

Sunday, January 1, 1888

Rained slightly in the morning then grew colder and cleared off. I went to Sabbath School this morning and took charge of the new class from Miss Bell's room. Lizzie Ricker, Lucy Moore, Annie Cox, Carrie Heanley and Carrie Lorey being present. Louise Greene will probably join them next Sabbath. Went to church both morning and evening.

Monday, January 2, 1888

Week of Prayer

Clear and much colder. Have been at home and busy all day. Have not yet finished the dress I began for Mary.

Helen sat with me all the afternoon. Enos went to Cin and John to Henley today. This being the week of prayer we all went to church except Margaret who has a bad cold and Will who had to stay at the grocery store for Uncle Jimmie.

Tuesday, January 3, 1888

Weather very fair but quite cold. Have a dress for Mary well underway but had to lay it aside to go out about 4 o'clock. I had wanted to finish it as soon as possible for she needs it. Just as I was about ready to go to the church with a contribution for the Mission box, Maggie Silcox and Ella Smith came. I had promised to go with M to call on Mary Damarin, she waited at Mrs. Spry's until I went to the sec. then I went to Mrs. Blackburn's and got a book for Mrs. Miller. Called for Maggie + found Mary D. away from home. Did an errand at Mrs. Miller's and came home.

Wednesday, January 4, 1888

Weather rather mild and pleasant. I have long promised Helen that I would go with her to return the calls of Mrs. Johnson and Lillie. This afternoon we walked out then called upon Mrs. Warner with like success. Went to church in the evening. Helen was here all the forenoon, stayed to dinner and then went calling so we have spent the day together.

Thursday, January 5, 1888

This is Mother Ricker's birthday, she being seventy two I think. I was busy all day with the little girls' dresses, of which they are in great need. Mrs. Silcox was here on her way to the Temperance meeting and wanted me to go but there was much need for me at home. In the evening all of us who were able went to church. The meetings are being very well attended.

Friday, January 6, 1888

Began the day by writing the letter to Mother Ricker that should have been written yesterday, then did what I could at the sewing. Margaret's cold is so bad that she ought not to do anything in the cold rooms upstairs so I have it all to do and it is usually nearly noon before I can sit down to sew.

Saturday, January 7, 1888

A rainy dismal day. Have been at home and busy with Lizzie's dress which I am making over. Wanted to finish it today but did not succeed. This being Elizabeth Greene's birthday she and Edward came down for a little visit. Janette Silcox was here also and the children had a good time.

Sunday, January 8, 1888

The weather is disagreeable, wet and cold. I went to Sabbath School with four of the children, Louisa Greene, the sixth of my little new class was present this morning. I shall enjoy the school very much when fairly started but it seemed as though I could not take time for it. Margaret is not well enough to go, her cold does not improve much.

Monday, January 9, 1888

One of the most disagreeable days of the season. A mixture of rain, sleet and snow. I spent the afternoon at the Relief Corp meeting. Stopped on my way to see Miss Emma Bell a few minutes. Helen had brought her work to sit with us this afternoon and I was glad Margaret was to have company during my absence. Notwithstanding the bad evening four of us went to church.

Tuesday, January 10, 1888

Colder and clear again.

Sent notes to Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Pattin about the Committee meeting at Maggie Peebles' term and when I had finished Lizzie's dress so she could put it on, I went to see Mrs. Kline. Had a visit from Helen in the morning and planned to go and see Jennie after dinner but was unfortunate and broke my only good machine needle so I had to go over home to finish the stitching, before I was done, Jenni came down. We all had a little visit together over home.

Wednesday, January 11, 1888

Bright in the forenoon. I went at 10 o'clock to Maggie Peebles' to meet a Com to talk over the arrangements for the W. R. C. entertainment next week.

Went to school immediately after dinner to see Mrs. Lynn about Carl who was absent all forenoon. I having kept him in bed because he was cross. He got up and began dressing but had to go back again. I went out to see Maggie Silcox on business, then to the stores, paid a bill, called at Mrs. Pursell's and Mrs. Jno Miller's. Mrs. Harry Greene was here. Went to church with Mary + Carl.

Thursday, January 12, 1888

Very fair. Carl wrote out his Geography paper and I took it down to Miss Lynn at noon. Went again after dinner to see Miss Vigus who wanted to see me. Did not go to the Temperance meeting because I felt that I ought to try to finish Carl's flannel shirt. Went to church in the evening. Wrote to Mary Ricker whom I have been owing a letter for many weeks. Margaret made me some little sachets for letter paper boxes and I enclosed one to Mary, sent one to Maggie Bell yesterday.

Friday, January 13, 1888

Fair but damp and chilly. Was busy at home until late in the afternoon when I had to stop sewing on Carl's shirt to go after machine needles and thread. I also went up to see Jennie and while there Will came in with a cut in his coat, the result of a little difficulty with a school boy. Ma came in soon after. I went from there to see Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Kline then home. Maggie Peebles went to Henley today to help Lizzie with the baby who is very sick. Went to church in the evening.

Saturday, January 14, 1888

Rather fair but very damp underfoot. Was busy all the forenoon with usual Saturday work. Finished and was just beginning to mend Will's coat when Mrs. McCall came. She was soon followed by Mrs. Pattin, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Whitney all members of a Com to complete arrangements for the Installation of Officers next Friday evening.

Sunday, January 15, 1888

Rainy and cold, a little snow and sleet with the rain, Margaret did not rise until after we had all gone to S. S. It was so wet I did not come home between S. S. + ch, but went to help Miss Emma get home. All went to S. S. except Margaret. Heard that Emma D. Miller died in Chicago Sat at 8 Pm.

Nellie Russell died either last night or this morning, also. We fell anxious about Robert but can hear nothing until tomorrow afternoon.

Monday, January 16, 1888

Clear and cold, slight sprinkle of snow. Ground frozen hard.

News from little Robert Peebles not encouraging, he is very sick and I feel that I should have to go to Lizzie if it were possible but circumstances are such that I ought not to leave just now. Emma Drouvilliard Miller's remains were brought home from Chicago today, she died after a short illness with pneumonia, leaves three children.

We went to church in the evening, I and four of the children, J. W. went to the Post. Mrs. Lowes called in the afternoon. Helen was here also.

Tuesday, January 17, 1888

Rainy and icy, of course very slippery. Ma went to Henley this forenoon to see Lizzie and the baby. I wrote to L. but Ma left earlier than usual and I did not get my note to her in time. Went to prayer meeting at 11:30 AM. After dinner J. W. and I went up to Mrs. Diombion's (sp) and saw the last of Emma. Poor Emma, she showed traces of great suffering, her sudden death is a real shock to her friends. Went from there to see Jennie Green then to see Mrs. Titus. Came home, or rather stopped at Mr. Miller's to see Emma Voorheis + met J. W. then with a letter from Lizzie asking me to make baby a flannel wrapper.

Wednesday, January 18, 1888

Clear and cold, everything frozen hard. Was busy all forenoon with the flannel wrapper and just got it ready in time for J. W. to take it to the train to the Dr. who will take it out. Ma came home after dinner and reported the baby better.

Went to the noon prayer meeting. I went over home and saw Ma. Emma Miller's funeral was held at her mother's home this forenoon. I could not go. After dinner I went to see Emma M. Vooreheis. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, January 19, 1888

Bright and cold. Pavements icy and dangerous for pedestrians. Was out to see Maggie Silcox after dinner then to see Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Pursell. Maggie and I went to the Temperance meeting later in the afternoon. From there I went home with Mrs. Peebles to hear what was in her letter from Henley. They report the baby much better.

Friday, January 20, 1888

Clear and cold. Was at the G. A. R. Hall nearly all day with some of the other ladies preparing for the evening. J. W. Will and I went about 7 o'clock. Was sorry to be away from church but the circumstances seemed to make it necessary. Mrs. Bagley installed our officers and made a short address. We had a little music and then gave the ladies an opportunity to sell their candy and ice cream. We had a very pleasant evening. Helen + Jennie seemed to enjoy it. When we came home it was snowing.

Saturday, January 21, 1888

Bright, clear and cold with a light fall of snow on the ground. After doing the morning work I went with J. W. to call on Mrs. Bagley at Dr. Kline's. Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen were there. Mrs. B. left on the 10:30 train for her home in Zanesville. Was at home all the afternoon until after the train came in then I went to see Maggie Peebles + learned from her that Robert was no better. She came in today. I was at Miss Emma's but she was not at home. Sister Annie would have been twenty-five today had she lived.

Sunday, January 22, 1888

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Margaret was not up until dinner time. Spent the day quietly as usual hearing lessons and reading.
Went to church in the evening.

Monday, January 23, 1888

Weather disagreeable. Went up to Jennie's to see if she was going out to Lizzie's but Edward was sick + she was not going. Stopped at Mrs. Peebles' twice, and at Mrs. Tewksbury's to see Jennie Todd. After dinner I did some more errands, Helen + I went to the school to visit Lizzie's room. Later I went to Mr. Blackburn's and saw him, he was out to see Rich + his family today. Baby is better.

Tuesday, January 24, 1888

cloudy and unpleasant. Had letter from Mrs. Bagley wanting me to go and after some consultation I decided to go and stop at Lizzie's on my way home. After tea Barton + Jennie, Helen + Enos, J. W. + I went to call upon Uncle Same and Aunt Mary. Then went to Uncle Enos' and spent an hour or more.

Wednesday, January 25, 1888

Rainy and very icy. I dressed and got ready to take the noon train for Winchester and go from there, by hack to Manchester. When seated in the cars I was surprised to see Uncles Enos and Sam come aboard with others of the crew, bound for Cin to bring up the boat. They were surprised to see me. I left the train at W. and took a buggy driven by Wiley Miller a boy about like Will, + drove within six miles of M. there met the hack + took it to M. Went to stay at Mrs. Brittingham's.

Thursday, January 26, 1888

Clear and cold. Had a good night's rest in a comfortable bed and Miss Maggie Brittingham showed me every attention. Went to Mrs. Drennan's to see Mrs. Littel + stayed to dinner. Returned to Mrs. B's and went with the girls to the Hall. Spent the afternoon in consultation with the Ladies. Took tea at Mrs. Lightbody's and then went again to the Hall and did what I could to institute a corp without supplies which had not come. After the meeting I went to the Wharf boat to wait for the Bonanza which will be late coming account of the heavy ice.

Friday, January 27, 1888

Bright and thawing some in the sun but not in the shade. I arose from my comfortable bed on the Wharf boat and dressed while the boat was just coming in sight. The ire was so heavy that it was near daylight when she reached Manchester. I felt very grateful to Mrs. Connolley for the kind attention which gave me a good night's rest. Had a pleasant trip home after dinner. Margaret had not improved any in my absence.

Saturday, January 28, 1888

Clear and cold. Ther 7° this morning. Coldest morning but one so far this winter. Was busy all the forenoon with Sat work and then finish Carl's blue flannel shirt and did some mending. Was over home awhile and late in the afternoon I went to see Jennie who has not been well. Two of her children are not well as he told me that they heard today that Charlie Greene had come back from the South much weaker, sent from Dwight to meet him to meet in Cin last night that walking me square exhausted me. Paid Dr. McC. 5.00. Saw a fine eclipse of the sun this evening from 8 o'clock.

Sunday, January 29, 1888

Went to Sabbath School as usual this morning then all of us except in Margaret went to church. Weather pretty cold and river full of ice.

Monday, January 30, 1888

Cold and chilly. River gorged above and ice thinned out so the crew had ordered to go after the boat again tomorrow. I washed Margaret's green flannel dress today preparatory to making it over. Was busy with it all the afternoon and Helen was here with her work.

Tuesday, January 31, 1888

Cloudy and damp.

I concluded to go to Henley on the noon train and try to prevail upon Lizzie to come to town for a little change. She has been nursing Robert until she is quite worn out. I did an errand or two before going to the train. Lizzie was surprised and pleased to see me. In less than an hour she + the boys were gone and I had the house to myself except for Mrs. Herder and Mary.

Wednesday, February 1, 1888

A pleasant day, milder than it has been for a time. Was with the baby all forenoon, Lizzie returned on the noon train and seemed quite cheered by her little trip to town. We visited together the rest of the day.

I wrote a couple of my letters on W. R. C. business while she and Mrs. Hill were busy cutting out aprons for her little girls.

Thursday, February 2, 1888

Very damp from the thaw, quite sunny and bright. After breakfast Lizzie + I went to see Addie Nesmith and Mrs. Hill. After dinner I gathered up my things and took the train for home. Found all about as I left them. In the evening we went to the High School entertainment for the benefit of the Cadet Co. Which Will is a member.

Friday, February 3, 1888

Cloudy, damp and cold.

A cheerless kind of day.

Was busy at home all the forenoon except for a few minutes spent over home with the folks. After dinner I went to see Maggie Silcox who was not at home and later she came to see me. Together we went over home as she wanted to call on Helen. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. Annual election of officers was held and nearly all re-elected.

Saturday, February 4, 1888

Rainy and unpleasant.

Was busy about the house all forenoon then after dinner I went to attend to some W. R. C. business. Took membership blank to Miss M. Lloyd, and Mrs. McKearn, saw Miss Hard then went to see Mary Murphy who was not at home. Saw Jennie a few minutes then went to see Annie Cox + Carrie Hadley. two S. S. scholars who have been sick.

Sunday, February 5, 1888

Wet but not rain hard. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Was home and busy with lessons all afternoon then went to church again in the evening. Uncle Jimmie was not here this evening. There seems to be no danger of a flood this month, river has not been high and there has been a good deal of ice and cold weather to check rises.

Monday, February 6, 1888

Cold but neither rain nor snow though the morning gave promise of one or the other. Was out most of the forenoon. Went to see Jennie, Mary Murphy and Ella Fulton, also to Mr. Ewing's. Went to Corps meeting in the afternoon after which Mrs. Silcox, Mrs. Hard + I stopped to see Mary Damarin. Was in to see Clara Miller before Corps meeting.

Tuesday, February 7, 1888

Rainy and dismal all day. Sewed or rather prepared to sew on Margaret's dress all day until late then I went to see Mrs. Kline whose sister Mrs. Dr. Wilson died last week at her home in Washington C. H. Just a year ago she was in great distress of mind about Dr. K. who was about starting for California for his health. He now seems quite well.

Wednesday, February 8, 1888

Quite cold. Before school time this morning Prof Lowes and his wife called to invite us to spend tomorrow evening with them. I was down to the Office in the morning to see about a feed bill but Father was not in the Office so explained matters in a note. Was over home and Helen was over here. She told me of the prospect of them going to housekeeping. I am glad they think of it. Went to church.

Thursday, February 9, 1888

Quite cold and sharp. Snow on the ground in the evening. Was busy with Margaret's flannel dress until late then dressed to go to Mrs. Lowes' to tea. Jennie was here and expressed her regret that she and Barton could not go. Dr. + Mrs. Dennis were the only other guests besides ourselves and we spent a delightful evening.

Prof. and his wife are so pleasant no one can help enjoying a visit with them.

Friday, February 10, 1888

Somewhat milder and late in the afternoon it began to rain and freeze, covering the ground with a glare of ice. A bad time for the little folks who take part in the Reading Rooms' Entertainment tonight. Lizzie and the boys came in today. Will and Margaret went to the Opera House to see the "Children' Crusade." She hasn't been out before in a long while at night. Mattie Peebles was here this afternoon.

Saturday, February 11, 1888

Cloudy and not so cold but very wet. A soft light snow has been falling on the icy ground and the prospect is very dismal outside.

Was over home awhile this forenoon to see Lizzie and the children before they left for home on the noon train. After dinner, washed and pressed the waist to M's green flannel dress which I am making over.

Took Father 20.00 to pay taxes for us when they pay theirs. Children all went to the Opera House to the "Land of God" for the benefit of the Reading Rooms.

Sunday, February 12, 1888

Snowed slightly today so we carried umbrellas. Margaret went to Sabbath School but Carl did not as he was not well. All except him went to church. At night the walking was very bad, icy and slushy + slippery.

This is the Anniversary of the heights of the floods in '83 + '84.

Monday, February 13, 1888

Quite bright this afternoon, in fact all day. Helen brought her work to sit with us. Mrs. McConnell and Flo came to call and after they had gone, Helen and I went to say goodbye to Mrs. Blackburn Mary + Mattie Peebles who leave in the morning for Florida. Mrs. B. has been sick most of the winter with cold and Mary Peebles has been confined to the house since in the fall except for a few Sabbaths that she has been taken to S. S. + church in the carriage.

Large new Catholic School on 5th St. met this evening for the first time.

Tuesday, February 14, 1888

Mild and damp. Mrs. Jno Lodwick was here early this morning and told us Judge Towne died suddenly at Santa Barbara, Cal. yesterday morning. Mrs. Silcox was here later and after dinner Mrs. Prof. Cox and her two little girls called

Almost finished Margaret's green dress which looks very well being as fresh as new.

Wednesday, February 15, 1888

Sunny and of course muddy underfoot. After doing the morning work I went up to Mrs. J. K. Duke's on an errand. Saw her sister Julia Russell who is visiting her. Went from there to school and made a short visit in Miss Ball's room. Saw both the other teachers. After dinner went with J. W. to G. A. R. Hall to look at a piece of carpet got a music book which I took to Mr. Sparks later in the day. Went to church in the evening. Mrs. Dennis made me a nice call.

Thursday, February 16, 1888

Thermometer at 16° this AM but during the day the sun thawed the ground and it was muddy in places.

Ripped and washed my black dress today preparatory to making over.

Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Reeves called this afternoon. Did not go to Temperance meeting as I was occupied all the time. Uncle Jimmie was here soliciting for the Centenary Fund.

Friday, February 17, 1888

Moderated a little. Went up to see Miss Emma this afternoon about an application for Ruby. It being Uncle Jimmie Wood's birthday we invited him to take tea with us. Also asked Mr. Blackburn as we wished to show him some attention during Mrs. B's absence in Florida and also because he had been present at the celebration a year ago the first time we had ever known when his birthday came, or rather we learned it after Dr. Pratt's had been celebrated on the 17th of February, 1886.

Saturday, February 18, 1888

Bright and pleasant. Was busy with the usual sweeping and dusting until noon then dressed and went out in the afternoon.

Sunday, February 19, 1888

Bright in the morning but rainy all night. Went to Sabbath School as usual. Rev. Mr. Gibson preached for Mr. Blackburn, they exchanged pulpits. Mr. B. going to Walnut Hills.

Monday, February 20, 1888

Rainy in the morning but the sun came out and made a rainbow in the west. Later it cleared off beautifully. Was busy at home all forenoon and immediately after dinner I went over to Mrs. McConnell's to await the arrival of Mrs. Towne and friends with Mr. T's remains. Later I went to the stores and also to see Mrs. Lowes, Mrs. Helfenstein and Mrs. Lamoree.

Tuesday, February 21, 1888

Bright and pleasant for which we are glad. A funeral is sad any time but it seems more so when the weather is dismal. Judge Towne's funeral was held at All Saints' church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Revs. Burr and Badger officiating. I was over at the house several times during the day and went to the church but not the cemetery. Judge Towne's death was very sudden and peaceful. He knew his heart disease would take him off suddenly and was prepared to go anytime. Mrs. Towne has devoted herself so closely to caring for him that she will miss him greatly.

Wednesday, February 22, 1888

Bright and pleasant. Ma came over and advised me to let Margaret go home with Rich today, though I had told him last evening I feared to have her go anywhere. Having the weekly mending to do I did not accomplish much on my dress. Washington's birthday was only celebrated by a few flags being displayed. Schools held the usual sessions during the entire day.

Thursday, February 23, 1888

A most beautiful spring-like day, such a one as temps are strongly to forsake home duties and enjoy the bright sunshine. My dress proves to be quite a puzzle and I find it hard to make anything of what material I have. Expected to have gone to Temperance meeting but found I could not finish in time. Did not go out anywhere. John came over to return some tools and made quite a visit.

Friday, February 24, 1888

A rainy day. Helen and I planned to go to the High School this afternoon to hear the exercises prepared as a celebration of Washington's Birthday, this being the time for regular Monthly Rhetorical work. We went in a hard rain. Enjoyed the program which included a representation of the Continental Congress discussing the signing of the

Declaration of Independence. Lizzie + her boys surprised us by coming in during the session. We then went with her to all on Mr. Peebles.

Saturday, February 25, 1888

Weather very changeable, after several turns it settled down to rain in the afternoon. I finished my black dress, out it on and went over awhile with my darning. Their help has gone home for a visit so consequently they have much to do. Helen was here a few minutes after having been to the Mission Sewing School. Lizzie and Jennie were here a few minutes this morning. L. and her boys went home on the noon train.

Sunday, February 26, 1888

Bright and clear with a sharp, frosty wind blowing. The four younger children and I went to Sabbath School and church as usual, came home between services and were joined by J. W. on our return to church. Had the usual lessons in the afternoon then I went over home to see Father + Mother a few minutes before tea. Uncle Jimmie was here before I returned. Rev. Mr. Slutz lost a child of two or three years old, since yesterday.

Monday, February 27, 1888

Cold enough to freeze the clothes on the line almost as soon as they were put out. I have been cutting out canton flannel underwear for the little girls, late as it is in the season because they need it and it will be so much done for the next winter. Was up to Jennie's and did some errands for Mary, for Lizzie and for Jennie. Called at Ella Fulton's but she was not in.

Tuesday, February 28, 1888

Bright again. Have been sewing on the canton flannel for Lizzie today. Cut out some scraps and pieced them together yesterday and will use the new piece for Mary thus getting six pairs of drawers at a cost of 25 cts and time used in making them.

Mrs. Tewksbury was here this forenoon, no I have mistaken the day, she was here one day when I was out.

Wednesday, February 29, 1888

Damp and a little rainy. Mrs. Lowes was here just at noon after milk and seeing our sliced corned beef on the table wanted some for supper as she was expecting company. Went to church in the evening. Mrs. Hunter and Miss Hard were here this afternoon.

Thursday, March 1, 1888

Bright but rather cool and raw. Intended sewing all the afternoon as I had work necessary to be done but Maggie Silcox brought her literature for the W. C. T. U. and wanted me to take it if I went, so I took it and went but came home and took up my sewing again. Ella Smith was here with M.

Friday, March 2, 1888

Rainy. The event of the day was the Golden Wedding of Mr. + Mrs. Myrion Wells celebrated at Mr. Mark B. Wells'. It rained very hard in the evening but J. W. + I walked up to the house. Ma rode and Bart + Jennie were present also. Mr. + Mrs. Wells had all their children present, Rev. H. H. + J. Lester, William + Mark, Sarah Folsom, Emma Reeder + Laura Wells. Everything was well planned and executed and it was a delightful occasion. Such are pare, I never attended a Golden Wedding before. J. no and J. W. had the hot water tank done this afternoon and worked to mend it but did not succeed after all as they wanted.

Saturday, March 3, 1888

Quite pleasant and bright. Was busy at home all the forenoon then went up to see Mrs. Kline after dinner. Called to see Mrs. Reeder and Miss Laura Wells but they were not at home. This is Ida Cragg Chatterson's anniversary. She was married one year ago today at her home in Louisville. I called on Mrs. B. Nichols and her sister Mrs. Libbie Robinson. After tea Mrs. Chris Young and Alice Young called to see me.

Sunday, March 4, 1888

Cold with indications of snow a few flakes of which fell as we returned from church in the evening. We went to S. S., ch. as usual both in the morning and evening. Mr. Blackburn preached from the text "What is that to Thee? Follow than me." and in the evening, the congregation of the 2nd united with us and listened to Red. H. H. Wells the evangelist who is here attending the Golden Wedding of his father + mother. This is the anniversary of their wedding day and the morning they heard one son (J. Lester) preach in the 2nd ch this evening the other (H. H.) in the 1st.

Monday, March 5, 1888

The heaviest snow of the season was falling when we arose this morning. It continued steadily all night, I presume, and all day. Was very deep by night. I went to the W. R. C. meeting through it all and eight others braved the storm so we transacted all the business before the Corps. I was at Mrs. Miller's a few minutes and also at Miss Emma's after the meeting.

Tuesday, March 6, 1888

The whitest, frostiest day we have had this winter. Trees, lines, fences, everything is loaded with snow and frost. Ther at 2° this morning. I remained at home all day, no not all day for I went up to Jennie's in the afternoon through the slush the sun having melted the snow where it was exposed. Mrs. Belden Nichols was here on an errand. Saw Dwight Greene while on my way to home. Have a new package of letter paper.

Wednesday, March 7, 1888

Ther 14° this morning and snow frozen hard, excepting where exposed to the sun in the middle of the day. Have been basting up a cloak for May which I cut from an old garment for which I had no other use. Mary brought her sewing and spent most of the forenoon here. Was over home a few minutes. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, March 8, 1888

The snow is rapidly thawing under the bright rays of the sun. Have been busy with the cloak all day. Could not go to the Temperance meeting for May is in such a great need of her cloak.

Maggie Silcox was here on her way to the Meeting and I was sorry to see her go without me.

Friday, March 9, 1888

Little is left of the snow now except what is in the evening. Carl and I went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. He likes to go with me and I am glad to have his company.

Saturday, March 10, 1888

Rainy. Was busy as usual all the forenoon and in the afternoon worked hard to finish the cloak for Mary which was not right when done. Little girls went up tot Elizabeth's, or rather Mary went, Lizzie went to Miss Hall's to prepare for Exhibition at school. Annie + Minnie Cox came to make the children a visit and I kept them until L. returned.

Sunday, March 11, 1888

Bright in the morning but sprinkled later in the day. Went to Sabbath school and church. Children all went and able to attend.

Spent the day in the usual way with lessons in the afternoon. Uncle Jimmie did not come today.

Monday, March 12, 1888

Clear and quite frosty. Had a letter from Mother Ricker which called for an answer so I wrote to Betsey + sent the message. John came over to put in a new window sash rope for me and it led to a whole day's work of repairing of windows, latches, etc. in which I gladly assisted. A great many loose screens were found in fixed.

After tea J. W. + I went to see how Judith Moore was and made quite a visit.

Sister Annie died 23 years ago today.

Tuesday, March 13, 1888

Milder and very pleasant. John and I have worked all day repairing and had twelve doors off their hinges every door in the house but three needed something done to it and they are all now in better order than they have ever been, even when new. Aunt Mary + Ada were here before tea.

Capt. Jno Lodwick had a stroke of paralysis today and can hardly recover from it.

Wednesday, March 14, 1888

Pleasant. J. W. did not remain all night at Mrs. Lodwick's but went over again this morning and learned that the Capt. died about 7 o'clock. He was ready and willing to go, had prepared for a sudden call.

Will was sick nearly all night and when morning came was unable to rise. I went to see Miss Ball and Prof Cox and see what could be done about the Ex. he will miss. Mrs. Belden Nichol was in, she has just left our neighborhood, moved upon 2nd St. Did not go to church as Will needed me. Bought Carl's suit.

Thursday, March 15, 1888

Weather mild and not unpleasant. Will was still sick today and unable even to sit up. I was with him most of the time but had to fulfill an engagement with Mrs. Silcox and went to see Mrs. Lynn who was not at home and I was soon back. The Eastern papers are full of accounts of the worst snow storm ever known in and about New York. Great suffering and loss of life has resulted from it and business has been suspended for several days. J. W. sat up last night at Mrs. Lodwick's and we were there this PM.

Friday, March 16, 1888

Weather pleasant. Will was able to be up today but did not go to school. I was busy all day house cleaning upstairs, that is after attending Capt. Jno Lodwick's funeral in the morning at our church. The older citizens are going very fast lately. Six of his schoolmates preceded the casket and four of them had sons acting as pall-bearers. In the evening J. W. went with me to Mrs. Silcox's where Miss H. she, + I had to make Reports for the W. R. C. Could not attend Teachers' meeting.

Saturday, March 17, 1888

Bright and pleasant. Put in a hard day's work cleaning, rather half a day and the rest of it in other ways. Altered the new cloak which can now be made to for Lizzie as a school cloak. J. W. went to a meeting held at Mrs. Duke's after supper and it was late when we finished the day. I filled out 23 Audubon certificates in the evening and straightened up the business left unfinished by Mr. Walter Miller.

Sunday, March 18, 1888

Beautiful day. Went to S. S. + church as usual, children all able to be present except Margaret who is still at Henley. In the afternoon the little girls and I went to the Rink to attend a Union Temperance meeting and heard a good talk from Dr. Burr, now well up in the eighties and a Temperance man for more than sixty years. He can remember the history of the work for many years past. Will was out morning and afternoon but went early to bed not feeling well.

Monday, March 19, 1888

Beautiful day with a full day's work before me. Have just "written up" for ten days after writing to Margaret. Will went to school this morning and after dinner I went to W. R. C. meeting. Came home and found Will in bed and Dr. Kline here. His fever has risen again and he was feeling badly. The doctor prescribed and left intending to return tomorrow and see what his condition might be.

Mrs. Evans brought me home in her buggy and seeing the Dr.'s buggy here I feared an accident, did not think of Will's being worse. Lizzie P. was in today.

Tuesday, March 20, 1888

Delightful weather. We needed no wraps today, it was so warm. In the morning Will was so much better that I could leave him and attend May's Examination Exercises. After noon I went to Miss Hall's room to hear Lizzie. Will wanted to go to school this morning to take his examination in Latin but when he dressed he found he was unable to even sit up so he went back to bed. Dr. called in the evening and found him free from fever and feeling comfortable.

Wednesday, March 21, 1888

Cloudy with slight sprinkling and much cooler than yesterday. Will got up and dressed after breakfast, went over home a little while, I did not know it until later. I went to Miss Lynn's room to attend Carl's examination leaving Will feeling comfortable. After I came home at noon he felt worse and went to bed again so began the doses again and sent word to the Dr. who came about 5 o'clock and found his fever at $102 \frac{4}{5}$ the highest it has been. I did not go to church, only Carl and his father went. Wrote to Margaret.

Thursday, March 22, 1888

Snow on the ground this morning and Ther at 20° with a strong wind blowing clear. Will was not feeling so well this morning and did not attempt to rise. I was at home all day.

Maggie Silcox came on her way to the Temperance meeting and made me a little visit.

Margaret came home from Henley after a visit of about four weeks. Richard came with her and she brought a large basket of flowers.

Friday, March 23, 1888

Pleasant in the forenoon and until about 2 PM when it began to snow quite hard. Will was better but not up today. I went to the Exhibition or Rhetorical exercises. Went to Teacher's meeting in the evening. Ma went with me to the Exhibition, Margaret went on ahead with a basket of flowers for the teachers and the "Continental Congress" but she did not remain.

Saturday, March 24, 1888

A deep snow was on the ground today and it continued falling lightly all day. The little girls were out with the sled to take milk to several places. I went to the Temperance prayer meeting in the afternoon and from there went home with Maggie Peebles and had a pleasant visit with her/ Was busy mending underwear all my spare time today.

Sunday, March 25, 1888

Rainy and the snow on the pavements is water soaked and slushy. Walking as bad as any we have had this winter. Will was better and up all day but not out. The Dr. called to see him after supper.

Margaret went to S. S. + church with us in the morning, in the evening only Carl went with us to church. A beautiful floral piece was beside the pulpit today, a pillow of white flowers with the initials E. E. P. in violets. A tribute from Mrs. Warner I think.

Monday, March 26, 1888

Weather mild and spring like. The last vestige of snow melted but in the afternoon we had a snow shower with hail and the drops glittered in the sunshine far up in the clouds.

Will is better and able to be out today a little. Have ben sewing on pants for Carl. Mrs. Lawrence called, and after tea I went to see Mrs. Towne. Margaret has busied herself.

Tuesday, March 27, 1888

Mild but still we need fires. Margaret was busy with the closets and I with the pants.

Wednesday, March 28, 1888

Rainy and disagreeable.

Went over home to finish Carl's pants on Mary's machine as the seams were heavy. Went to church in the evening, Mr. Blackburn was absent having gone to Manchester to a meeting of Presbytery in reference to the new minister there, out Mr. Benaugh. It rained hard as we went to church. Will returned to his work at the store.

Thursday, March 29, 1888

Quite pleasant, though the ground it wet and cold. After dinner I took the little girls to have their picture taken and from there we went to call upon Mrs. Jones. Found Emma Williams there, having come from Columbus to see her mother.

Went to the Temperance meeting at the Reading Rooms.

Went to the Temperance meeting at the Rink.

Called on Mrs. Dennis.

Friday, March 30, 1888

Quite warm and pleasant. Have been cutting out some work. The little girls are at home and had company this afternoon Mae Pursell having come on my invitation to visit them.

Margaret and I were out awhile in the afternoon and after tea Carl + I went to Teachers' meeting.

Saturday, March 31, 1888

Pleasant weather. Jas did a little work in the yard. Rolled the side yard. I took the little girls to have their pictures tried again. Sewed a little, trying to fit some undergarments for M. After dinner Mrs. Dennis called with her buggy and I went with her to call upon Mrs. Zull at the upper end of town. Before tea I went to see Mrs. Jno Miller. Jno and Enos were here in the evening.

Sunday, April 1, 1888

Easter, and a beautiful day. We went to Sabbath School, the five children and I, then all went to church.

In the afternoon I met with the Boys' Mission Band for who is not feeling well. There were some very beautiful flowers in S. S. and taken upstairs later, loaned by Mrs. Alex Warner. We went to church again in the evening. Margaret + Will went to All Saints' church to see the S. S. exercises. After our service the rest of us went in there and remained until close.

Monday, April 2, 1888

There were indications of rain last evening but it cleared up again this morning. I did little aside from the regular morning work until noon. After dinner, attended the W. R. C. meeting. From there Mrs. Silcox + I went to see Jennie Greene and Mrs. Duduit who was badly injured Saturday being thrown from a buck-board. Was out to Mrs. Silcox's, + Mrs. Russell's later, had tea + then went to Mrs. Lodwick's and Mrs. York's.

Tuesday, April 3, 1888

Bright and beautiful though cooler than it was yesterday. Ma returned from Henley where she went yesterday, reported all well. I went up to school this morning for a while, having some errands there. Called to see Mrs. Pursell a little while. Cut out pants for Will which afterwards gave to Fannie Byers to make as she came in to get a quilt + I wanted her to make. Took the little girls to M. Hull again to try another sitting. Called to see Mrs. Helfenstein. Miss Elsner was with her.

Wednesday, April 4, 1888

Beautiful day but windy. We were startled this morning to find that John left home last night about bed time when we thought him in bed. Ma supposing he was in Enos' room where he has been sleeping and Enos supposing he had returned to his own room as Helen will be home tomorrow J. W. and Enos drove to Buena Vista to look after him but learned nothing of him. We can only conjecture where he may have gone but do not know which way he went.

Thursday, April 5, 1888

Beautiful day. Mrs. Field came today to put the parlor ceiling on and Ma came over and told her to go and out the side wall paper on also. It is very pretty and will improve the looks of the house greatly. I have taken such a cold that I am hardly fit to do anything. We have heard nothing of John but have concluded that he has gone to Kirkwood and can only hope and trust that no ill will befall him. Went to church this evening, J. W. had sick headache and was in bed. Helen returned from Newton tonight.

Friday, April 6, 1888

Beautiful weather. Ma came over soon after breakfast and stayed until nearly noon helping to put the bedroom carpet down. It was a great deal of help to us and I finished it while Janie got dinner. It took us all the afternoon to put things in order and then we did not get through. My cold is no better and I did not go to church tonight. Began a letter to Mrs. Bond of Toledo.

Saturday, April 7, 1888

Bright and pleasant though rather cool. I was busy all day straightening up the parlor and while the most is done, there still remains a good deal. Changed the book case over with the S. W. corner of the room and like it better there. Lizzie + Rich came in today, I only saw them a few minutes. I was over home to finish stitching Will's pants on Mary's machine.

I wrote to Mrs. Bond. The little girls took dinner at Jennie's and went with their children to the stove Brick Wks for the afternoon. The boys were on the hills. Jno Peebles + Nellie Lloyd were married tonight.

Sunday, April 8, 1888

Beautiful day but cool enough for a little fire all day. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Communion service was held in the forenoon at which time one of my class, Louise Greene, her sister Adah and Mary Little were received into the church. Mr. + Mrs. Cropper had been received at their home as he is sick. My cold is very little better and I did not venture out in the evening. There were lovely white flowers about the pulpit this morning.

Monday, April 9, 1888

Cloudy and quite cool. With my cold I must keep near the fire when in the house. I went with Margaret up to school this morning and she will try to resume her studies after an absence of exactly one year. It having been one year this Monday noon since she came home for the last time. The little girls got their photos, not very good but better than none. Rich and Lizzie were here a few moments while I was away. They came to town Saturday to hear some unwelcome news about J. P. Wrote to Mother Ricker + sent photo.

Tuesday, April 10, 1888

Weather pleasant though rather cool. We need to keep up fire in the sitting room. Except to sew some this week on white goods. Margaret is still staying over home and doing what she can to help them out of school hours. We hope she will be able to attend school the rest of the term. Have had no news of John who has been gone now a week. We cannot think he will suffer any harm, but will be care for by the Lord whom he trusts.

Wednesday, April 11, 1888

Bright and pleasant.

I was sewing today and Helen brought her work and came over in the afternoon. It is Elsie Boynton's birthday and her Aunt Dora prepared a little surprise party to which Lizzie went at 4 o'clock. We all went to church as usual in the evening. The leaves are coming out rapidly on some of the trees.

Thursday, April 12, 1888

Bright and pleasant though cool. Went up to see Maggie Silcox and afterwards Jas + I went to the G. A. R. Hall on an errand, then I had to call and see Dora Hard

which took me until nearly noon. Wanted to go to the Temperance Meeting but could not.

Friday, April 13, 1888

Bright and pleasant though rather cool. Have been sewing as I cannot do anything at house cleaning. Could not attend the Teachers' Meeting this evening for the same reason, the cold, which does not get much better.

Saturday, April 14, 1888

Quite cool and we need fire. Have not been able to do anything out of doors owing to my severe cold. Wrote to Mrs. Bond from whom I had another letter yesterday in reference to the visit she wants me to make. Twenty-three years ago today President Lincoln was assassinated by J. Wilkes Booth.

Have sewed quite busily and finished off the fifth under waist I have been making. Spent some time over home. Our pet cat Winnie has been missing since yesterday and four kittens mourn their loss.

Sunday, April 15, 1888

(Monday, April 16th)

Made a mistake that I never made before in the twenty-five years that I have been keeping a diary. Wrote the same day of the week twice in succession and proceeded to "write up" for the weeks as I often do but wrote Sunday's doings in Monday's space as I never write on Sunday's.

Sunday, April 15, 1888

Cloudy and showery, cool enough for fire both at home + at church. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual though my cold made me feel very much unlike doing so.

Had lessons in the afternoon and went again to church in the evening. uncle Jimmie was here to tea. Jas. + Carl went to Mrs. Dobb's funeral at the Christian church in the afternoon.

Monday, April 16th 1888

Cloudy. My cold is a little better.

Tuesday, April 17, 1888

Beautiful day and warmer than yesterday though frosty in the morning. Went up to Mr. Tewksbury's to inquire about Jennie Todd who is so very sick that her father, Mother and Russell are all there in Chicago with her. Called to see Mary Peebles who has just returned from Florida where she + Mattie + Mrs. Blackburn have been for several weeks. Hattie Peebles + children also returned from California last night with the others. Stopped to see Mrs. Huber. Mrs. Evans was here. J. W. has been on jury all day. Margaret + Will went to hear the Silver Lake Quartette.

Wednesday, April 18, 1888

Pleasant. Did some work on my wrapper which needed a little altercation and fixing. Took the three kittens up to Mrs. Evans as she offered to take care of them and I could do very little for them. She was not at home. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. News from Jennie Todd is not better. Was over home awhile with my work.

Thursday, April 19, 1888

Fair and pleasant though cool enough for fire and heavy wraps. Am making some little preparation for the contemplated trip to Toledo next week. Attended the regular W. C. T. U meeting and served as Dec'y protem (?). The Barrett-Arms bill for Scientific Education on the subject of Alcohol, Narcotic etc + their effects upon the human system is now a law. Wrote to Mother R. also wrote four postal cards to other parties. Mrs. Silcox + I went to see Mrs. Duduit + Jennie Greene, also called to inquire about Jennie Todd. After tea J. W. + I went to see Maggie Peebles. Chas. Pursell + Hattie Michael were married this evening.

Friday, April 20, 1888

Fair in the morning but cloudy late and changing to much colder weather. Went to the H. S. on an errand and then to see Mrs. Kline a few minutes, from there to see Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary. Trimmed a new hat for Lizzie and cleaned + retrimmed May's sailor hat. Lizzie has a new one which cost .50 and I trimmed it with ribbon we had. Have been trying to secure a large attendance of girls for the meeting tomorrow afternoon to hear Miss Mary McDowell, the Nat'l organizer of Y. W. C. T. U.'s

Saturday, April 21, 1888

Weather pleasant. Was busy all forenoon with the usual work and spent most of the afternoon at church. Attended the meeting called by W. C. T. U. to organize a "Y."

Not many young ladies present but Miss McDowell interested them in the work and they organized with Miss Ball as Pres't, Lollie Cole V.P. Blanche Smith Sec'y + Margaret Ricker as Treas. The girls were charmed with Miss McDowell. Was down to see Elna Ellis twice about the music. Once after tea.

Sunday, April 22, 1888

Pleasant in the morning but it rained hard after dinner and in the evening. Went to S. S. + church as usual, Mrs. Shaw, daughter of a former Pastor of our church, + a Missionary was present at Sabbath School. Had no service in the evening as Mrs. Shaw was to talk at the 2nd church. We went to Bigelow, as it rained, and heard Miss McDowell talk on Temperance. We also went to the Rink in the afternoon.

Monday, April 23, 1888

Pleasant again. Came near to going to Toledo this morning but could not arrange about the ticket so went to see Mrs. Evans and then came home to prepare for an early start tomorrow.

The trip is one of those pleasant surprises that have come to me several times in my life time. Realizing a desire for which there seemed no ground for expectation. Mrs.

Bond has obliged me to visit her when it seemed quite unlikely that I could ever do so. It is purely Providential and I trust may result in some good.

Tuesday, April 24, 1888

Arose at 4 o'clock and finished my preparations. Had a cup of coffee + went to the S. V. Depot. Met Ironton ladies on train so had good company + was a pleasant trip. Reached Toledo at 3:30 PM and was met by Mrs. Bond who took me to her home to lay aside my packages + then drove to the Odd Fellows' Hall to report to the Convention. Went back to tea, met the family and after tea Mr. + Mrs. B. + I went to the Reception at Memorial Hall. It was a crush. Saw the Drill of the Toledo Cadets which was fine, also the great Natural Gas illumination.

Wednesday, April 25, 1888

Beautiful day. After breakfast we drove down street to see the procession. It was noon when it was concluded. Went to the Hodges and saw Mrs. Bagley + others, among them Mrs. McGammon. Spent the afternoon in the business meeting at O. F. H. Met Mrs. Evans from Ports. who came that morning. Took her home with me to spend the night. After tea we all went to the joint Campfire. Saw + heard several notable people. It was late when we got to bed.

Thursday, April 26, 1888

Went to the Hall promptly and Mrs. Bagley obliged Mrs. Bond privately after which she was publically invited into the Dep't and will join the corps by Transfer. Mrs. Hayes was also received by Transfer. The entire day was spent at the Hall and after tea I went to the Madison to attend a Committee meeting. After which I returned to Mrs. Bond's and retired at once,

Friday, April 27, 1888

Cloudy. Went out to do some errands and see some sights. Went to visit the Manual Training School and was much pleased with what I saw. Regretted I had not more time to spend in the various departments. Mrs. Bond is determined I shall see it all and so we cannot give much time to any one place. Have met some pleasant people and upon the whole like Toledo very much.

Saturday, April 28, 1888

Very warm. We were out all the forenoon and immediately after dinner went to visit the Woolson Spice Mills + saw the Lion Coffee roasted. Took a street car and went out the river road to see the river. Called to see a special friend of Mrs. Bond's Mrs. Wilmington. Had a pleasant day but was tired and glad to retire early.

Sunday, April 29, 1888

Beautiful day, very warm until about 4 Pm when it suddenly changed to very cool and caused some to contract severe colds. Attended Trinity Episcopal church in the AM from there went to Westminster Pres. Sa. School. Mr. + Mrs. Snider nephew + niece of Mrs. Bond dined with us. In the evening Mrs. Bond + I went to Westminster church.

Monday, April 30, 1888

The weather continues beautifully and we are making the most of it. Driving out each forenoon. The friends insist upon my remaining and as yet I have not received my ticket so will wait for it. Wrote a letter for the Tribune this morning and have also a report to write for the Temperance meeting at home. Mr. Fred Eaton took tea with us this evening. He is an old friend of Mr. + Mrs. Bond and came informally. Mr. Bond went to Fostoria this evening to be gone until tomorrow noon.

Tuesday, May 1, 1888

Beautiful weather and Toledo is certainly a very beautiful city. We drive out each morning to go over as much of the city as possible and seeing the beautiful homes.

This evening Mrs. Bond + I went to Mr. Snider's to tea. They have a lovely little home and are delightful people. We enjoyed the evening very much. Mr. Bond did not feel well enough to go.

Wednesday, May 2, 1888

Beautiful day. Mrs. Bond and I went out in the carriage at 9 o'clock and were gone until noon. Dressed immediately after dinner and met her half dozen friends, Mesdames Dural, Swalley, Wilmington, Snider, Walbridge + others at an afternoon party from 2 to 4 PM then she + I went to Mrs. Pomeroy's to attend the 15th Anniversary meeting of the W. C. T. U. met some pleasant ladies there. Spent the evening at home. Mrs. Bond is sick with cold and I bade all the family goodbye tonight as I leave in the morning before they will be up.

Thursday, May 3, 1888

Beautiful day. Arose at 4 o'clock, dressed and lay down to await the time for starting. Mrs. Bond insisted upon going to the train with me had a nice lunch for me to take on the cars and hot coffee before I started. They have left nothing undone for my pleasure. Met Aunt Betsey at Columbus on her way to Ironton so had her company to Ports. Found all well at home. Went to the Anniversary of the W. C. T. U. at 6th St. M. E. Ch. and read Mrs. Duduit's report on Scientific Instruction + my own for Narcotics.

Friday, May 4, 1888

Pleasant weather. Have been unpacking and sitting myself today as I could not find time for it. Went to the Office about 9 o'clock after the buggy for Jennie who wanted to ask H. + Enos to keep house while she goes to Zanesville next week. Was caught in a hard rain. Stopped to see Mrs. Tewksbury on my way home, took Helen home and then went up to school after Margaret and Will as they had no umbrellas. Did not accomplish as much at home as I wished.

Saturday, May 5, 1888

Had a busy day sweeping dusting and washing up the hall + down the stairs. Became very tired, there was so much to be done.

Jennie was here a little while in the afternoon. Wanted me to go down street with her but Margaret went instead as I could not accomplish all that was planned. Went over home with Helen and did a little stitching for her.

The Insurance Co. paid us 8.00 for the loss sustained by fire last July.

Sunday, May 6, 1888

Bright and pleasant.

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Had a new scholar put into my class, Jessie Thompson from Ky. Had lessons after dinner and Uncle Jimmie called a few minutes but did not remain to tea.

Monday, May 7, 1888

Pleasant though it sprinkled a little. I was down street in the forenoon on an errand and spent most of the afternoon at the W. R. C. meeting. Stopped at Mrs. Miller's and Mr. Hunter + Miss Emma's. Walked home with Maggie Silcox.

Barton + Jennie took the three younger children and Rose went to Zanesville to see Charlies. Enos + Helen will keep house for them and look after the other children. Libbie Field + her children landed in New York today.

Tuesday, May 8, 1888

Warm and pleasant. Rained quite hard. Was busy at home all day until late then went to take Mrs. Russell some cream and stopped to see Maggie Silcox. After tea J. W. + I went up to see the G. A. R. Hall to meet the Committees and arrange for Decoration Day. The P. H. S. C. had a Drill on the lower Market space this evening and we all went to see them. A large crowd was gathered there.

Wednesday, May 9, 1888

Warm and cloudy. a circus in town has almost demoralized the schools and scores of notes were sent by parents excusing the absence of pupils who stayed at home to see the parade. I did not excuse any of ours but went to visit the schools and commend those who were in their places as usual. Miss Hall had but four pupils and the primary rooms had more attendance than the higher grades. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, May 10, 1888

Beautiful day until nearly 5 o'clock when a hard rain came from the South and continued for several hours. I was busy nearly all day upstairs in the trunk room. Just before tea Mrs. Drake came for a little while. I did not get out to the Temperance Meeting.

Letter + papers from Mr. Bond which J. W. answered.

Friday, May 11, 1888

Beautiful day, the first this week that it has not rained. Everything looks bright and green and beautiful. Have planted some seeds, a few only, castor beans, mignonette and Carl planted radish seed. Was busy again with the closets and am not

yet through. Went to prayer meeting or rather Teachers' meeting. Few attended but those few find it pleasant and profitable.

Saturday, May 12, 1888

Quite pleasant. Was busy as usual until after the children were washed in the afternoon then Margaret and I went to call upon Libbie Field and Flora but they had not arrived yet. Went on up street and M. stopped at Jennie's to see Helen and I went to see Mrs. Dudit, found her just recovering from a dose of liniment taken in mistake, had a bad fright but was out of danger. Stopped to see Helen. Barton + Jennie did not return as intended. Called at Mr. Tewksbury's but did not see him, also to see Mrs. Wells he is not so well again, and lastly to see hoe Frank Cox was.

Sunday, May 13, 1888

Weather cool and pleasant. Went to Sabbath School as usual, I and the five children. Mr. B. has gone to Manchester to help dedicate the church so we had no service today, in the morning all but Will went to the 2nd Pres. and in the evening Will + Lizzie went with J. W. + myself to hear Mr. Slutz at Bigelow M. E. Church. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Monday, May 14, 1888

There has been quite a change in the weather and this evening we have fires in the sitting room. Was busy at home all day. Miss Emma Bell came after dinner to help Mrs. Silcox and me revise the Committees for Decorations Day. She has not been here for a long while, it having been a year since she was hurt, she still uses a crutch + cannot get about easily. Still does more public work than many who have good use of all their limbs and faculties.

Tuesday, May 15, 1888

Rained again today. The weather continues cool and damp. This evening it rained hard. Barton, Jennie and the children returned from Zanesville. Left Charlies Greene failing fast. Helen + Enos have kept house for Jennie but came to their own home again this evening.

Wednesday, May 16, 1888

Weather showery and cool.

Ma and Lizzie went to Cin. this noon, L. took the boys and left the little girls to visit among the friends here. Margaret and I went to see Libbie Field who came yesterday and found her unpacking for a long visit. Flora did not come.

Went to church in the evening. Margaret had the two little girls to keep and remained at home. Lizzie went to church with us. Elizabeth + Margaret were still awake when we returned.

Thursday, May 17, 1888

Weather showery and cool. Have fires in sitting rooms. I sorted over the rags and old clothes and straightened up things a little. Did a little work in the yard and went to the W. C. T. U. meeting late in the afternoon. Intended calling upon Mame Pratt at Mary Reed's but it was late when I got away from the Reading Room. Called upstairs to see Miss Ellis a little while.

Helen + Enos were here after tea.

Margaret, Will + Carl were at the Fair.

Friday, May 18, 1888

Rainy day, at least in the afternoon. In the forenoon I went over home to see Lizzie, she and Ma returned from Cin today, Ma went after parlor carpets. L. + the children went home on the noon train. Maggie Silcox + I were out to attend to some errands + were caught in a hard shower. Helen + I went to call upon Mrs. Lowes later and were caught in another shower. J. W. + I went to Barton's to take tea with Mame Pratt and it rained hard on us. Went to Teachers' meeting and afterwards to Mrs. Hunter's to attend a Com meeting.

Saturday, May 19, 1888

Beautiful day but needed fire in the morning. The rains make things grow rapidly. Set out a rose bush and a few geraniums this morning. Was out to see Mrs. Silcox a few minutes, met Mrs. Tracy + Press on the corner, they are just home from the East.

Was busy most of the day and after supper Mary + I went to do an errand for Helen, were both up and down street.

Sunday, May 20, 1888

Beautiful day, the frequent showers have brought all of the flowers and foliage and everything looks lovely. We went to Sabbath School as usual, then to church. Had the usual lessons in the afternoon and the boys went to their Mission Band. All went to church in the evening except Margaret and Mary. There being no service in the Methodist chs. we had a large congregation. Uncle Sam, Aunt Mary + their two girls were here in the afternoon.

Monday, May 21, 1888

Pleasant day. Have been busy in the parlor most of the day finishing up the ceiling. Tacked the carpet rug down.

Mrs. Hurd + daughter were here to see about a com. of ladies to help with the Aid Soc. ladies prepare for Decoration Day. Was over home a little while, they are busy with their new paint + paper and will soon have handsome parlors when the carpet comes from Cin.

Tuesday, May 22, 1888

Cloudy in the forenoon with rain in the afternoon. Was busy in the house and yard all forenoon. After dinner I put up the lace curtains in the parlor. Had a letter from Mr. bond saying they were expecting j. W. and Barton this week.

The children went to see some performing horses at the Opera House after school. The home folks sent for them. It rains steadily.

Wednesday, May 23, 1888

Rained in the morning. At noon Jas and Barton left for Toledo. Barton went to the Prohibition Convention and Jas to see Mr. Bond and try to find something to do. Margaret and I went to see Jennie after school. she was till in bed though better.

Thursday, May 24, 1888

Delightful weather showers and sunshine making things grow beautifully. Went to the Temperance meeting and afterwards with Margaret to do several errands, she was getting materials to make candy and I seeing about Decoration Day matters. After tea Mary and I went to call upon Libbie Field, Hattie Scudder and Mrs. Towne, the latter was not in.

Friday, May 25, 1888

Weather pleasant. Have been busy with the preparations for Decoration Day, have made numerous calls upon members of the Monumental Society, Mrs. Pursell, Mrs. Johnson and others. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. Not many present.

Margaret went to the Reading Rooms to meet with a com. Lizzie went to stay all night at Elizabeth Greene as a great treat.

Saturday, May 26, 1888

The weather is delightful. I went down street after the morning work was done. Went with Mable, Blanche + Margaret to see the G. A. R. Hall which they want for the "Y" entertainment. Bought material for Will's under drawers and made him one pair in my spare moments before night. Went to Mrs. Lorey's funeral at our church in the afternoon. Jas came home on the late train, from Toledo. Went with Flo McConnell to see Mrs. Helfenstein after dark.

Sunday, May 27, 1888

Flowery but pleasant.

Went to Sabbath School as usual and afterwards to church. After dinner attended Memorial Services at the Baptist church. Revs. Carney and Badger made the addresses and were followed by a few informal remarks by Hon Will Cumbach, Ex Go. of Indiana.

Carl. Mary + I went to church in the evening but J. W. Will + Lizzie went to the Methodist church to hear Gov. Cumbach again.

Monday, May 28, 1888

Beautiful but showery. J. W. + I drove to the Cemetery in the morning to see about Decoration Day matters. I was busy all the forenoon with it. In the afternoon went and helped with the new lace curtains which were put up in the parlors over home. The new velvet carpets came and were laid this afternoon. They are very fine and the rooms are quite elegant with new paint, paper carpets and the furniture which they had.

Tuesday, May 29, 1888

Weather pleasant but a little cloudy in the morning. Went to school to see about Carl's examination in English. Had some errands to do later. After dinner Jas + I went to the Cemetery, taking Bernice + Carl after we had done some errands for Jennie.

We walked home after completing our arrangements for tomorrow. The High School Cadets are to take part in the program.

Wednesday, May 30, 1888

Bright in the forenoon, cloudy in the afternoon and a shower fell during the decorating exercises. A number of us spent the forenoon at the Rink filling baskets and making wreaths. After dinner we met there to join in the procession to the Cemetery. A number of old ladies member of the Aid Soc. were out. The Cadets did their part well and everything passed off satisfactory. It sprinkled on us a little but we were prepared for it. Lizzie Ricker went to Henley with Barton + his family + Mr. + Mrs. Prescott. Lizzie Peebles came in on the late train last evening and went out this morning.

Thursday, May 31, 1888

Pleasant but rather cool for the season. Have been busy at home all day, did not go to the Temperance Meeting as I could not leave the house until the children came from school, Janie being out, then it was too late. Jas + I took tea over home with Prof. Lowes, his wife + friend Mrs. Charles, Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. + Mrs. Badger. The parlors are very handsome, the guests pleasant + congenial and we enjoyed it all very much.

Friday, June 1, 1888

Beautiful day, cool for the season. Was over home when Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary called. Sewed on the blue dresses for Lizzie and May, those Margaret brought from Henley unfinished. Finished them all but the fastenings. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening and afterwards to the social given by the "Y's" at G. A. R. Hall. It was quite pleasant.

Saturday, June 2, 1888

Beautiful day but cool enough for fire. In the afternoon I called to see Mrs. Lowes' friends Mrs. Hawkes + Mrs. Evans and found them sitting beside a good fire. Called to see Hattie Newton but she had gone home only this morning. Was sorry to miss seeing her again. Was busy all day mending and altering until about 4 o'clock.

Sunday, June 3, 1888

Beautiful weather but so cool that a fire was comfortable at Sabbath School. Attended the usual services in the morning and in the evening went to the 6th street M. E. ch. to the Bible Society meeting. All able to be out today, there has been much sickness in town but we have been greatly blessed.

Monday, June 4, 1888

Pleasant, cooler than some days we have had. Was busy at home all the forenoon and at the Hall all afternoon as it was the day of our regular meeting. After I came home from Mrs. McNaughton + Hard, Mrs. Westervelt + Mrs. Kirk called on business and after tea Jas + I went out to see Mrs. Silcox on the same errand but she was not in.

Tuesday, June 5, 1888

Quite pleasant.

Addie Ricker was married at her home in Ironton to Mr. Morton of South Pittsburg Town this morning and we wanted to go but felt we could not. Had a letter from Helen some time ago about it.

Wednesday, June 6, 1888

Weather lovely. Lizzie came in today and the first I knew of it she was in my room. She and Ma went out to make some calls. After tea she came over and went to prayer meeting with us. It was Missionary evening and I had a short selection to read, assigned by Maggie Peebles. Went to Mrs. Tewksbury's after church to see Aunt Betsey Ricker who has just come from Ironton.

Thursday, June 7, 1888

Quite warm. The principal event of this day is Commencement in the High School which takes place at the Opera House. A class of seven graduate, Ed Reed at the head of it with Elna Ellis and Blanche Smith + four other girls. The Drills by the Dumb Bell girls and Cadets were excellent. I went, Will was in the H. S. G. drill. Margaret was present but had no part.

Went in the afternoon with Jennie to make some calls which she had expected to make with Mal + Lizzie but she missed them so I went with her.

Friday, June 8, 1888

Not so hot as it has been though the sun is still quite hot in the middle of the day. Have not felt well and was lying down several times today. Lizzie and Jennie were here at different times. Went to the annual Alumni meeting this evening at Seel's parlors. Aunt Betsey and Mrs. Tewksbury were here this morning but did not come in, I went and sat in the buggy with them.

Saturday, June 9, 1888

Warm, quite warm and wilting. I was not feeling well at all and after doing the morning work I lay down and slept. Lizzie and Rich went home on the afternoon train. Went with Margaret to see Mr. Sparks about her studies at Summer School. With what she hopes to do this summer it is probable that she can finish next year with her class. It rained hard just before supper time.

Sunday, June 10, 1888

Rained and turned cool.

Was beautiful in the forenoon which as fortunate as it was Children's Day and the S. S. adjourned from the lower to the upper room after the lesson and listened to a short sermon. Plenty of flowers and some birds made the church look very pretty. Went to church in the evening.

Monday, June 11, 1888

Quite cool, found fires in some homes today which seemed very comfortable. Was busy at home all the forenoon, in the afternoon attended a called meeting of the Corps and received Miss Ball as a new member. Margaret, Mabel Smith and I drove out to Mrs. Hattie Johnson's and to several other places. After tea J. W. + I went to the river to try to see a lady from Manchester who called today while I was out. We then called at Mr. Tewksbury's to see Clara Hosford who came from Ironton this evening.

Margaret started to the Summer School.

Tuesday, June 12, 1888

Warmer. Was quite busy all day. Late in the afternoon Mrs. Tewksbury, Aunt Betsey and Clara Hosford called. Clara goes home on the evening boat.

The School Board have dispensed with some of their best teachers, Profs Cox the Supt, Mr. Sparks and Mrs. McKearn besides several lesser lights. A little sprite work and dissension among the members of the Board was the main cause of the trouble.

Wednesday, June 13, 1888

Was busy most of the day putting the house in order for Aunt Betsey's arrival. She came in the afternoon and will spend several days with us. This is Fannie Moore Geiger's birthday. Went to church in the evening, after which Will and I went up to see Miss Ball a few minutes as she leaves in the morning for California.

Thursday, June 14, 1888

Quite warm. Aunt Betsey and I had a great visit and tried to keep cool and comfortable.

Did not go to the Temperance meeting. The subject of the School Board's action is still agitating the community. The boys have had a meeting and the girls have called one for tomorrow to express their indignation, and endorse the course pursued by Mr. Sparks.

Friday, June 15, 1888

Very hot and close. Before the day was ended we had a hard rain, it came up very suddenly and caught one part of the parlor curtains, melting them until I wrung the water out of them. Aunt Betsey took dinner with Julia Johnson but was back here to tea. Before she came Carl took his father and me out for a short drive and we found the rain had not reached beyond Offnere St. Did not go to Teachers' meeting. Carl is twelve today.

Saturday, June 16, 1888

Arose soon after 4 o'clock this morning and prepared to take the early train for Henley made Aunt Betsey, the two little girls, Carl + I the party. Elna Ellis and Minnie Miller went also to make Elna's farewell visit as the Ellis family expects to go to Knoxville, Tenn. next week where Mrs. Ellis has been located for some time. We had a pleasant day and reached home at bed time.

Sunday, June 17, 1888

Warm, so warm that Aunt Betsey did not try to go to church in the morning. We went to S. S. as usual and attended the other regular services. In the evening I was detained at home with Carl who has an aching jaw which looks as though there might be an ulcerated tooth at the bottom of the trouble.

Monday, June 18, 1888

Very warm. Went over home this morning to get some work to help on and found Ma cutting out a blue gingham dress for me so I went and stayed until supper time. The weather is what might be called intense but it is really more comfortable to be busy sewing than doing nothing. Lizzie Peebles wrote me today, the birthday letter was from, instead of to, her.

Tuesday, June 19, 1888

Very warm. Was busy sewing most of the day trying to finish the dress Ma began for me and ma s light calico for Margaret to wear to school. Aunt Betsey, J. W. and I took tea over home. Kate Newman gave the entertainment this evening at the Opera House she has been studying Education and will probably do something in that line.

Wednesday, June 20, 1888

One of the hottest days of the season so far, some thermometers registered as high as 98°.

Aunt Betsey went back to Mr. Tewksbury's before noon so her visit here is finished. We enjoyed it very much. After dinner Margaret + I put up a few cherries. Went to church in the evening and afterwards, Mr. + I went to see Mrs. Smith and inquire about Charlie who was taken quite sick just as the family were ready to leave town.

Thursday, June 21, 1888

Very warm. Went with J. W. to Mr. Tewksbury's to bid Aunt Betsey goodbye as she leaves this afternoon for Ironton and the East. Mr. Tewksbury is able to be about and do his little chores as usual though he is still quite weak.

Went to the Temperance meeting then up to see Jennie, did an errand for Helen, one for myself and called to see Mrs. Prescott. The longest day has been a hot one also.

Friday, June 22, 1888

Very warm. Have been busy in various ways. Went to see how Charlie Smith was. The family are packing to leave and he has been quite sick. Went to see Mrs. Warren Smith also and take her a car as she leaves next week for Cal. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. The School Board went tonight to fill the vacancies left by Profs Cox + Sparks. There is much interest in the Chicago Convention which is trying to select candidates for the Rep. Presidential Campaign.

Saturday, June 23, 1888

Did the regular Saturday work and then made some changes in my lawn dress which will be needed tomorrow. Lizzie and her family, excepting the baby are in town. She goes to Ashland Monday and Rich + John go to Cleveland. William goes with his mother + the little girls stay in Ports.

Sunday, June 24, 1888

Cloudy with a light rain. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. It was quite warm. Spent the day with lessons and reading. Went to church in the evening.

Monday, June 25, 1888

Cloudy with one very hard shower in the morning and rain again after dinner. Went up to talk with Prof. Lowes about the new Supt Mr. Blackburn was there. The town is aroused over the election of Thos. Vickers as Supt. His record in Cin. was disgraceful. Mrs. Richardson was here to see me on Corps business, then Bessie Hall came for flowers to send her cousin who graduates at Dartmouth Col. this week. Helen was here also and altogether I had a hard time trying to do a little writing. Went to see Mrs. Smith and called on Mollie York Harrison of Indiana church been in Ohio. Went on to New York an enumerated Rep. candidate.

Will went to the Stearnes' Laundry for his work.

Tuesday, June 26, 1888

Cloudy with rains in the vicinity that cooled the air very much. Went over home to do a day's sewing, Maggie O' Connor is there and the folks are having some sewing done so I join the "Bee" and got Margaret's dress cut + fitted. Little Margaret Peebles spent the day with our children but went over home tonight. Papers say the people seem well pleased with Harrison + Norton as Presidential + V. P. Candidates. Portsmouth is still not about the doings of the School Board.

Mrs. Smith, Blanche Winnie + Charles left this morning. Mabel went several days ago to Chicago.

Wednesday, June 27, 1888

Rained all day, not always hard still there was no cessation. I was sewing on M's new gingham and had to go back + forth many times as I did the stitching at home, they were doing white work + using white thread.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, June 28, 1888

Rained a little, the grass and vegetation generally is flourishing. Have been sewing most of the day. Took little Margaret + Elizabeth Peebles up to Jennie's this forenoon + then did an errand or two. Should have gone to W. C. T. U. in the afternoon but the home folks were having Margaret's dresses fitted so felt that I should help them. After tea I went to see Mrs. Kendall who has been sick, called to see Mrs. Brown and then stopped at Mrs. Tamzin Pursell's and paid W. C. T. U. dues for Jennie G. + myself.

Friday, June 29, 1888

Pleasant. Helen was over with her work but laid it inside to make button holes for me. I have sewed nearly all day trying to finish Margaret's blue + plaid gingham dress.

Before tea I went up to Mrs. Chas. Brown's again but did not see her. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. After the meeting J. W. + I walked up to see Uncle Jimmie who has not been well.

Saturday, June 30, 1888

The weather is pleasant though damp, more pleasant than healthy perhaps. The sweeping and dusting occupied the forenoon. Spent some time making new sleeves + other changes in May's blue, red + white dress. Helen has been making button holes and helping us finish off the garments we had nearly completed.

Sunday, July 1, 1888

Beautiful weather, a little cooler than it has been. We went to the usual S. S. and church services and had a pleasant day. Capt. Chas. A. Barton was buried this afternoon, there have been three or four funerals today that we know about. Went to church again in the evening.

Monday, July 2, 1888

Beautiful day. Was up to Mr. Blackburn's to see what he had heard from Cin about Mr. Vickurt the new Supt. Called to see Mrs. McDowell who is sick. Went down street to learn what could be done about the new Supt + find we cannot do much of anything of the Board has hired him. Corps meeting this afternoon. Will went to the shop this AM for the summer.

Tuesday, July 3, 1888

Warm. Have made very little preparations for tomorrow. Jennie wants us to go with them to the Brick Wks but I have gone picnicking so little of late years that I do not care to go. Was up street this afternoon and stopped to see Uncle Jimmie a few minutes. Asked him to go but he has other plans.

Wednesday, July 4, 1888

Cloudy with a little shower or two, our family, excepting Will, went to the Star Brick Wks with Barton + his family and had a very pleasant day. The children all enjoyed it very much. Margaret, Carl + I drove up, Barton + Jimmie rowed a boat up +

the rest all went on the train. Will went to Ironton, with Frank Reeves + I was sorry he was not with us.

Thursday, July 5, 1888

Was aroused by Enos at 3 AM and went over to little Alin Ellison Moore's "reception" from 3 to 7 AM. The guests were few, Dr. McClure had been asked, Mrs. Bebens was sent to go earlier than she usually goes in the morning, Ma was in and out and that was all. I wrote to Mrs. Robinson, Lizzie Peebles and Miss Emery during the day for Helen. Did not go to Temperance meeting but went later to see Dell Ramsey for Mary Moore. Janie went home for her summer visit.

Friday, July 6, 1888

Very warm. The summer school ended at noon today and my Margaret will now have all the time to help me and we hope to get along nicely, do several things which have long needed doing.

Just now the new niece claims as much of my time as can be spared from home.

Saturday, July 7, 1888

This has been a busy day preparing things for tomorrow, putting the house in order and so on.

It is seven years today since Sallie Peebles died.

I spend as much time as I can with Helen and as I cannot stay long, go often and when night comes I am very tired with my trips upstairs and down.

Sunday, July 8, 1888

Pleasant.

This is Communion day at our church, twelve persons were received, most of them upon certificate, all but two in fact, Mattie + Grace Gross. The usual services were held in the morning and evening, all of us going in the morning. It is a little difficult for all to go when Janie is away. I was over home with Helen most of the afternoon. It rained very hard while I was there. It is fifteen years today since Emma Spry died.

Monday, July 9, 1888

Weather pleasant for the season. Indeed we have enough rain + cloudy weather to keep the grass green all the time. I was looking around for a washwoman today when Elizabeth Green came down to their regular woman could wash for Ma + she sent her to me thus saving me further trouble. It rained very had this afternoon, twice.

Helen is doing nicely and wrote a not to her mother today, herself, so she did not miss her regular writing day.

Tuesday, July 10, 1888

Cloudy with occasional sprinkles so we feared the clothes would not be dried, but they were. Mrs. Bennett left immediately after dinner and Margaret ironed some of the plain things before supper. She is a real treasure of a girl but I am sorry to have her in the hot kitchen as it is very bad for her eyes.

Wednesday, July 11, 1888

Very warm. Margaret ironed all the forenoon to accomplish as much as possible before Mrs. Bennett came at noon and she did a great deal of the ironing. Mrs. B. came at noon and finished before supper. I was too tired to go to prayer meeting. These days are so warm and we are trying to do so much that we do not feel able to go anywhere. I try to see Helen several times each day lest she should be lonely.

Thursday, July 12, 1888

Weather bright and warm.

Ma had a letter today noon from Mr. Vaughters of Elenbreck Neb. saying John spent the night of July 5th at his home there. Proceedings were immediately instituted to find him and bring him home. I wrote two or three letters this afternoon. Maggie Silcox was here while I was over home. Charles Evans, adopted son of Mr. + Mrs. N. W. Evans died today. Mary + I drove up to see Mrs. E. but she was not seeing callers.

Friday, July 13, 1888

Pleasant. Swept and dusted all forenoon and after dinner I cut out a plain white dress for Lizzie, the goods is large barred white material which Mary gave me some time ago for the children. I intended sewing over home when I could be company for Helen. Was over home several times. Did not go to Teachers' meeting and was sorry not to go as Enos went for the first time, having just taken a class in S. S. the one Mrs. Alex Warner left. Charles Evans was buried. I did not go to the funeral.

Saturday, July 14, 1888

This is the French "4th of July" the day they celebrate as we do ours. Weather beautiful. Enos rec'd a telegram from Ogallala Ned. this Am and left on the 2PM train for Denver, Col, hoping to bring John home with him. I intended spending the afternoon with Helen as she would be lonely but was hindered. She sat up today awhile and it doing nicely. Was up street to get the trimming to finish Lizzie's white dress. It will be ready for tomorrow.

Maggie Silcox + Janette were here this afternoon.

Sunday, July 15, 1888

Jas is 4y years old today.

Bright and cooler for some time. Last day of services in the church until after Mr. B's vacations of four weeks. Two children were baptized after the opening services this morning. Mary Ellen Greene and Will Glidden the little son of Nell Crichton Glidden.

Was at Sabbath School, and both morning + evening service.

There must have been rain near for it was so much cooler this morning, that cloaks were worn over some white dresses.

Monday, July 16, 1888

Bright. warm weather. The little girls went up to Mrs. Blackburn's this morning to get our small glass pitcher which has been gone for months + Mrs. B. found it in her China closet. Mrs. B. asked the little girls to take charge of her bird during her absence

so they came to me for permission + afterwards brought it home. Mr. + Mrs. B. left this evening for Penn. The children are delighted with the bird. Ma + Mary drove to Henley.

Tuesday, July 17, 1888

Warm and sultry.

Beatrice Moore was here this afternoon on her way to the "Y" meeting but as there was none today she stayed here.

I felt that I ought to go and see Mrs. Evans today but it was so very warm that I could not afford the strength necessary to such a long walk.

Wednesday, July 18, 1888

Cloudy, with a hard rain. The rains have been very heavy and destructive in some places. The river is high and very muddy. Went to see Mrs. Evans. Ruth came to wash today and could not dry all the clothes. Left some to put out in the morning. Margaret will try her hand at the ironing tomorrow. She has become a great help to me, in fact I can hardly see how I could do it she were not here to help.

Thursday, July 19, 1888

Bright and pleasant though quite warm. Margaret did some ironing and we had a busy day. I did not go to the Temperance meeting though I remembered it. The days are so full of work that we get very tired and have no time for visiting except going over home occasionally.

Friday, July 20, 1888

Clear, bright and war, Margaret did quite a good deal of ironing, still there was enough to keep Ruth busy nearly all day. There was no Teachers' meeting, I presume, as no bell rang. Mary Ellen and her little girls were here after tea.

Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Ruth came to finish ironing.

Saturday, July 21, 1888

Beautiful day. Was busy as usual most of the day. The little girls went to drive with Lucy and Edith Moore upon invitation.

John and Enos returned from Denver this afternoon. Jno has been gone since April 3rd. Is looking very well, but very much sun-burned.

Sunday, July 22, 1888

Went to Sabbath School as usual but there being no service at our church, and I very much in need of rest, I slept a little while in the forenoon. Jas + Lizzie + Carl went out to the 2nd Pres, Will + Frank Reeves went together. In the evening J. W. + I with Carl went to hear Rev. Mr. Fagans at the 6th St. M. E. church.

Total Eclipse of moon tonight from 10 o'clock until after midnight.

Eclipse beings about 10.

Monday, July 23, 1888

Beautiful day. Ruth came early and washed, was here nearly all day. Mollie York and Flo McConnell were here before tea. They found me scrubbing the kitchen floor and as Lizzie seated them in my room, I had no opportunity for changing my dress.

Tuesday, July 24, 1888

A very warm day.

Margaret has ironed most of the time and I did the other work, began scrubbing the kitchen but was interrupted many times. There seems to be a great deal of cleaning to be done.

Wednesday, July 25, 1888

Weather pleasant.

Mary wanted me to go down street with her this morning so I went and while out bought material for two gowns for Lizzie + one for Margaret. Also a new unbleached table cloth which was much needed. After dinner I went over home, cut out and commenced on the sewing. Had a pleasant visit with John. Looked for Lizzie to come but she did not come. Ruth came + finished the ironing.

Thursday, July 26, 1888

Pleasant. Spent most of the day over home, the folks went over with them and Mary helps me with my sewing, when I have finished my part of the housework. John goes back + forth between the houses and seems quite cheerful. Did not go to the Temperance meeting nor the Camp Fir at the Rink. J. W. + Will attended the latter.

Friday, July 27, 1888

Close and warm. In the afternoon we had the heaviest rainfall that has been recorded here for many years, 2.31 inches of water fell, according to Dr. Corton's register.

I have been over home most of the day. It has been decided by the physicians + Judge that John must be placed under treatment again he was examined this afternoon. It seems very hard both to him and us as there are so many ways in which he's reasonable and yet he is wrong in some respects. Barton + Jimmie stayed all night over home.

Saturday, July 28, 1888

Bright and warm.

Lizzie + her boys came in last night, were over to see us after breakfast. She came in to see John. We were all home together, Jennie + Barton being down. Jimmie John + Enos left on the 11 o'clock train for Athens.

I came home immediately to get dinner and after finishing the work with Margaret's help, I went over home to finish Lizzie's night dress. Tomorrow being her birthday, we gave her the presents today and she was delighted, as she always is.

Sunday, July 29, 1888

Lizzie is 10 years old today and she celebrated the event by learning an extra lesson for Sabbath School. Uncle Jimmie added a pair of glass vases to her collection of presents. We went to S. S. as usual and intended remaining at home in the forenoon. I was not feeling at all well. In the evening the two boys and I went again to Bigelow and heard Mr. Slutz discourse on the same topic, subatomically as that Mr. Fagan used last Sabbath evening. Enos + J. W. returned at 10 PM.

Monday, July 30, 1888

Fair weather and quite warm. Uncle Enos' family went to Buena Vista today to see Grandma who celebrates her 95th birthday, or rather the others celebrate it. She is very well and active for one of her years.

Father has not returned from the South yet but is expected today some time. May and I are trying to do a little sewing for Margaret before her birthday. Put up blackberries.

Tuesday, July 31, 1888

Weather pleasant.

Sewed some over home. Janie has not returned and we have not heard from her.

Margaret and I are almost tired out but must keep going. Am sorry M's vacations is going so fast and she getting no rest.

Wednesday, August 1, 1888

Cloudy, but not at noon. Rained before night. Ruth came to wash. Father went to Buena Vista to see Grandma Moore and I sent the three girls, Margaret Lizzie and Mary with him thinking they would be glad to remember having seen her when past her 95th birthday. I put up black berries and will have some again this week. did not go to church, was waiting for the children who came about 9 PM on the little Steamer "Handy."

Thursday, August 2, 1888

Very warm. Margaret ironed some today and becoming over heated, took a severe cold which, of course is bad for her eyes. I am not well today and scarcely able to be up. Intended going to the Temperance meeting but decided it would not be wise to do so.

Friday, August 3, 1888

Very hot. Ruth ironed and I put up more blackberries, we now have seven gallons besides the jelly made from five gallons of berries. Have been unable to finish M's night dress so Mary did it for me. M's cold is so severe I sent to Dr. McClure this evening for medicine, also got some for Lizzie's skin trouble today.

Saturday, August 4, 1888

A busy, trying day. Made plum jelly, did Saturday work and was quite tired out. We paid the taxes this afternoon and had to borrow some money to make up the full amount. Rained very hard late in the afternoon. Venice and Fannie Smith were here about tea time. M is better of her cold already.

Sunday, August 5, 1888

Weather pleasant.

Was not well but went to Sabbath School then came home and remained the rest of the day.

J. W. went to Bigelow in the morning, and again at 5 PM to attend the funeral of Jas. McDowell and in the evening went to the 2nd Pres. ch.

The boys went also but neither Margaret nor I felt able to go out even once.

Monday, August 6, 1888

Beautiful day. Ruth came to do the washing, I was busy at home all the forenoon and immediately after dinner went to the Relief Corp. meeting. After that Maggie Silcox and I went down street together then called to see Jennie Spry and her mother, both of whom are sick. Jennie will probably never be any better as she has consumption.

Margaret is 17 today and received a nice present of underclothes from Aunt Maria, besides remembrances from both Grandmothers and myself.

Letter from Maggie Bell also one from Mrs. Elizabeth M. Irving rendering me a place on the Department Staff. Act Assistant Inspector.

Tuesday, August 7, 1888

Weather fine and fair but quite warm. The County Fair opened today. J. W. + the boys will be out every day doing duty of some kind. Lizzie and her children came in the afternoon to stay a day or two.

Janie came back this forenoon on the train and we were very glad to see her. She has been gone almost five weeks.

Wednesday, August 8, 1888

Very warm. Jas and the two boys spent the day at the Fair, all being employed in some way. I was over home several times. Lizzie and her children being in town, stopping at Mr. Peebles' I saw her a few minutes. Was not well and tried to sleep awhile in the afternoon. Did not go to church. Mr. Connolley of Manchester called to see me on W. R. C. business for Mr. Drenan. Letter from Mother Ricker. The little girls went out to the Fair at noon when Allen carried out Jas' dinner. There was a fine balloon ascension but I did not see it.

Thursday, August 9, 1888

Beautiful day and a breeze makes it more pleasant than yesterday.

Did not do much except the straightening up in the morning. Poor little Dick. Mrs. Blackburn's bird died before noon from a complication of troubles and we regret it very much. Lizzie + her children went home on the train and expected to call for Margaret but she waited in vain for them. Something must have prevented her coming. Father came and took me out to the Fair for an hour or so.

Friday, August 10, 1888

Beautiful weather and not so warm as yesterday. Delightful breeze most of the day. Was busy at home all forenoon and had done quite a good deal of mending when I decided to leave the rest and go with M. to the Fair as she did not want to go without me. Mayor Comes' son of Ironton was left and had met with a slight accident so J. W. brought him home to supper after sending his father word about him.

Saturday, August 11, 1888

Warm but pleasant for the season. Father + Mother spent their Anniversary very quietly, both are in their usual health and have much for which to be thankful. Margaret was in the buggy all ready to go to the train today when she met Uncle Rich coming to tell her they had all come in to spend Sabbath. She has been ready ever since Thursday but can't get off.

Sunday, August 12, 1888

A pleasant day with a shower in the afternoon. Went to Sabbath School. Judge McCoy's son of Chil. preached morning + evening for us. The home folks have company from Cin today, Mr. Teetor, wife, daughter + son. I was not over at all.

Monday, August 13, 1888

Pleasant, unusually so, a delightful breeze has been stirring all day. The guests over home left on the Bonanza but before they went Mr. Teetor recited a few pieces for us and I enjoyed it so much I went to the shop after father to ask him to go home and hear Mr. Teetor recite Mark Felix which I am sure he enjoyed. Mrs. T. played and sang for us. Margaret went home with Lizzie and her family today. Bart, Jennie + Dwight took tea.

Tuesday, August 14, 1888

Weather warm. The day's work is made up of such trivial things that I forget frequently what I have done. J. W. took up the drain and had a hard day's work getting it opened and in order again. We should have gone to see Mary Y. this evening only he was too tired. He got some money this week and has paid off some bills which were worrying us not a little.

Wednesday, August 15, 1888

Beautiful weather, a shower in the afternoon refreshed vegetation and settled dust. Helen and the baby came to spend the day. Enos was here to dinner. Did very little aside from mending. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. J. W. and I called to say goodbye to Mary Y. Moore but she was out, had gone to see Jennie Spry.

Thursday, August 16, 1888

Very warm + cloudy. Went to say goodbye to Mary + Ralph who left for a visit to N. Y. State, a trip down the Hudson and home via old Paint Comfort later in the season. Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn came home last night. I went again this AM to see Mary off, then to call upon Mrs. Blackburn and welcome her home. I had to tell her of the bird's death,

in the evening Lizzie + I went to return the empty cage and seed. Went to the Temperance meeting.

Friday, August 17, 1888

Weather pleasant for the season though not very healthy as it is rather cool. Was busy as usual but the work was not of a kind to make much show or be long remembered. Had no Teachers' meeting as Mr. B. was not expected home for tonight.

Saturday, August 18, 1888

The usual round of work kept me busy today.

It rained this morning and before I was through dusting Mary came to see if I was going to Will Little's funeral. He was buried from our church to which he belonged though living in Ky and it was Mr. Blackburn's first duty after his return. It was a gloomy time for such an occasion. Think of going to Cin Monday to take the children to the Centennial.

Sunday, August 19, 1888

Cloudy with some rain. Went to Sabbath School as usual and found it very pleasant to have Mr. Blackburn in his place again so we could go to our own church. Went morning and evening.

Monday, August 20, 1888

Rainy. We decided that if I was going to take the children to the Centennial at Cin, we must go on the Bonanza this morning. There were very few passengers as we started but the boat filled rapidly all the way down. Very few whom we knew. Mary Kehoe's sister Ella who roomed with me once going down was onboard. I had pleasant visits with Uncles Sam and Enos + cousin Duval Young.

This is Enos' birthday.

Tuesday, August 21, 1888

Cincinnati, O.

It rained all last night and all day. We waited on the boat some time + there being no slack of rain, we started out. Went to Mabley's and got gossamers + overshoes, also new shoes for Lizzie and then went to the Exposition where we stayed until time to take the evening train for Madisonville to spend the night with Mrs. Fuller + family. Found them expecting us + were glad to see them.

Wednesday, August 22, 1888

Beautiful day. The sunshine was very welcome after the gloom of yesterday. Will returned to the city and the children + I remained to spend the day. Mrs. Robb drove up before dinner to spend the day, also then at noon when Jennie Fuller, Carrie Hull + Sadie DeMar came from the Institute, Margaret Hearne + Laura DeMar were with them also. We left about 4 o'clock for the train and Jennie, Carrie, Margaret + Sadie met us there + waited until our train came. We were belated by our Sleeper being off the track

and it was after 9 o'clock PM when we finally sat down to dinner with Alice + Clara Hosford. Will joined us there and spent the night with the friends of Wil Auburn.

Thursday, August 23, 1888

After breakfast and a little chat with the girls I took my four children and Anna to the "zoo" and spent all the time we could spare looking at the animals. Returned to the house and asked the girls to allow Anna to go home with us for a few days. They consented and hurriedly got her ready there we had to hurry to the boat. Stopped on the way and bought Will an umbrella for his birthday present. Had a pleasant trip up, Aunt Sallie Young was on board.

Friday, August 24, 1888

Very foggy. The boat did not reach Portsmouth until after breakfast. We were met by J. W. in the cabin and Father on the grade. I found plenty to do all the forenoon. After dinner Rich and Lizzie came in with Mrs. Herder to Mr. Herder's funeral, they took him from the train to the Cemetery. The four children, Carl, Lizzie, May + Anna went with J. W. to the Cemetery or rather the girls met the others there. Mattie Wood was here to tea and stayed awhile afterwards.

Saturday, August 25, 1888

Pleasant weather, no dust but some fog in the morning. Swept and cleaned as usual all forenoon, or almost until noon and then wrote to Margaret. Was busy in the afternoon, morning. Swept and cleaned as usual all forenoon, or almost until noon and then wrote to Margaret. Was busy in the afternoon putting up pears. Jennie sent me enough for half a dozen jars. She and Ma were here in the afternoon. After tea Mrs. Nichols came then Mrs. Silcox came later. The children and I went to see about a hat for Carl.

Sunday, August 26, 1888

Showery. Took umbrellas + gossamers to S. S. + church. Had a small class, Louise Greene was absent for the first time since she has been in my class.

Anna Hosford helped fill up and had her lesson. Went to church in the evening. Uncle Jimmie made a very short call.

Monday, August 27, 1888

Rainy. Had we waited until today we should have had no better day for our trip than we had. Anna is enjoying her visit + we are enjoying her. I was busy as usual all day and did not see Helen who is packing up to move. I put pears up which Jennie sent me + she came just as I was finishing them. Have six nice jars. Ma + Mary were here also. Will + I went to the H. S. to attend the Institute but there was no evening session.

Tuesday, August 28, 1888

Beautiful day after the rain. It was still cloudy + rained a little in the afternoon. I went up to see Helen's carpets but she was not there. Jennie + I looked at them + then went back home with Jennie and ripped up Mary's blue dress which I want dyed before I

make it over. Jennie brought me a basket of grapes for jelly. Will and I went to the Institute this evening and heard Prof. Sparks lecture on Expressionism. Saw Mr. M. S. Campbell who taught here several years.

Wednesday, August 29, 1888

Beautiful day. It is Helen's birthday and was celebrated in a way they will long remember as Enos + she went to housekeeping today. They moved into a small house up on 2nd St. opposite Bart + Jennie. I went to call on them this evening, took some of her favorite kind of ginger bread for their supper + flowers for the table. They will be nicely fixed when things are in place.

Thursday, August 30, 1888

Weather pleasant.

Bought good peaches this morning and began after dinner to put them up. Margaret came on the afternoon train and brought a quantity of crab apples for jelly which she began upon soon after her arrival. She is ambitious about getting plenty of such things ready for the winter. I could not go to the Temperance meeting today.

Friday, August 31, 1888

Rained a good deal today. This is sister Lizzie's anniversary, I wrote her a letter after supper, had been so busy with peaches all day that I had no opportunity sooner. Did not go to Teachers' meeting it rained hard and I could not get ready anyway. Miss the preparation when I do not go. Anna Hosford went home this morning.

Saturday, September 1, 1888

The weather is damp, a great deal of rain has fallen again this week. I finished up the peaches today and Margaret finished her crab apple jelly, a large quantity of it which seems very nice. It rained hard this morning. Ruth went to Henley today to help Lizzie a few days. May went to her Aunt Helen's this morning to relieve Lizzie who came home not feeling well. May stayed until night.

Sunday, September 2, 1888

Bright and pleasant. Went to S. S. and church as usual. No service in 2nd Pres + Baptist chs gave us a large congregation.

We all went in the evening again.

Monday, September 3, 1888

Rainy all forenoon but cleared off at noon. Was busy at home until noon then went to Relief Corps meeting. Quite a number are preparing to go to the 6th National Convention at Columbus next week.

We want to go but may not be able. The event is to be an unusual one coming as it does with the Centennial of Ohio. School opened today and all our children started. All are glad, teachers, pupils and parents.

Tuesday, September 4, 1888

Bright and pleasant though the early morning was cloudy. Put up some peaches and made a few sweet pickled pears. Went to call upon Miss Ross a few minutes and see how Carl was starting in school. Did one or two errands and came home to do a little mending. Miss Hard and I went to Mrs. Silcox and made up the reports for the quarter.

Wednesday, September 5, 1888

Nothing of special interest today. Was busy as usual and went to church in the evening with Jas, + + I representing the family. Will went to the Methodist prayer meeting but Carl was with us. It was Monthly Concert evening. The children are all getting settled in school and seem well satisfied. The new H. S. teacher Mr. Patterson is very different from Mr. Sparks but I think he will be liked.

Thursday, September 6, 1888

Weather pleasant.

Have been putting up peaches, fruit is very fine and abundant this year, it has been so long since it has been plenty that we want to put up a good supply. Have enjoyed it fresh in great abundance. Melons have also been plenty, good and cheap.

Friday, September 7, 1888

Rained, late in the day it rained very hard and I did not go to Teachers' meeting.

It has been 35 years today since we moved to Portsmouth. I was so busy I did not get over to see Father as I intended. We always keep a run of the days and dates, compare notes and remind each other of such occasions.

Saturday, September 8, 1888

Beautiful weather. Have been engaged in the usual way today. In the afternoon Jennie came down with her little folks and brought me a new dress for a birthday present, a very dark blue cloth with all the linings ect which Ma + Mary put in. Everyone is kind to me. Carl gave me a dollar which I count as a birthday gift.

Sunday, September 9, 1888

Weather beautiful. Spent the day as usual going to S. S. and church and with lessons. Lizzie and her family came in yesterday and William has been with us most of the time except when asleep. We can always count on the children if they have a chance to come to us. Lizzie was over with Robert a little while.

Monday, September 10, 1888

Beautiful weather. Have been busy as usual today but have made very little preparation for the trip tomorrow. Helped the home folks pare peaches this afternoon. Packed a valise before tea with the few things we wished to take. Cannot expect to ever find a trunk in the crowd that will be there. I have been quite reluctant to go although I should enjoy it if I was sure all would go well in our absence. We have not gone away together for years.

Tuesday, September 11, 1888

We arose before 4 AM and got ready to take the early train for Columbus. Walked to the depot as we found the street cars were not running. Mrs., Lamore went up also and before we could get on board nine more cars were added to the train. One conductor said there were about 1800 people on the train. We reached Columbus in time to see the great Parade which was one of the greatest ever seen in this country. I saw it from the American Home parlor. Went to Reception at Deaf + Dumb Asylum in the evening. Stop at Judge Evans' where a number of other Ports. people are.

Wednesday, September 12, 1888

Beautiful weather. after breakfast J. W. and I went up street together as far as Long when he went to W. Va Hdqrs and I to the Relief Corps Hdqrs. Mrs. Whitley, Miss Hard, Miss Lloyd + I went to Convention and met Mrs. McCall, Maggie + Mary Peebles. Spent most of the day in or around Convention. Met several ladies whom I knew from other places. Met Mrs. McCammon, Mrs. Pond + Mrs. Leslie, stood with them to hear the "Flag Chorus" sing on the State House steps. Went to Town st. M.E. ch. in the evening.

Thursday, September 13, 1888

We went immediately after breakfast to call upon Mr. + Mrs. Jno Rusk of the 5th Ave Pres. ch. Enjoyed seeing them very much. Went to the Centennial and spent the rest of the day until 4 PM seeing the sights then we prepared to take the evening train home. There were 14 car loads of people of the same mind and hundreds going out on other trains. It seems to me I never saw so many people together as I have seen in Columbus. We reached home between 10 + 11 PM and found all well. Felt glad and thoughtful that it was so.

Friday, September 14, 1888

Weather mild and pleasant indicating rain.

J. W. has not been at all well and by evening was really sick with cold and neuralgia so I did not leave him to go to Teachers' meeting. I was up to see Helen a few minutes, Ma + I were on the way to Jennie's when we met her coming down so she let us have the horse + buggy as she was going to stop at Mrs. Lowes'.

Saturday, September 15, 1888

Cloudy and damp, rained nearly all day.

J. W. was no better today so he remained in bed until supper time. This is Ma's and Mary's birthday.

Sunday, September 16, 1888

Beautiful day. We all went to Sabbath School as usual and afterwards to church but I was feeling so badly in the evening that I went to bed as soon as possible after supper. This is Uncle Sam's and Aunt Mary's 25th Anniversary.

Monday, September 17, 1888

Cloudy but afterwards cleared. Had to do my Saturday work today as J. W. was sick in bed taken and I could not do it then. Have taken a bad cold which does not yield to usual remedies. Have put up a bushel of fine yellow free stone peaches today. This evening Aunt Mary Sam and Ada were here, before they left Mrs. Silcox Janet and Mary Pursell came. Lizzie and the children went home today, she is not at all well. Mattie Peebles left today for Oxford to attend the College.

Tuesday, September 18, 1888

Beautiful weather but so cool and damp from the rains that we have a fire in the sitting room. My cold is no better. Have been doing the usual housework and paring quinces to put up tomorrow. Wrote to Mrs. Buell of Chicago in reference to an entertainment. Had letter from Mrs. Enochs. Venetia Ramsey was here.

Wednesday, September 19, 1888

Pleasant. Uncle Enos came to look at the Wannamaker samples today. I was busy all day until late then Margaret and I went to Mr. Reilly's and selected the paper we need to finish Henry's room. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, September 20, 1888

Was feeling better today and went to work on Henry's room to paper and fix it up a little. Janie helped and by night we had the paper all on. It is quite an improvement. Used the remnant of Hall paper for a deep daldó and filled the upper part with light paper. Went to bed early. This is Mary Ricker's birthday + nothing that was planned for her was ready.

Friday, September 21, 1888

Pleasant weather. Have been trying to finish up Henry's room and put the house in order.

Mrs. Lowes was here in the afternoon.

Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Went to Committee meeting at Mrs. Huber's at 4 o'clock.

The Ex. Com. are trying to arrange for an entertainment in Oct.

Saturday, September 22, 1888

Lovely weather. Was quite busy all the forenoon and prepared to go up street after dinner but went over to see Lizzie a few minutes as she came in to spend Sabbath and then Geo Dennis called so it was late when I started. Stopped to see Mrs. Miller a few minutes as she came in to spend Sabbath and then Geo Dennis called so it was late when I started. Stopped to see Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ryan + Miss Jessie Ewing then to Ella Fulton's and lastly to Helen's. She is better and has again so we hope all is well.

Sunday, September 23, 1888

Beautiful day. We went to S. S. as usual and afterwards to church. Mr. Blackburn preached at Wheelersburg in the afternoon so we had no service in the evening. I was glad to retire anyway. Saw Annie Overdier Pilgrim today, she had come from her home in Davenport to bring Mary Glidden home, Mary is sick and probably will never be better.

Mr. Helfenstein asked me about Margaret's taking a class in S. S.

Monday, September 24, 1888

Beautiful day, leaves are falling and autumn is here. Did a little mending and sewing in the forenoon and after dinner went to the W. R. C. meeting, a called meeting to consider further about the entertainment to be given by the Corps. After the meeting made a call at Mrs. Lowes' and then Mrs. Dennis'. Winnie Gould was here while I was out. Lizzie + the children all but Robert, went home today.

Tuesday, September 25, 1888

Pleasant. Falling leaves, bonfires, cob-webs in the air, all look like Indian Summer. Have been busy all day and yet it is hard to see that anything has been accomplished. We are trying to arrange for an entertainment and it takes a great deal of time + talk. Was around to see Mrs. Huber after dark.

Wednesday, September 26, 1888

Quite pleasant. I arose as usual this morning but before breakfast had to lie down again and was sick all the forenoon. Managed to get up awhile after dinner and soon was moving about putting things to rights. Prof + Mrs. Lowes were here in the afternoon to select samples for an over coat to be ordered from Wannamakers. Did not go to church. Mrs. Whitney was here after church.

Thursday, September 27, 1888

Pleasant. Put up a bushel of tomatoes today and had just finished when the cider came for the apple butter then we went to paring apples. Had a tub nearly full pared + cut when the torchlight procession called us from our labors and we did not finish until late. Went to a Catholic wedding this AM. Our neighbor Joseph Shaffer married a Miss Harter I think.

Friday, September 28, 1888

Cloudy with some slight sprinkles. We were up early to try and find something to make the apple butter in. I went several places and finally Will succeeded in getting a kettle. We then worked hard all day, did not take the butter out of the kettle until after dark. Of course I could not go to Teachers' meeting. Had about 6 lbs gals of apple butter when done.

Saturday, September 29, 1888

Weather fine. We arose early to get a good start and Margaret + I worked all day trying to make a suit for Mary in time to go with her father Monday. Did not finish either garment but got them both well underway. We left off the other work which would wait and spent our time sewing. Wind blew a good deal today and after we went to bed it rained.

Sunday, September 30, 1888

Pleasant weather. All went to Sabbath School and church as usual in the forenoon. Had lessons after dinner and went to church again in the evening. Uncle Jimmie was here but did not remain to tea.

Monday, October 1, 1888

Beautiful weather. I was very busy all forenoon hurrying to finish Mary's dress in time for her to go with her father to Kirkwood to see his parents. They left on the boat at 11 AM and we were all glad to have them go, it will be such a pleasure to them and to Grandpa + Grandma. Spent the afternoon at the W. R. C. meeting, Ma went to Henley this afternoon and took Robert home. Ruth went out to stay awhile with Lizzie. Allen left today + Carl will try to take his place.

Tuesday, October 2, 1888

Lovely weather. I was out most of the forenoon trying to assist the Musical Com. to prepare for the entertainment, while out I went to see Jennie and Helen. Miss Mary Prediger, one of the Public School Teachers was buried this afternoon, she was sick less than two weeks and was reported dead several times before it was really true.

I dined over home with Pa + Mary.

Wednesday, October 3, 1888

Weather delightful though we need a little fire. Have tried hard to finish May's cloak today to send to her. Almost got it done after church in the evening but had to leave the button holes for daylight. This is Ella Bonsall's anniversary, married just seventeen years today. Took dinner over home today Mrs. Kelley was there. She + father took a drive over on the West Side after dinner. Mattie Peebles came home from Oxford. She only stayed a few days and was so home sick that she gave up + came home.

Thursday, October 4, 1888

Beautiful weather. This has been a very busy day. Was up to Jennie's before noon. Took dinner over home with Mrs. Kelley + Aunt Mary, Mary Ellen, Fannie, Mary, Miss Geiger + the two babies. The same party took tea at Aunt Mary's except Mary M. who does not go out in the evening. Went to hear Col. Teetor at G. A. R. Hall. Heard from the travelers who arrived at Kirkwood safely. Sent Mary's cloak and wrote Grandma.

Friday, October 5, 1888

Lovely weather, quite mild. Went to Mrs. Huber's this morning to meet Mrs. Whitney and settle with Col Teetor for the Readings + Recitations. Went to Aunt Mary's to say goodbye to Mrs. Kelley but she has gone. After dinner I finished Margaret's plaid dress skirt, ready for her to wear this evening then went to see how Helen + Jennie are, neither of them are well. In the evening Margaret + Will went to Aunt Mary's to a "Y" Social, the other children + I went to S. S. Teachers' meeting. Called to see Mrs. Westervelt who came home, yesterday. Their little boy died while they were away.

Saturday, October 6, 1888

Rained in the night and for a while in the morning then cleared off beautifully. Was busy cleaning most of the day. Wrote to Lizzie, Jimmie, Mrs. Morrison + Mrs. Irving. Was out a few minutes before tea, took rose slips to Miss Firinstone and received some from Mrs. Fulton. Mrs. Kehoe + her sister-in-law called while I was out. Margaret went to a class meeting at Lena Kline's and wore beautiful roses from our own yard. They have been very lovely this year.

Sunday, October 7, 1888

Went to Sabbath School and church in the forenoon as usual. Margaret expected to have had her class from the Infant Room this AM but Miss Emma does not want to give them up until January so she will wait. In the evening Mr. Blackburn delivered the first of his series of sermons on the Pilgrim's Progress. Text "What shall I do to be saved" There was a large attendance.

Monday, October 8, 1888

Delightful weather. Mary got ready to go to Cin with Mother and then gave it up lest she should take more cold. I went for several reasons. Wanted to buy a carpet for one reason.

This is Father's birthday but I did not even see him as I left hurriedly. There was a crowd on the boat but very few whom we knew except Mrs. Kelley who go on at Buena Vista on her way to Ill.

Tuesday, October 9, 1888

Beautiful day. Left the boat early and went first to the Museum of the Historical Society as Father desired. Then bought a carpet at Otte's for our sitting room. Like it very much. Spent the rest of the day until 9 PM at the Exposition and saw many wonderful + beautiful things. Mrs. Sam Reed was with us part of the time. The electric Illuminations are quite fine. Heard a fine band. Attended the Christian Convention + heard Ex Pres. Hayes, Geo P. Hays, Dr. Bodine, Dr. Gardner + Dr. Lockwood. Also Mad. Carreno the pianist + saw the Marietta Pageant in the evening.

Wednesday, October 10, 1888

Lovely weather. Had a delightful night's rest at the Demarion owing to Mr. Lodwick's kindness and took an early start for Eden Park to visit the Museum. Found quite a pleasant surprise in it. Could have spent more time there only Ma did not feel

well. Returned to the city and after going about awhile went to Masonville to spend the night with Mrs. Fuller + family + found them greatly troubled over the serious illness of Helen Denear Laura's daughter.

Thursday, October 11, 1888

Weather pleasant. Arose early and took the 8 o'clock train for the city. Saw Mr. Denear on the train and learned that Helen was a little better, Mary about the same. Finished our shopping in the city and went to the boat loaded with packages. I made a second trip up to 5th + Race and was loaded again with packages. Got all we expected to get. No Portsmouth people on the boat but met Miss Ruth Moore, Mrs. Dennis' sister, also Mrs. Hundent of Maysville + her sister Mrs. of Cin. Heard how very ill Mrs. Dennis is at Dr. Yates in Cin.

Friday, October 12, 1888

The boat reached Portsmouth long before daylight and we came home before breakfast. It began to rain before we left the boat but Mother rode and I had a gossamer so we did not get wet. Found Helen's guests, Miss Alice Emery and Miss Mary Ellison had arrived last night. Bessie Hall came at noon to spend a few weeks with us.

Saturday, October 13, 1888

Have been busy all day trying to make things comfortable. Weather is chilly and we have no stove in the hall yet and both grates upstairs are useless until they are reset. Sent for Mr. Biles to come and examine them today. Lizzie was in but I did not see her. Was so busy when I heard it that I did not realize what was said and forgot it right away. This is the anniversary of Dr. Field's and Libbie Lloyd's wedding. The only occasion on which I served as bridesmaid.

Sunday, October 14, 1888

Went to Sabbath School as usual and then to church. Barton and Jennie were both unable to be out so Bartie and Edward sat with us.

Margaret sat with Bessie Hall. Jimmie and Mary came home on the Bonanza and were here before breakfast. Brought some fine grapes from Grandpa's. Uncle Jimmie was here before tea.

Monday, October 15, 1888

Rained all day was dismal outside and inside as we had both grates upstairs taken out and reset, mantels and all. It will cost 9.00 but I am glad it is done. Helen and her guests went to her home this afternoon, though she still has no girl. I have been in the dirt all day sweeping up soot and mortar. Got Margaret's room straightened up and a fire started to try the new grate and it does nicely.

Ground was broken for the addition to the Public Library this morning. It will be an improvement to our street.

Tuesday, October 16, 1888

Weather cloudy and damp. Made new sleeves for Lizzie's flannel dress after school having mended those in her best dress before she came from school so she could put it on. Have material for new dresses for her and Mary but do not seem to find time to make them.

Went to see

Wednesday, October 17, 1888

Cloudy. We decided that Lizzie could not go with Uncle Jimmie but he was so anxious to have her that we afterwards got her ready and they left on the boat at 11:30 for Kirkwood. Word came that Grandma Moore was not expected to live all day so father, Uncles Enos + Sam went to Buena Vista on the boat. Mrs. Porterfield and her son came up this morning intending to stay at Uncle Sam's until Friday morning. Went to church in the evening. Went to see Jimmie, Helen + her guests and Fannie Geiger. Was there twice today.

Thursday, October 18, 1888

Early this morning we had word that Grandmother Moore died at Buena Vista at 9 o'clock this morning. Uncles Enos + Sam + Father were with her, also Aunt Maria at whose house she was. She has slept much of the time for the past three weeks and passed away peacefully. Father came home on the afternoon. I helped Ma + May to cover the carpets with muslin. This is Mattie Peebles' birthday. Called to see Mame Gibbs Hudson.

Friday, October 19, 1888

Rained a little all day. Uncle Enos + Sam, Aunt Mari + Roby, Mrs. Loughery + Mrs. McCall came up on the Bonanza with Granma Moore's remains this morning. The funeral service was held at Father's at 2:30 PM. Rev. Mr. Sleutz at Bigelow officiated. Uncles Enos + Sam, Barton + Jas, Enos L. + Ralph Moore were the pall-bearers. Very few outside of the family were present. Granma was 95 years old last July. Her most lived to be almost 95.

Saturday, October 20, 1888

Damp. The usual duties occupied the forenoon. After dinner went over to say good-bye to Mrs. Loughery and Mrs. McCall, they left on the hach for Buena Vista. Went to preparatory lecture at 3 o'clock after which I did an errand or two then came home. Aunt Maria + Roby were here to tea, and spent the evening afterwards.

Sunday, October 21, 1888

Weather pleasant. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Had Communion service in the forenoon. Dr. + Mrs. Dennis united with our church by letter from the 2nd church. Also two strangers from other places. Mr. Blackburn preached the third of his series of sermons on the Pilgrim's Progress in the evening.

Monday, October 22, 1888

Rained all day. Went in the morning to say good-bye to Mrs. Porterfield + her son Ralph. Then to see Aunt Maria who left on the Bonanza for home. After doing an errand I called at Mrs. Johnson's a few moments and then at Mr. Dennis'. Was home all the afternoon and wrote to Aunt Betsey + Mrs. Morrison.

Tuesday, October 23, 1888

Cloudy. Spent the day straightening the closet, putting the medicines in order. Mrs. Biles was here on an errand.

Wednesday, October 24, 1888

Fair weather but we are told it will not last long. Have been getting ready for tomorrow, want to put down the new carpet. Went to see Helen + her friends. Went to church in the evening.

Ma + Mary were there.

Thursday, October 25, 1888

Sprinkled a little but not enough to interfere with our work. Geo came early and we worked hard all day, got the new carpet down in the sitting room, almost done before dark. The new carpet looks very well and is dark enough for winter. Mary Moore and Miss Geiger called while things were upside down. Aunt Mary was here also.

Friday, October 26, 1888

Rainy again. Have been mending the dining room carpet, it took most of the day and then was not finished. In the evening I went to Teachers' meeting. Had an extra good attendance and took some steps towards increasing the interest and attendance of the school.

Saturday, October 27, 1888

The clouds rolled away this morning and it has been bright, but windy. Finished stretching and taking down the parlor curtains washed dried, ironed then and put them up again. Ma and Jennie were here in the afternoon. Janie's sister went home today. May went to the Brick works with Elizabeth.

Sunday, October 28, 1888

A bright sunny day, one we can appreciate after the many cloudy ones we have had.

Went to Sabbath School + took a class.

All went to church in the evening, Mr. Nichols + three other gentlemen sung a beautiful hymn.

Monday, October 29, 1888

Lovely day the weather is a real treat after that of the past week. Was busy sweeping + dusting most of the forenoon. Went to see Fannie Geiger after dinner to invite her + Mary to spend Wednesday afternoon with me. While out in the morning on an errand I met Mrs. Whitney and we did an errand together which kept me out until noon. After tea the Teachers' Physiology Class met here with Miss Hall. Had a letter from Lizzie begging to be allowed to remain in Kirkwood this winter.

Tuesday, October 30, 1888

Beautiful weather. After the morning work was done I went to see Perris Tracy, did two errands then went up to ask Helen and her friends + Jennie Greene to spend tomorrow afternoon with me, have also asked Genie Robinson, Mame Hudson, Fannie + Mary Moore + sister Mary. Put down the star linen after dinner. Mrs. Sam Reed, Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Strayer were here. Was up to Mr. Blackburn's.

Wednesday, October 31, 1888

Beautiful day. Was busy all the forenoon preparing for my guest in the afternoon. They came and seemed to enjoy the occasion. Fannie Geiger and her two children May Y. Moore, Perris Tracy, Genie Robinson, Helen, Misses Emery + Ellison, Mame Hudson + Bessie Hall + Mary were here. Jennie + Ma + Flo McConnell did not come. In the evening we went to church.

Margaret went to Isabel Murray's + Will + Fannie Newman's to spend the evening.

Thursday, November 1, 1888

Pleasant. Spent the forenoon on the old carpet that I took out of the dining room. In the afternoon I went to W. C. T. U. meeting and did not get home until nearly supper time.

Friday, November 2, 1888

Warm and pleasant all day, only somewhat windy. Just as I was starting to Teachers' meeting it began to rain and rained very hard before we came home.

There were quite a number out. Was busy all day mending a carpet, that was almost past using., Hope to cover Henry's floor with it.

Saturday, November 3, 1888

Fine day and a busy one for me. I did not finish the mending on the carpet until afternoon then took up the old one before I could put down the one I had prepared. It was dark when I finished taking it down.

Ma and Lizzie called to see me a minute and left their congratulations and best wished in the shape of a chair and handkerchiefs.

Sunday, November 4, 1888

Beautiful day. The rain of last Friday settled the dust effectively and today has been perfect. Margaret gathered a large bunch of roses for the church pulpit then sent them to Jennie Spry. Uncle Jimmie + Lizzie came home this morning and brought some chrysanthemums from Mother Ricker, just a year from the day the last ones came. Went to Sabbath School + church as usual.

Monday, November 5, 1888

Beautiful weather, mild and pleasant. Took some lovely roses to Mrs. Jno Miller who is quite sick. Spent the afternoon at the Corps meeting, after which I went to see Jennie + ask after Mrs. Greene who is sick at Jennie's. Miss Hall returned from Haverhill about daylight and Lizzie + her family went home, taking Helen and her friends for a day.

Tuesday, November 6, 1888

Weather half and half today. Being Election day we hoped for fair weather but it only lasted until noon and then rain set in. It has been a remarkably quiet campaign and there is deep interest felt in the result. Voting has been going on briskly so the most of it was done before the rain began. Republicans feel much encouraged.

Wednesday, November 7, 1888

Weather unsettled.

Mrs. E. B. Greene is quite sick at Jennie's with an attack of pleura pneumonia. They sent for Charlie and Fred. Charlie came today. I was up but could not do any good so have not been this week. Am busy at home as I can be, and there is a little prospect that I shall lose Janie and be busier now. Went to church in the evening.

Harrison + Morton elected. Jennie Spry died.

Thursday, November 8, 1888

Rained persistently all day, not all day for the sun came out awhile near noon and gave promise of pleasant weather for Mrs. Reed's reception but before time for it (2 PM) the rain set in and kept on the rest of the day. I went and wore the new bonnet which father gave me for my birthday present but which I only received today. Miss Lloyd made it.

The reception was in honor of Will Reed's bride. Ma + Mary could not go but H. and her friends were there.

Friday, November 9, 1888

Rained again and was unpleasant, in the forenoon was bad weather for a procession but the men and boys turned out in the evening to ratify the election of Harrison + Morton and made a great din. I did not ever hear the second bell for teachers' meeting and was not well enough to go if I had heard it. Was over home after tea and saw Helen and the girls. Called to see Clara Pursell + her baby Persis.

Saturday, November 10, 1888

Quite cold and wintry this morning, the first day that has seemed like winter. Was busy at home all forenoon and should have been in the afternoon but felt I must go up to see Jennie and inquire about Mrs. Greene. The latter is very sick and I only saw J. a moment. Saw Dr. Rickletts and Charlie Greene. It began to sprinkle just as we reached there and kept it up more or less the rest of the day. Made a short call on Helen and her friends.

Sunday, November 11, 1888

Beautiful day, clear and cold.

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Lizzie was not well and remained at home all day. Uncle Jimmie was here but did not stay to tea.

Monday, November 12, 1888

Bright and pleasant after the fog disappeared.

After the morning work was done I went over home to help with the sewing and get Miss O'Connor to cut me new blue basque while I did something on the plain work.

Lizzie has been home from school all day, we thought she was taking mumps yesterday and today.

Ma + Mary spent most of the day up at Jennie's, Mrs. Greene is so much better.

Tuesday, November 13, 1888

Weather clearer again but not settled. Have spent most of the day over home sewing. Mrs. E. B. Greene is still quite sick and so Ma + Mary spend quite a good deal of time at Jennie's. Mary has been helping in the kitchen.

Wednesday, November 14, 1888

Weather cloudy.

Was busy over home awhile in the morning, my dress was commenced but after dinner I did some sweeping and dusting. Had a telegram saying Mrs. Morrison would be here on the evening boat so I had to get ready to receive her. It began to rain just before she came. I could not go to church.

Thursday, November 15, 1888

Cloudy but did not rain until after dark. Mrs. Silcox and Miss Hard brought their books and Mrs. Morrison examined them this forenoon. We went to the Hall early and our Inspecting was finished earlier than ever before. Miss Bell called on Mrs. Morrison before tea, Dr. + Mrs. Dennis called after tea. Mrs. M. went down on the evening post.

Friday, November 16, 1888

Rained quite a good deal today. I spent part of the day over home sewing but it grows dark so early I have to stop early.

We have had an unusually rainy fall, a great deal of muddy, unpleasant weather. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Saturday, November 17, 1888

Pleasant. Have spent most of the today sewing as we want to make the most of the time while Miss O'Connor is with us. We hurried to finish Jennie's dress and after dark Ma + Margaret took it up to her. It did not fit and must be attended Monday.

Sunday, November 18, 1888

Cloudy with some rain. Went to Sabbath School as usual then to church. A stranger, a classmate of Mr. Blackburn preached in the morning. In the evening Mr. B. preached on the Valley of Humiliation one of his favorite Pilgrim's Progress series.

Monday, November 19, 1888

Rainy all day. Sewed over home. Mother, Mary Miss Maggie and I have several dresses on hand. Finished the one we were making for Jennie. This is Miss Alice Emery's birthday and in the evening Mother + May J. W. Will + I went up to call upon her. took some flowers and Helen had refreshments. Had a very pleasant evening. J. W. bought Margaret a new gossamer + Will a rubber coat.

Tuesday, November 20, 1888

Bright and pleasant, a little cooler. Was over home most of the day sewing. Finished the skirt to my blue cloth dress. The young ladies bought their tickets for New York today. Had a letter from Mother Ricker.

Called to see Mollie York and her baby, Howard Prentiss now nearly three weeks old.

Wednesday, November 21, 1888

Weather quite cool.

Mrs. O'Connor began sewing for me today. Will give me the rest of the week. After church Jas Margaret and I went to call on Miss Ellison and Emery and bid them goodbye as they leave on the early train for N. Y. They are very pleasant girls and we have enjoyed their visit very much.

Thursday, November 22, 1888

Weather pleasant.

We are putting in all our time on the sewing trying to accomplish as much as possible. I have spent very little time at home except at meal time for nearly two weeks past. The young ladies left on the early train for New York. Came very near being left as the Hackman overslept himself and did not call for them at all. They walked out to the junction and got on the trains there.

Friday, November 23, 1888

Bright and pleasant. Heavy frosts have cut down most of the plants out of doors.

We sewed all day on Margaret's dress and did a little on the unfinished work that Ma had on hands. Miss Bessie left us today noon after being her six weeks. We were sorry to part with her. Maggie Hook died, she graduated from P. H. S. last June.

Saturday, November 24, 1888

Bright and cool.

Sewed very steadily all day. finished Margaret's suit and made a blue flannel dress for Lizzie. Ma and Mary each helped awhile but Miss O'Connor and I sewed steadily. I brought the dresses home after dark and then trimmer May's new hat, altered Margaret's new one a little and made a little change in Lizzie's. They are all supplied now.

Sunday, November 25, 1888

A little cloudy but no rain. Quite frosty. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Both morning and evening, the subject being "Vanity Fair" one of the Pilgrim's Progress series.

Monday, November 26, 1888

Bright and clear.

Spent most of the day over home. Sewed a little on Lizzie's cloak and a little on Jennie's work. Wrote to Mother Ricker. Did some mending on the evening. Received a new supply of Tobacco Literature for distribution.

Tuesday, November 27, 1888

Rainy and unpleasant. Did not rain all day but was muddy and disagreeable. Went to Mrs. Silcox's to see if she was ready to call upon Mrs. Lake but she was out. Did a little shopping and came back to my work. Am making a cloak for Lizzie to match her new blue flannel dress. Lizzie and her children came in tonight to spend a few days. They always take Thanksgiving dinner at Mr. Peebles.'

Wednesday, November 28, 1888

Weather disagreeable. Rained some. Margaret came down to breakfast with Mumps well defined. The disease has been all over town and will spoil the record of all the schools. The slaters are ready to put the roof on the new Public Library on 5th + Court Sts. I could not go to church as I expected because I was sent for to sit up with Mary Greene who is sick. Went up immediately after tea. Made a short call upon Enos and Helen before beginning my vigil.

Thursday, November 29, 1888

The annual Thanksgiving has been unseasonable so far as weather is concerned, it was damp, cloudy and unpleasant. I sat up with Mary Greene, or rather kept her all night so Jennie could have a good night's rest, consequently did not feel like walking out to the 2nd church to hear Mr. Blackburn. Jas + Lizzie went. Will went to the 6th st, M. E. ch. and came home with the Mumps. We spent a very pleasant day at home. Uncle Jimmie dined with us.

Friday, November 30, 1888

Damp and unpleasant. Sewed most of the day over home where Miss O'Connor could show me about my work. In the evening Jas went with me to Teachers' meeting. It was the evening of our reports as district visitors.

Saturday, December 1, 1888

Cold and raw. A little gleam of sunshine in the afternoon but it seemed like cold comfort.

Lizzie went home on the afternoon train. Mother was in bed all day. is not well. I almost finished Lizzie's blue cloak, she could wear it if she was going out. Had a letter from Mrs. Bond, the first since last June.

Sunday, December 2, 1888

Cloudy and chilly. Looks like snow.

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual.

Carl and Mary were the only other members of the family able to go out, Henry sat with us in the morning. Mr. B. delivered the 9th of his lectures on the Pilgrim's Progress.

Monday, December 3, 1888

Cloudy and very damp + chilly. Margaret and Will are still at home with the Mumps. Lizzie is out of school but her face is not swollen. I went to school this morning to report M + W. Jennie went home with Mrs. Greene + little Helen today. Mother went to keep home for J. Spent all the afternoon at Corps meeting. It was the annual election and Mrs. Evans succeeds me as Pres't. Elizabeth Peebles is six years old today.

Tuesday, December 4, 1888

Bright and pleasant. Will remained at home in the forenoon but at noon declared he was over the Mumps and returned to school after dinner. M waited until tomorrow but thinks she will be safe in going then. Miss Ball and the girls called for her + Will this evening to go out to the "Y" meeting but of course they did not go out.

Wednesday, December 5, 1888

Pleasant though damp. The sewing still goes on and I spend most of my time over home helping and being helped. Hope to get quite a good deal done that needs to be accomplished. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, December 6, 1924

Bright and pleasant, though it grows chilly after sundown. I sewed busily on my jacket until after 3 o'clock when I laid it aside and went to the W. C. T. U. meeting then did some errands afterwards. The cloak looks as though it would do nicely when finished.

Friday, December 7, 1888

Weather bright and delightful. Wonderful for the season. Roses are still to be seen here and there, though the handsomest specimen anywhere is a safrano on a year old slip in our front yard. It opened yesterday though it has been frosty several morning, the bud is not touched or blighted in the least. Margaret went to class meeting.

Saturday, December 8, 1888

Beautiful day. Sewed over home all day. Mother was up at J's until after dinner when she brought the children down, gave them a bath and then went to bed quite sick with headache, had a chill and was given out completely. Mary + Margaret took the children home to give them their supper and await Barton's return on the late train. I must stay all night with Mother.

Sunday, December 9, 1888

Beautiful day though a few umbrellas were out. Atmosphere damp. Was late rising, had breakfast with Father and then came home to get ready for S. S. Mother is better but unable to be up. Went to S. S. and church as usual. The children were all out. Margaret stayed all night at Jennie's and will probably do so until Janie returns from Zanesville.

Monday, December 10, 1888

Bright and mild but atmosphere damp. Mary + Mrs. O'Connor began sewing up at Jennie's and I spent most of the day there also. Ma is still in bed but better. Jennie will not be home for some time yet. Margaret will stay with her children at night. The roof on the new library was finished today. The safrano rose bud in the front yard is still perfection after opening four days ago. It is remarkably handsome and for the season, it is phenomenal. I put out fifty (50) rose slips this afternoon, as an experiment. The usual time being earlier in the season.

Tuesday, December 11, 1888

Quite chilly. My work was brought down from Jennie's and I stayed with Mother who is better but not yet very well. Mary has so many trips to make back + forth that I fear she will be sick by the time Jennie returns. she is trying to accomplish so much while she is managing for Jennie.

Wednesday, December 12, 1888

Weather pleasant for the season. Am spending all the time I can spare from my own home with Mother and at the same time sewing on the wrapper for Margaret which is to be her Christmas present from her Aunt Mary.

Thursday, December 13, 1888

Weather clear and pleasant. We have had a remarkable season in some respects but it is turning colder today. Our rose is still handsome, has been out a week today.

Was over home with Mother most of the day. The news from Zanesville is not very encouraging and it is probable that Margaret will not be home from her Aunt Jennie's until after Christmas.

Friday, December 14, 1888

Bright and cold. Thermometer as low as 14° this morning. The boys hope for skating tomorrow. Sewed over home nearly all day. Lizzie and her boys came in after dinner and late in the day, she and I went down street together. I went to Teachers' meeting after tea and when I came home she and Mary were here making a call.

I cut the last rose of the season this afternoon and took it over to Mother.

Saturday, December 15, 1888

Bright and more mild than yesterday. After the usual Saturday work I went over home on an errand. After dinner I went again and found Lizzie in and her boys there. No, it was yesterday they came in and today they went home. I only saw her a few moments as she was leaving the house for the train. Spent most of the afternoon with Ma. Made a suit of underwear for Carl. The boys skated all morning. Ice was gone by noon.

Sunday, December 16, 1888

Rained in the night and was damp and dismal all day. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Lizzie has mumps beyond a doubt and remained at home, of course. Margaret was down to S. S. + ch in the forenoon then returned to Barton's.

Monday, December 17, 1888

Rainy and disagreeable. Not a gleam of sunshine the whole day. Was over home several times today. Mother is improving. Went to see Margaret at Jennie's in the afternoon. She is not well, has a cold.

Had a letter from John. He seems no better. I cut caps for Grandma Ricker, have a great deal before this week.

Tuesday, December 18, 1888

Windy but not very bright. Lizzie is still at home though nearly over the Mumps. Carl and May have had no indications of the trouble. Have said very little about it. We have never known a time when Mumps prevailed so generally. Few escape unless they have had them previously.

Wednesday, December 19, 1888

Bright and pleasant. Went to see Miss Lynn about Lizzie and she told me to send her in the afternoon when the others were gone and she would give her the questions for examination. The Examinations are the all absorbing themes now. Was out doing errands in the morning, and after dinner I helped on Virginia's dress. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, December 20, 1888

Pleasant for the season. Mother and I were very busy all day until late in the afternoon when we went up to see Mary awhile.

Jennie's sewing is being well finished up. This afternoon Mother was out getting some Christmas presents for Grandpa + Grandma, Mary and the children + Mr. Warner. I am doing very little in that line this year.

Friday, December 21, 1888

Raw and cold. Have spent much of my time over home finishing a piece of work, helping in any way I could with the work. Mrs. Evans was here in the morning to talk over Corps matters. In the afternoon late I went up street with Helen and after tea, went to Teachers' meeting.

Saturday, December 22, 1888

Beautiful day, clear and cold. Went over home early and found Lizzie at the breakfast table. She and Elizabeth came in on the late train last night. Everybody was busy until noon getting the things together for the Kirkwood box. We sent to Grandpa and Mr. W. Mary, the children + Mr. Eysten all in one box. After dinner Lizzie went home and I went up to Jennie's to help Margaret with her candy. She is making the Christmas candies for Barton to take to Zanesville next week.

Sunday, December 23, 1888

Quite cold. We all attended the usual Sabbath Services. Margaret was down to S. S. and then went back to Barton's for dinner. She has a bad cold and ought not to be out at all. In the evening Mr. Blackburn preached the last of his series of sermons on the Pilgrim's Progress. It was good and the Male Quartette sung a beautiful piece called "Shall You; shall?" from Gospel Hymns No. 5.

Monday, December 24, 1888

Fair weather. We all, Ma Mary + I went up to Barton's this evening to help get the children ready to go on the 10 o'clock train to Zanesville to spend Christmas. It was time for hurrying. When they had gone Margaret came home and hurried preparations for going to Henley on the afternoon train. We shall miss her here tomorrow and wish she could be with us. Both last year and this she has been away for some time previous to the holidays.

Tuesday, December 25, 1888

The day has been mild and very unlike Christmas weather. WE had the usual Tree in our parlor and the children enjoyed it as much as ever. Helen, Enos and Alice spent most of the day with us, though E + H went over home to dine. While Uncle Jimmie came here to dine. Went to S. S. entertainment in the evening.

Wednesday, December 26, 1888

Damp and unpleasant. Late in the afternoon it began to rain. Helen and the baby spent the day with us, going home just before supper time in the rain. Alice is a very sweet baby.

Jas had one of his hard headaches this evening and went to bed about 5 o'clock. I took the Christmas Tree out this morning and put the room all in order again. None of us went to church owing to the bad headache and hard rain.

Thursday, December 27, 1888

Fair weather. Janie washed the lace curtains this forenoon, the smoke and dust soil them so soon that it is very discouraging work to try to keep them in order. After dinner Dr. George Dennis called. He had been out to Kirkwood just before we came home.

Friday, December 28, 1888

Quite bright but pretty cool. Weather mild for the season. Margaret came home on the afternoon train with her Aunt Mary. She was so sick that I put her to bed soon after and began a vigorous treatment to prevent a serious sick spell. Bessie Hall was here quite a while just after M. came home. Put up the parlor curtains again this afternoon.

Saturday, December 29, 1888

Bright and pleasant. The usual sweeping kept me busy all the forenoon and the rest of the day was spent in finishing off some much needed garments. Margaret was better today but unable to be up. Has fever, headache and is out of sorts generally. Lizzie is not well either. It is twelve years tonight since P. P. Bliss the singer died at Ashtabula in a R. R. accident, he + his wife.

Sunday, December 30, 1888

Mild and pleasant for the season, appearance of rain. Went to Sabbath School had no service so we went to Bigelow to church. Lizzie and Margaret were both in bed when the rest of us went to Sabbath School. Uncle Enos + Mary Ellen's Wedding Anniversary.

Monday, December 31, 1888

Cloudy, damp and dismal. Margaret was enough better to be up today. Lizzie was better also. Was busy all forenoon with work and too tired in the afternoon to sew.

Went to Mrs. Silcox's to call upon Miss Silcox, then stopped at Miss Emma Bell's (she was out) Mrs. John Jones' + Mrs. Evans' on my way to Jennie's. Then at Helen's and lastly to inquire about Mr. Tewksbury who is still very ill. Jennie gave me a pretty handkerchief and Text books called The Shield, being filled with Bible verses having the "word" Shield in them. Alfred Westervelt and his brothers are visiting friends here + A. called to see M. this morning as a classmate.