts in reference to the visit to the Xenia O. S. S. O. Home next week.

## **Saturday, December 15, 1900**

Colder than yesterday. Ground frozen. Clear and dry. Have been at home all day. Cleaning, washing curtains sewing and doing all sorts of things. Carl had letter from his father. Got Mary Ricker's wedding present ready to send but did not start it. One dozen teaspoons in case. Girls all busy making Christmas presents.

## **Sunday, December 16, 1900**

Perfect. All went to Sunday School and the usual church services. Was over home in the afternoon for a little while.

## **Monday, December 17, 1900**

Clear. Was busy at home and doing errands until noon and then after dinner I went to Relief Corps. meeting. Had election of officers and Mrs. Allen was elected Pres. I was appointed Sec'y for the eleventh time in succession. Hoped to get out of office this year. Wrote to Will again today.

## **Tuesday, December 18, 1900**

Clear and pleasant. Had Mr. + Mrs. Arnold, Miss Sherwood, Mr. Riddell, Dr. + Mrs. Alderson and Mary Moore were here to tea.

## **Wednesday, December 19, 1900**

Cold and clear.

We were busy as could be all day. Carl went to Cin. on the afternoon train and Jas came home from Columbus on the late train.

We went to prayer meeting and then came home and worked on the dolls' dresses until late.

Miss Sherwood and Mr. Fred Riddell of Cleveland were married this evening at Mr. Arnold's before prayer meeting, Mary Ricker + Dr. Martin of Wilson College married today at Kirkwood.

## **Thursday, December 20, 1900**

Quite cold. Have been very busy all day helping the girls with their various works. Went to K-G Ass'o'n meeting at 1:30 and we had few in attendance but had nearly enough money to settle for the term. May went to Mrs. Murphy's reception, I took her, Mrs. Taylor + Julia in the carriage. Then May + Elizabeth were invited over to Mother's to tea with Mr. + Mrs. Arnold, Mr. + Mrs. Riddell + Dr. Nye.

Margaret had the Juniors here this morning. I dressed dolls all day when I had time.

## **Friday, December 21, 1900**

Cold and clear. WE were busy with the Kindergarten until the closing exercises were over. Jas got out the surrey and took sixteen red wagons to the Jefferson St. K-G. Mother + I went later and remained until after the children saw the tree, then went to the Davis and saw Miss Kellogg + Anna Hamilton, but their children were gone.

## **Saturday, December 22, 1900**

Arose at 4 o'clock and took the 5:15 N + W train for Xenia going by way of Washington C. H. Reached Xenia at 9 o'clock and went directly to the Assembly Hall where the Relief Corps Committee + that from the G. A. R. were marking + sorting the gifts for the O. S. + J. O. House Christmas. Mrs. Roberts of Lancaster was chairman. Mrs. Jeffers of Col, Mrs. Kniffer of Springfield, Mrs. Jackson of Cin + myself being the Com. Mrs. Maxan came later. The home is a beautiful place with nearly 900 children being well cared for in every way. Gen'l Chas. L. Young + wife are superintending it now.

## **Sunday, December 23, 1900**

Cold and clear. One of the most delightful days I ever spent away from home. Slept late because I was so very tired. Had breakfast from Gen'l Young and his official family + the Committees. Went to Cottage 18 upon Miss Van Emmon's invitation and heard her twenty four boys review their S. S. lesson. Then she showed me over the cottage, after which Claude Bowser, of Ports. went to show me over the grounds to visit the Hospital Wards. Dinner, then a quiet rest, then the chapel where I saw the house filled with bright young faces + those who are caring for them. Went to see Dr. Messinger + wife before supper. After supper I with the ladies of the Com. went with Mrs. Young to the Young peoples' meeting in the school room. The regular C. E. meeting had to be omitted as the Assembly Hall was occupied with the Christmas gifts. I was deeply impressed with what I saw + heard in the meeting. The boys and girls seemed filled with the true Christmas spirit and spoke beautifully. My little new friend James Kintigh was among them.

## **Monday, December 24, 1900**

Arose early. Beautiful day. Worked at the Hall all the forenoon until the work was about done then spent the afternoon visiting at the cottages, # 18 + # 2 where there were Ports. children. Late in the afternoon Gov. Wash and friends came to spend the night at the Home and attend the Cantalia to be given in the evening + hear the Christmas carols in the morning. The table was all set out and decorated for a grand dinner this evening

but I left it all, after having my lunch at the fine table in Solitary State, under Miss Bauerele direction. Claude Bowser walked with me to the street car and I quietly took my leave in order to be at home with my own dear family tomorrow. Left Xenia at 6:30 and reached home a little past 11 o'clock PM. Found all well and busy with the Christmas preparations. I shall always be glad I went to Xenia, and am glad I came home even though I missed some delightful experiences.

## **Tuesday, December 25, 1900**

Beautiful day. We had quite a spread of pretty things and a general good time. Had Mother to dinner with us, Father not feeling well enough to come out, Mary + John went to Enos' for dinner.

We missed Will, and I thought of him all day. After dinner Carl went to Cin, intending to return tomorrow.

In the afternoon Jas went to see Bessie and the baby and I went to the S. School Christmas exercises, which were good and the house was filled. The music was especially good. Mr. Scudder had planned, and drilled and succeeded in having everything go off beautifully.

Alex + Mary Ricker took dinner with us.

## **Wednesday, December 26, 1900**

Rainy. Mother washed and dried what she could by the fire, hanging the rest of the washing upstairs. I was out both morning + afternoon, but the rain did not being until after I made my call upon Mrs. Bowser whom I went to tell about seeing her boy. Later I went to see Albert Brenner's brother who was not in at the time but he came to see me after supper and we had quite a talk about the Home. Albert was in the Hospital but not much sick.

Went to prayer-meeting and after we returned Carl came home from Cin bringing Agnes Clyde with him to make a little visit. she is to spend her time with Carl Simmons.

## **Thursday, December 27, 1900**

Weather colder.

Mattie sent word this morning that she was sick and would not be here so we had to take her place and under the circumstances it was hard to do.

There was no time for anything more than the work and it kept us all busy.

## **Friday, December 28, 1900**

Cold. no one to relieve us of the kitchen work and the ironing still on hand.

Interruptions of all sorts and no prospect of any kind, until late in the day when I was ironing, a woman came and promised to come tomorrow and finish the ironing for me.

## **Saturday, December 29, 1900**

Bright and clear and cold. Woman came and finished the ironing and scrubbed the kitchen.

The young folks are getting in a little visiting but there is so much work to be done it hinders the visiting somewhat. Agnes went to stay all night with Carol last night but came back today.

### **Sunday, December 30, 1900**

All managed to get to Sunday School as Mrs. Biggs came to get dinner for us but it is all she can do until New Years Day when she will come again and help us. We attended the usual meetings and I went to see Uncle Sam in the afternoon.

### **Monday, December 31, 1900**

Cold and clear.

Have had but one little snow this winter, thus far. Have had a busy day of course with no help. Ed Scofield came from Ironton on the afternoon train and Darline came from Cin on the evening train. The Clover Club Reception was the occasion of their visit, they having been invited. Our two girls + Carl, Agnes, Ed. Darline and Dr. Ruggles constituted the party which went from here to Mrs. Draper's. May has been there all day helping get ready for the reception. The old year is gone. Margaret and Helen went to the C. E. meeting and remained to the watch night meeting to see the old century out and the new ne in. I was too tired for anything but to go to bed and heard so much of the bell ringing as anyone else when the hour of mid-night arrived.