

Tuesday, January 1, 1889

Weather very unlike New Year's. Very mild, A remarkable event today was the eclipse of the sun. It occurred after 4 o'clock PM and was so distinct that we could easily observe it with the naked eye, a thin cloud obscuring the sun just enough to enable us to see perfectly. The children had Elizabeth Greene spend the day with them.

Wednesday, January 2, 1889

Weather fair. Mrs. Evans was here in the morning. After dinner we changed the position of the piano in the parlor and made the room ready for the winter. Just as I was finishing, Mrs. Duke came in, then Miss Mollie Murray + Isabel, then Mrs. Geo Johnson.

Thursday, January 3, 1889

Bright. Was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner went to fulfill an engagement with Mrs. Geo Johnson, to do some Corps work relating to Memorial Day. It took up most of the afternoon and I did not go to W. C. T. U. as I had intended. Went to see Mrs. Silcox a few minutes after leaving Mrs. Johnson's.

Friday, January 4, 1889

Very mild and pleasant. Cut out three gingham aprons for Lizzie and one for May from ten yards of gingham Grandma Ricker gave L. when she was at K. needed for next week.

Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Lizzie Peebles is not well and it may be that someone will have to go out to her next week.

Saturday, January 5, 1889

Pleasant. Rained late in the day. I arose early and got through the sweeping then sewed industriously all day on Lizzie's aprons. Succeeded in finishing one and have the other ready for fastenings.

Mrs. Whitney called in the afternoon on corps business. I was very tired when the day's work was done. Have sewed so steadily on the machine.

Sunday, January 6, 1889

Damp with slight rain.

We all went to S. S. as usual. Margaret was given a class of little girls from Miss Bell's Infant Room. There are several mates to my pupils, Mary Ricker, Elizabeth Greene, Irene Hadley and, possibly, Edith Moore, being the number. It will be a new experience for Margaret but I think she will be a good conscientious teacher.

We attended preaching both morning + evening. Mr. B. began a short series of sermons on Heaven this evening. Had a large congregation.

Monday, January 7, 1889

Week of Prayer

Weather damp and a little windy, but no rain though it was threatening. Was busy at home all forenoon and after dinner I attended the Corps meeting and performed my last official duties as President, having held the office two years. Mrs. Evans succeeds me. After the meeting I went home with Mrs. Dennis and made quite a call. After tea several of us went to church. I never saw so many out the first week of prayer. School opened again today.

Tuesday, January 8, 1889

Weather mild with indications of rain. Open windows are seen on every side. Went over home to help with the new plaid dresses Mother is making for the little girls. Mrs. Silcox was here and together we prepared her last minutes to be handed over to the new Sec'y, Mrs. McKeoume. Spent all the afternoon over home sewing. Except to attend church this evening. Margaret + Robert Peebles were brought in last night as Lizzie is sick, or not well + has no help.

Wednesday, January 9, 1889

Weather damp and unpleasant.

I spent most of the day over home sewing on the little girls' dresses. Mother wished to surprise me with them but found she needed me to help her with them so had to tell me. It will be just as pleasant to have them anyway.

Thursday, January 10, 1889

Weather cooler than it has been. The children's dresses were finished by noon and they were delighted to wear the pretty bright plaids with white aprons, to school this afternoon.

The dresses are so warm and good they will last them a long time. We went to church in the evening and the room was well filled.

Friday, January 11, 1889

Very fair and pleasant. Mother decided to go out to Henley today and see L. Will be home tomorrow. Our Teachers' meeting is set aside for the prayer meetings which are very well attended now.

Saturday, January 12, 1889

A beautiful day. Was busy at home all forenoon. After dinner I went out to make a few calls. Mother + I went to call upon Mrs. Peebles who was not in. Then I went to see Mrs. Robinson + Genevieve., Mrs. Will Reed, Mrs. Sam Reed + daughters, Libbie Field Mrs. Carl Mrs. Jno Miller Lizzie Cochran.

Called upon Mrs. Helfenstein also but did not see anyone.

Ma came in and brought Elizabeth for company for Margaret but M. had gone on the train with Ruth and Robert.

Sunday, January 13, 1889

Quite pleasant. All went to Sabbath School as usual. In the morning Rev. Mr. Caldwell of Bogota, Columbia, S. A. preached for us. In the afternoon his wife talked to the ladies of their Mission work and in the evening Mr. C. talked to a full house on the same subject. He was a classmate of Mr. Blackburn in the Theological Sem.

Monday, January 14, 1889

Rainy and dark. Aunt Maria called this morning and brought me some dishes. A china cup + saucer which had belonged to Aunt Ellen when she was at home with Grandpa + Grandma many years ago. The other plate, all that is left of the set bought for the In fair when Father + Mother were married in August 1847. It was in daily use until Grandma died, Aunt M. served her meals on it and thought I would prize it as a relic, which I do. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Silcox were here this afternoon to finish work on the Memorial Book.

Tuesday, January 15, 1889

Weather fair, very different from yesterday when we needed the sunshine so much.

Aunt Maria called this morning so I called at Ma's and saw her there, she + Ma went to take dinner with Jennie + tea with Helen. I was up to see them before tea time. Went to see about a suit for Carl, and attend to some other errands. Called at Mrs. Johnson's a few minutes.

Wednesday, January 16, 1889

Rainy and gloomy. Lizzie came home from school with sore throat + headache, May has been home all week. I was not well myself, was in bed all forenoon. Aunt Maria came to stay all night. I did not go to church this evening, retired as early as possible.

Thursday, January 17, 1889

Weather rather cloudy and mild. Lizzie and the four older children came in last night for a little visit so we have spent most of today visiting. In the afternoon Ma wanted all of the grandchildren together so had a little party for them. Fourteen in all being present. Virginia Greene had gone to Zanesville with her father + Robert Peebles is at home with his father but will be in tomorrow. We older ones were all there to supper, all who are in town.

Friday, January 18, 1889

Weather slightly cooler and bright. Lizzie + children went to Mr. Peebles' to finish their visit. Aunt Maria went home. We went to church in the evening as we have been doing for two weeks past. Meetings well attended and interest manifested.

I went out to see Mrs. Zull + her mother Mrs. Lighbody of Manchester this afternoon.

Saturday, January 19, 1889

We did not see Lizzie today before she left for home. They expected to take the early train but did not get off.

Have been busy in the usual way today. Began giving Lizzie and Mary music lessons. They have been wanting to commence for a long while. Will try to give them regularly now.

Sunday, January 20, 1889

This was to have been Communion Day but owing to the interest and probability of having several additions to our membership, it was deferred a week. All went to Sabbath School as usual and several went to the evening service.

Monday, January 21, 1889

A very fair day after the weather we had yesterday. Miss Bessie did not come to dinner because the day was fair enough to walk home.

Attended the stated meetings. Will have a noon prayer meeting all this week.

Wrote some today, an article in which Mary was interested and took it over for her to see but she was not there so will try again.

Tuesday, January 22, 1889

Bright and beautiful. Spent a forenoon writing and then copied the article in the afternoon for the paper. After it was done I went out for a while.

In the evening we went to church, as many as could go.

Wednesday, January 23, 1889

Was busy at home awhile all the forenoon until prayer meeting time, In the afternoon after school I went up to see Mr. McConnell about the children's reports. Came home and found a letter from Mary Warner Moore.

Went to church in the evening as usual. Attendance continues good.

Thursday, January 24, 1889

Took Mary's letters over home then went to do an errand. Got material to fix M's dress. Went up to Jennie's with M's letter and met Helen there so did not have to go to her home. In the afternoon I worked on the dress.

Friday, January 25, 1889

Weather rather cold.

The usual work occupied my time before noon and then I went to the prayer meeting.

Wrote to Mother Ricker and Lizzie today.

Have been sewing Margaret's dress. Anything like dress making last a long time while when I try to attend special meetings.

Saturday, January 26, 1889

Quite cloudy and cold. Was busy as usual all forenoon then prepared to go to prayer meeting at 3 o'clock. Tried to get Margaret's dress done today but failed to do so. Jennie was here a few minutes after church. Her three little folks were here while we were at church.

Barton + Elizabeth were here after supper.

Sunday, January 27, 1889

Very wet. Rained very hard. Took Lizzie to have a tooth extracted before S. S. All went to S. S. and church as usual. It was Communion Day and 28 were added to the church. Mr. + Mrs. La Blaunch, Mr. + Mrs. W. Burt, Geo Monroe, Ella Bertram, Mary Hancock, Mrs. Mary Lodwick, R. J. Dodson, Alice Bower, Mary L. Musser, Amanda Funk, John B. Wood, Howard Murray, Clara Schreiber, William H. Schwartz, Jessie Clark, Willa + Susie Molster, Ed Molster, Mary Behrens, Anna + Kate Dice, Rosa Scott, E. B. Greene Jr. Mary J. Ferguson. By letter Annie Martin + Minnie Scott.

Monday, January 28, 1889

Weather unpleasant.

The noon prayer meetings are to be continued this week. Miss Hall came to dinner and Jennie Greene was here in the afternoon. I prevailed upon her to stay to tea and go from here to church as it was windy and very tiresome to walk so far twice.

Had a good meeting in the evening.

Tuesday, January 29, 1889

Quite cold and raw.

Went to noon prayer meeting. After dinner went to see Mrs. Silcox who was not in so stopped to see Mrs. Blackburn who is sick. Went to the Missionary Soc and read her selections for her. Went to church in the evening and felt quite tired at the close of the day.

While the meetings last I cannot do much sewing but have done a little. Finished M's school dress.

Wednesday, January 30, 1889

Weather a little milder. Gave the children a little extra lesson this morning. Went to prayer meeting at noon. After dinner and the weekly mending also mended Henry's new coat sleeve for him. Mrs. Gharky was here on an errand and made quite a call. Went to church in the evening and four persons rose for prayer, Carl being one of them.

Thursday, January 31, 1889

Mild in the morning then changed suddenly 25° cold and windy with a flurry of snow in the afternoon. Enos came home from Athens this morning. Went to prayer meeting. Mrs. Silcox came after dinner and we finished up the week on the book then took it to Mrs. Johnson. Went to sit awhile with Mrs. Dennis then attended Temperance meeting. Afterwards I went to the school house to see Miss Ross and Miss Hall. Church in the evening. Uncle Jimmie too dinner here.

Friday, February 1, 1889

Clear and pleasant though a little windy. Sewed in the forenoon for a while on Mary's apron then went to see Mrs. Blackburn on an errand then went to see Dell Ramsey.

Wanted to see Maggie Peebles but she was not at home. Paid Dr. McClure's bill of 3.25 and after another short call upon Dell, came home. Went to church in the evening.

Saturday, February 2 1889

Beautifully bright and clear. The ground-hog could come out and see his shadow all day if he cared to do so.

The usual Saturday work occupied all the forenoon, gave the little girls their music lessons.

An alarm of fire this afternoon came from Mr. McGinley's house which was more ruined by water than fire but together made almost a wreck of it.

Sunday, February 3, 1889

Mild and pleasant with indications of rain.

All went to Sabbath School + church as usual.

There were five children baptized at morning service. Earnest Carl, Mary L. Row, Howard P. York, George La blanche and Lillian Harper.

This is Bartie Greene's birthday, eleven years old. The boys were with us to church but all the girls stayed at home.

Monday, February 4, 1889

A beautiful mild day. Was very busy at home until 11 AM then went to see Miss Hard on an errand. After dinner went to Corps meeting. Afterwards Mrs. Silcox and I went up street together and each made a call, I went to Jennie's, then went together down street and attended to some errands. Spent the evening at home practicing over my music. Carl went to session meeting.

Tuesday, February 5, 1889

Rainy and close.

Lizzie came in late last night and went home on the early train. I did not see her. I was busy at home all forenoon and when the morning work was done went over home a few minutes. After dinner a telegram from Henley for Mrs. Behrens created quite a stir among us as we knew Lizzie must be sick. Ma + Mrs. Behrens left at once having barely time to reach the train. Mr. Smith had called a hack by telephone for the. We went to church at night.

Wednesday, February 6, 1889

Weather bright and cold.

AS early as possible I went up to Mrs. Peebles' to tell her and the girls that Mrs. B. returned on the late train and reported L. better. Mother came on the afternoon train. While I was out I went up to Jennie's + saw Helen there.

Our series of meetings closed this evening with a donation to Geo the Sexton.

Began this week to teach Henry a little music.
Had some of Grandma Moore's things sent me today by Aunt Maria McCall.
Among them a bright wrapper which Father gave his mother when I was a little girl.
Took tea over home with Mr. Jno Bolton, for three years my teacher in the High School. Have not seen him since he left here seventeen years ago.

Thursday, February 7, 1889

Thermometer indicated 11° this morning, the lowest of the season. The children went skating after school, they have had very little of the amusement this winter, has only been ice twice before and it did not last more than one day.

I was home all day sewing or making over a quilted skirt. Just before tea I went to the Post Office to send an order for Jennie. A halo around the moon tonight indicates snow or rain soon.

Friday, February 8, 1889

The promised snow was falling this morning and has continued all day though it does not seem to accumulate very fast. Skating is ended again. Have been home all day not feeling well. Busied myself with small jobs which have been waiting. Could not attend Teachers' meeting this evening and regretted missing it.

Bessie Hall was here to tea.

Saturday, February 9, 1889

Weather mild and damp. The usual Saturday work occupied my time and with the two music lessons kept me busy until noon.

In the evening I went to Miss Emma Bell's to meet with a Committee about Relief Work.

Sunday, February 10, 1889

Pleasant for the season. We went to Sabbath School as usual. Mary went to teach Barton's class as he did not return from Zanesville. Attended the usual church services and was over home a little while in the afternoon.

Monday, February 11, 1889

Quite cold and clear.

After doing the morning work I went to talk awhile with Maggie Peebles who wants me to become a member of the Foreign Miss. Society. Was there until nearly noon.

Was to have given Henry a music lesson but he postponed it.

Tuesday, February 12, 1889

Quite cold, has only been colder once this year, and the young people are hoping to have some skating. After much thought and deliberation I went to the Foreign Miss. Society this afternoon, Mother + I, and took a back seat. Intended joining the society but was greatly surprised to find myself in the President's chair before the meeting closed and obliged to preside over the close of the session. New officers were elected

throughout and I earnestly wished for more experience before assuming such a responsible place in the Society. I sent for help from the Master on the discharge of my new duties. Maggie Silcox was here this morning.

Wednesday, February 13, 1889

A raw snowy, wintry day. Was busy at home until after 10 o'clock then went to take dinner with Helen according to promise. Enos was not there, his dinner is usually sent to him.

Went over to see Jennie while in the neighborhood. Was not feeling well today so remained at home from church and retired early. There was skating which the children enjoyed awhile this evening.

Thursday, February 14, 1889

Beautiful day, mild and pleasant. Ice was spoiled for skating. Helen and little Alice were here to spend the day + Enos came to dinner. I walked part way home with Helen and then stopped to see Maggie Peebles about Missionary Soc. After tea I gave Henry his first music lesson on the piano. He spent last week on notes.

The little girls are doing well and my class now numbers three, all within the family circle. Margaret Geiger is one year old today.

Friday, February 15, 1889

Rainy with a little ice on the ground making walking bad. Was busy as usual all day. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. Carl went with me.

Saturday, February 16, 1889

Very warm and spring like. Rainy all the forenoon. Was busy at home all forenoon and sewed no Will's coat and pants after dinner, altered them a little. Met Maggie Peebles at Dr. Davis' by appointment after 4PM and got the envelopes for the Foreign Mission Society.

Sunday, February 17, 1889

Mild, rainy in the evening. Went to S. S. as usual. In the forenoon Knights of Pythias attended service at our church in a body. Asked permission to come and Mr. Blackburn had his sermon already prepared before the request was made. Very providentially the text was "Ye are my friends ye do my commandments" the subject being friendship. Mary as not well and only went to Sabbath School. Went to church in the evening.

E. S. C. Perfect.

Monday, February 18, 1889

Rainy and unpleasant, or rather damp so the clothes had to be dried in the house. Was in to see Uncle Enos a little while. He is at home sick.

Looks badly.

Gave Henry his lesson in the evening.

Tuesday, February 19, 1889

Bright and clear after the clouds of yesterday. Went to see Helen and found Mrs. Lowes there, she went over to see Jennie and I followed soon after then we came down together. Mother and Mary were up there also.

Wednesday, February 20, 1889

Cold and clear. Mary is not at all well, has not been to school this week and today Lizzie was not well so could not go. Was quite sick with headache in the afternoon. Mrs. Dennis was here for a long call. Ma and Mary stopped on their way up street.

I could not go to church in the evening on account of the children's feeling so badly. Maggie Peebles went to Henley at noon.

Thursday, February 21, 1889

Weather fair.

Was busy at home most of the day. Intended going to Temperance meeting but could not get off.

Late in the afternoon I was out a little while.

Friday, February 22, 1889

Clear and turning cold. Was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner I went with Margaret to the High S. to attend the Teachers' Association. Was much interested in my exercises. Went to S. S. Teachers' meeting in the evening and after it was over Carl and I went up to the High School to spend what was left of the evening.

Saturday, February 23, 1889

Clear and cold. Was busy all day. Wanted very much to go to the Teachers' Association at the High School but could not leave home.

Mrs. Behrens went out to stay over Sabbath with Lizzie. I went to take a letter to the office just before noon and called to see what Maggie Peebles had to say about Lizzie as M. was not out to Teacher's meeting last evening.

Gave the children their music lessons.

Sunday, February 24, 1889

Cold and clear. Ice frozen solid wherever exposed. Went to Sabbath School as usual, Dr. Dennis took charge of Will's class, composed of six members, Will E. Ebernardt, Frank + George Schreiber, Harry Molster, Harry Heedleson + Will. At the morning service, seven persons were publically received. Mr. Frank Hook, Mr. Will Schwartz, Carl Ricker, Charlie Mary and Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Williams + another Mrs. Williams by letter. Had lessons + reading all the afternoon. S. S. C. Perfect.

Monday, February 25, 1889

Fair, beautiful and moderating. Letter from Mother Ricker. Mrs. Behrens came home from Henley and reported Lizzie not at all well. Mother expects to go out tomorrow. Was home until late in the afternoon. Mrs. Tewksbury called on a F. M. errand. Miss Emma Bell called later on one of another kind. Went to see Mrs. Peebles

and the girls about Lizzie. Stopped to see Miss Emma and then went over home to report to Mother and Mary.

Tuesday, February 26, 1889

Weather rather cold.

Ma went to Henley today to see after Lizzie who is sick. In the afternoon I went to the Missionary meeting, the second one I have attended. The Topic was and was prepared by Mrs. E. B. Greene.

Wednesday, February 27, 1889

The principal event of this day occurred late in the evening and was the arrival of Ma with Lizzie and her household, all except Rich. We heard nothing from them today so concluded they would not be in but they came after we had all gone to bed.

Thursday, February 28, 1889

Weather fair. Was at home all day except a little while in the afternoon when I went over home to see Lizzie. Janie had a letter from home today which will probably take her away for a while and just at a time when I shall need her too, as our friends will be here from Kirkwood soon.

Friday, March 1, 1889

Weather damp and unpleasant, rainy part of the time. The class met here this evening and I was busy all day preparing for them. Ruth came to help with the regular work as Janie had to go home this morning to a sick sister. Thirteen of the class were here and they seemed to have a pleasant time. J. W. + Will went to call on Uncle Geiger + Aunt Sue who came today to Mr. Tewksbury's. Did not go to Teachers' Meeting.

Saturday, March 2, 1889

Rainy all day.

We were so busy all day that it was four o'clock before Margaret and I could go to call upon Aunt Sue at Mr. Tewksbury's. Mary went with us. She had met both Uncle + Aunt in Elizabeth several years ago and has always wished I could see them. She is pleased that they are here.

Sunday, March 3, 1889

Weather pleasant for the season.

We went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Ruth came over and helped with the work until after dinner when she gave up and went home to stay as she is sick.

Went to church in the evening.

Monday, March 4, 1889

Cloudy here and pouring rain in Washington where President Harrison was inaugurated today. Quite a number of people went from here to be present at the ceremonies. I scarcely have time to read about it in the papers that come to the house. Am very busy. No word from Janie as yet.

Tuesday, March 5, 1889

Weather pleasant though it seems like rain.

Uncle George + Aunt Sue Morrison came this morning to make us a short visit. We shall lose part of the visit due us because I have no help and they would not come sooner on that account.

Wednesday, March 6, 1889

Pleasant though occasionally a few flakes of snow fall. Uncle George went out for a walk and Aunt Sue helped me with the dishes until I was ready to sit down. I prepared dinner all ready for the table then went with the guests to dine over home. Mr. Peebles took them to drive after dinner and in the evening Uncle Jimmie came to take tea with them. We enjoy their company very much.

Thursday, March 7, 1889

Weather mild and a little like rain. We spent the forenoon visiting with Uncle George and Aunt Sue and before noon they returned to Mr. Tewksbury's for dinner. Will take tea at Josie Murfin's and leave Portsmouth tomorrow. In the afternoon Misses Sarah + Maggie Firestone called to see me.

Friday, March 8, 1889

Weather cold + snowy. Have little time for anything outside of home but as Uncle George and Aunt Sue were to leave Mr. Tewksbury's for Ironton today I went with J. W. to say goodbye to them. Was sorry they could not have remained longer with us. On my way home I stopped to see Maggie Peebles who is sick. She was in bed. Could not get to Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Saturday, March 9, 1889

Weather pleasant.

My usual Saturday duties were somewhat varied today by having what usually falls to Janie. The result of my labors in the kitchen was an improvement in the appearance of the room and a very tired body when the work was all done. The little girls went to their Sewing Society over home, they have now been meeting for four or five weeks.

Sunday, March 10, 1889

Arose in time to prepare for Sabbath School and went as usual. Mr. Blackburn is giving the school some interesting lessons on the Bible, we had the third one this morning. Attended service as usual morning and evening.

Monday, March 11, 1889

Fair and pleasant.

Had a letter from Janie this morning saying she hoped to be back by the last of this week. We will be glad to see her, I am keeping very busy and get very tired with all that must be done. Wrote today to Janie, Aunt Sue Morrison and Mrs. Reynolds.

Tuesday, March 12, 1889

Beautiful day, mild and spring-like. Was busy all forenoon at home. Mrs. Silcox was here before dinner went to the Missionary Society and later called at Mrs. Corton's Mrs. Neill's and Mrs. Barr's on errands.

Went over home a few minutes to see Lizzie.

Wednesday, March 13, 1889

Could not go to church this evening, was too tired and I regret having to miss the meeting. The children are busy preparing for examinations which come soon.

Thursday, March 14, 1889

Weather mild and pleasant. Nothing new. Am busy all the time see little and hear little. Do not even get over home to see Lizzie and she is not able to come here so I seldom see her.

Friday, March 15, 1889

I worked all the week in the hope that Janie would be home today but she did not come. I have no time for anything but the work and the days are monotonous. A little company occasionally and a letter now and then being my only diversion.

Saturday, March 16, 1889

Janie did not come yesterday as I had hoped she would consequently I have had a busy day and a very tiresome one as well.

The little girls went over home to their sewing circle in the afternoon. I have had no time for their music lessons since Janie went home.

Sunday, March 17, 1889

Arose early and attended the usual Sabbath services.

Margaret stayed at home and got dinner. Bessie Hall came in for a little while this afternoon on her way from Temperance meeting.

Monday, March 18, 1889

Damp with a little rain. The washing was taken from the house today which made the work a little easier and a little more pleasant.

Have been at home all day, could not even go over home.

Tuesday, March 19, 1889

Weather mild and vegetation quite forward. The pussy-willow is in its prime, covered with the soft yellow catkins and greatly sought after by the children.

Clara Miller and Anna Richardson were here to engage cream for the Social at church Thursday evening.

Wednesday, March 20, 1889

Weather pleasant.

Nothing out of the ordinary way occurred to break the monotony of sweeping, dusting and cooking.

Am too tired in the evening to go to prayer meeting so go to bed as soon as I can after supper.

Thursday, March 21, 1889

Weather pleasant.

Was busy at home all day, After tea went over home to see Lizzie a few minutes but was not there long until I was sent for. Someone wanted cream.

Carrie Stearnes was here on an errand this afternoon.

Friday, March 22, 1889

Weather pleasant.

Was busy at home until late in the afternoon. When the children came from school I went to Carrie Stearnes' to a committee meeting to see about entertainment for delegates to Presbytery. Walked home with Mrs. Miller and found Janie here when I came. I was thankful indeed. Went to Teachers' Meeting in the evening.

Saturday, March 23, 1889

Bright and pleasant. It was a great relief to awaken to the fact that Janie was in her place this morning and while I did not have the cooking to do there was enough besides to keep me busy. In the afternoon I went to finish visiting my district. Made quite a call upon Mrs. Voorheis, and also Mrs. Micklethwait. Mrs. Neill and Anna wished to be excused and did not see me. Called upon Mrs. Blackburn later.

Sunday, March 24, 1889

Weather fair and mild. Attended Sabbath School and church as usual. In the morning Rev. Mr. Slutz of Bigelow M. E. ch, exchanged pulpits with Mr. B. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea. Was over home a little while in the afternoon.

Monday, March 25, 1889

Beautiful day.

A general sweeping and dusting busied me all the forenoon. Nothing of special interest.

Tuesday, March 26, 1889

Still dry and dusty.

After doing the usual work in the morning I was over home awhile. In the afternoon went to the W. F. M. meeting. Stopped for Mrs. Cross who said she would go with me.

Wednesday, March 27, 1889

Dry and dusty with a slight prospect of rain. Was busy at home all the forenoon and after dinner went over home awhile. Helen brought Alice down in her short clothes.

She is very sweet + interesting. Went to see Mrs. Alice Smith in the afternoon. She is not well and I feel really uneasy about her.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, March 28, 1889

A sprinkle of rain last night settled the dust and cooled the atmosphere so it has been chilly today. Bright and clear. Went up to see Miss Ball early about the children's marks. Afterwards went to see Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Evans, Jennie + Helen. After dinner went to see Kate Smith about a girl, then to Mrs. Tewksbury's, Jennie's + Mrs. Blackburn's again. Went to Temperance meeting.

Friday, March 29, 1889

A raw wind blew all day and grew colder as the day advanced. I washed windows inside and out and took cold in consequence of it.

Went to do an errand for Lizzie, stopped to see Mrs. Smith and called on Mrs. Burt who was not at home.

Was disappointed in not being able to go to Teachers' meeting but I was taking cold so rapidly I thought it unsafe.

Saturday, March 30, 1889

Weather cooler than yesterday. We arose early this morning and prepared to receive Miss Jessie Morgan the Temperance "Y" worker who passes through P. today. Miss Ball + Margaret met her at the boat and brought her to our house where she waited until time to go to the train. Miss Newton and Maggie Peebles came to see her. I have been very miserable all day with my cold.

Sunday, March 31, 1889

Cloudy and sprinkled slightly at noon.

Went to S. S. and church though I was hardly well enough to go out. Went to church again in the evening.

Monday, April 1, 1889

Rainy in the forenoon and cloudy all day. My cold was a little better and after dinner I went to the W. R. C. meeting principally because none of the other past presidents ever attend. There were some papers to be folded + tickets to be wrapped so a number of us remained to work at them.

Mrs. Blackburn called in the evening.

Tuesday, April 2, 1889

Bright and pleasant. The principal event of this day has been the beginning of a new fence which Will is putting up with Charlie Murphy to help him.

Margaret is working on her essay.

My cold is about well.

Wednesday, April 3, 1889

Cloudy in the forenoon but did not rain. Will worked at the fence all day and I helped him all I could. After dinner I went to Mrs. Lowes' to a Committee meeting to complete arrangements for Entertainment of guests during Presbytery. Walked down with Mrs. Miller met Helen over home and went down street with her to get some stamps. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Trustees were re-elected Barton Green + L. W. Baker.

Thursday, April 4, 1889

Pleasant day. Worked in the yard and coal house until time for the Temperance meeting.

Maggie Silcox came to see me and we went to the Reading Rooms together. We had gone to Mr. Ewings before the meeting and I had bought a pair of dishes, an earthen bowl and a bowl + pitcher.

Wrote the usual weekly letter to Mother Ricker this evening.

Friday, April 5, 1889

Turning somewhat cooler and by night the dark clouds in the West threatened unpleasant weather. Was busy all forenoon in the house, sweeping + dusting. After dinner the children had their little Missionary entertainment over home. Jennie + three of her children were down, also Helen. Lizzie and four of hers were there. It was very pleasant. They had cake, bananas + ice-cream after the program. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Saturday, April 6, 1889

We were surprised to find snow almost an inch deep on the ground this morning, and weather cold all day. The little girls went to their Society. Margaret was at home working on her essay. I went to Mrs. Blackburn's on an errand. Mrs. Emanuel Miller called. Was out to Maggie Silcox's after tea. Her mother broke her wrist today.

Will began pumping the church organ this evening.

Sunday, April 7, 1889

Was in Sabbath School and church as usual as were the children. Nothing of special interest transpired. Had the usual lessons and readings.

Monday, April 8, 1889

A busy day both in the house and out of it. Have swept and dusted until I am tired out. Mrs. Evans was here twice today seeing about the arrangements for entertainment of visitors. Was over to see Lizzie this morning a few minutes, she is still a prisoner on the bedroom floor over home. Cannot go up and down stairs. I went to see Mrs. Beatty tonight on an errand.

Tuesday, April 9, 1889

Warm and dusty but pleasant with all as it is spring. Was very busy all day and got through in time to dress and go to the train to meet Mrs. Messenger and Mrs.

Thomas who will stop with us during the meeting. J. W. met the other delegates + visitors at the same station and escorted them to their destinations. Went to the opening service in the evening. Rev. Mr. Benaugh of Manchester preached the sermon + was selected Moderator.

Wednesday, April 10, 1889

Weather delightful. I awoke about 3 AM quite sick and continued so all day. Made an effort to be up for breakfast and after that was over had to finally give up all hope of going out and go to bed.

Was disappointed in not being able to go in the Freedmen's Board.

Had to send for Dr. McClure before night and resign myself to a sick spell.

Thursday, April 11, 1889

Weather quite warm, and dusty. Presbytery and the Presbyterial Society finished their programs at noon and I have missed everything but the sermon the first evening. Our guests left on the 2:45 PM train and I was still in bed. Have spent both days of their stay in that way. The Dr. came this morning and I settled with him feeling that his services were not needed further.

Friday, April 12, 1889

Pleasant though a little windy and quite dusty. Was still confined to bed all day.

Jennie was down this morning and after dinner her children came to go with ours to the Panorama of the Battle of Gettysburg. in the evening J. W. and Margaret went in a drenching rain. The boys went a little earlier and escaped the shower. Mrs. Kline's mother was buried today at Washington C. H. Schools had a half holiday.

Saturday, April 13, 1889

Genuine April weather, with sunshine and shower. In the afternoon I tried to sit up but was unable to do so at a time. Margaret being home was a help and comfort. She straightened the rooms and was cheerful company. The little girls went to their Society after dinner. Mrs. Silcox was here in the afternoon.

Sunday, April 14, 1889

Beautiful day. Was able to sit up awhile but did not go anywhere of course. Carl also was sick with headache and though he went to S. S. he soon returned and did not attend any other service. The home folks were over. Uncle J. W. was here and after church Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn called to see how I was. We had lessons in the afternoon as usual. L. is studying hard on the catechism.

Monday, April 15, 1889

Beautiful weather, cool enough for a little fire. The fruit trees, cherry, peach, apricot etc are in bloom. Have been over home late in the afternoon to see Lizzie a little while.

Tuesday, April 16, 1889

Warm and pleasant. Did very little today except go to the Missionary meeting in the afternoon. Was so shaky I could scarcely stand. Mrs. Evans wanted me to go with her to see Mr. Blackburn after the meeting so she took Mrs. B. + myself in her carriage.

Wednesday, April 17, 1889

Weather delightful. Trees are putting out leaves very rapidly, wild flowers are blooming and spring is here in earnest. Have felt better today but still am unable to do much work.

Did not feel able to go to prayer meeting this evening.

Thursday, April 18, 1889

Pleasant. Janie washed the lace curtains this morning and I tacked them on the floor to dry. Did not go to Temperance meeting, saw Maggie Peebles over home after it was dismissed. Lizzie retrimmed Margaret's school hat for her and I did an errand for Lizzie at Mr. Horner's.

Friday, April 19, 1889

Beautiful weather, warm and pleasant though rather dry and dusty.

Mr. Burnett a piano tuner came and tuned the piano this afternoon, improving it very much. Have been sewing some today on skirts for Lizzie which she very much needed. Went to church in the evening. We have had the usual preparatory services for three evenings. Mrs. Bond remembered me with a copy of "Patchwork" for Easter.

Saturday, April 20, 1889

Dry and dusty, otherwise pleasant. Was busy as usual and very tired.

After dark I went out to Mrs. McClain's on an errand. The children were all occupied and had done so many errands that I did not want to leave it to them. In the afternoon the girls + I attended preparatory lecture, Carl went also. Afterwards I went to see Mary Glidden who is sick at Mrs. McGinley's.

Sunday, April 21, 1889

Delightful day in every respect. Went to Sabbath School as usual then to church. It was Communion day and nine were received 3 by letter and 6 on profession. Among the latter was Lucy Moore of my S. S. class. Ralph Moore, Jas West, Harry Huddleson of Will's class and two girls, also from the Sabbath School.

Monday, April 22, 1889

Was busy at home most of the day. Took a little work over home in the forenoon. Mr. Biles built the parlor fire place today and now all four fire places have been reset during the past year so are in good condition.

Was down street just before supper, met Helen and we went to Mr. Warner's where I made a few small purchases.

Tuesday, April 23, 1889

Dry and dusty with quite a wind in the afternoon. Later we had rain, after night. I made a pair of drawers for Will. Was over home a little while. After school I heard that Hattie Belle Shipman died this noon so went to see her friends. Mrs. Lawrence her Aunt has kept her for several years but during her illness of nearly 5 months her Grandma + Aunt Shipman have missed her. She was six yrs old Feb 12th.

Maggie Peebles' birthday. I never knew it until this afternoon. Was there a few minutes and Mary enjoyed it.

Wednesday, April 24, 1889

Pleasant, in the afternoon we had a hard rain which lasted two or three hours. I sewed until about 2 PM and made Will two more pairs of drawers. Mrs. Duduit + Alice came in and waited about an hour for the rain to slack then left + I went to church after which the boys went to see the performing dogs at the Opera House. May went early with Mrs. Behrens + the boys. Jno + Wm Peebles.

Thursday, April 25, 1889

Beautiful day after the rain of yesterday. Tom and his helper came and cleaned the sitting room carpet. I did the necessary sewing to alter it for turning white. Janie cleaned the paint and by evening Tom had the carpet down and I had all things in order again. Was so busy I did not get over to sit with Lizzie at all today, neither did I go to the Temperance meeting as I had planned.

Friday, April 26, 1889

This being the usual sweeping day Janie did some cleaning upstairs. Margaret went to class meeting at Ruby Dixley's this evening and I went to Teachers' meeting.

Saturday, April 27, 1889

Very warm with heavy clouds in the west in the afternoon. After the usual Saturday work Margaret + I went to make a few calls together. Called upon Mrs. J. J. Pursell, was going to see Mrs. Kline + met her out. Called to see Kate Glover Richards who was out at Mary Ellen's who was in then up to see Mrs. Field who was out + Mrs. Ewing and Jessie were in.

Sunday, April 28, 1889

Attended the usual Sabbath services and had a new scholar in my S. S. class. Emma Schreiber, sister of Frank + George who belong to the same class as Will. Mr. Edmunds was buried his afternoon. I did not attend the funeral.

Monday, April 29, 1889

Pleasant spring weather with indications of rain. Was busy until late in the afternoon when I went to see Mrs. Chris Young and Prof + Mrs. Lowes. I do not sew a great deal and it is hard to account for all the time that slips by me, still I am not idle.

Tuesday, April 30, 1889

This day has been set apart by President + Governor as the anniversary of Washington's inauguration as first Pres. of the United States. It was made a legal holiday, services were held in the churches at 9 AM. A parade took place in the afternoon and in the evening an entertainment was given at the Opera House for the benefit of the new Library. We all went, Will had part in the Cadets' Drill and the other six went to enjoy the evening and help of course. Was rainy all day.

Wednesday, May 1, 1889

Cool but pleasant after the rain of yesterday. The children returned to school duties and we feel as though we were beginning on a new week after the church services of yesterday. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, May 2, 1889

Weather pleasant. Was busy at home with various duties until 3 o'clock PM when I left my work and went to the annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. as it was time for the election of officers. Maggie Peebles was elected President + Dell Ramsey V. P. Mrs. Pursell Sec'y + Maggie Silcox was.

In the evening the anniversary exercises were held at Bigelow church and I was present with the other Supts to report for the year.

Friday, May 3, 1889

Was very busy all day. Tried to begin cleaning the parlor after breakfast but was obliged to go up street on an errand so went to do two or three while out. Stopped at Maggie Peebles' a few moments. Came home and began work but was at a disadvantage all day and the work was all done backwards. Jennie was here in the afternoon.

Saturday, May 4, 1889

Took another start on the cleaning with Margaret to help as Janie was in the kitchen all day. By night we had turned the matting and moved every article of furniture several times, replaced the books in the case and had everything in order except the shades and curtains which must wait until Monday.

Sunday, May 5, 1889

Beautiful weather but cool enough to make a little fire necessary in the forenoon.

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. Had seven members in my class, the new pupil and Jessie Thompson from Ky, both being present. Mr. Work of the 2nd Pres. church preached to us in the morning + Mr. Blackburn preached at the 2nd ch.

Monday, May 6, 1889

Weather beautiful. Spent the forenoon putting up the curtains + shades in the parlor which finished the cleaning in that room. After dinner I went to the W. R. C. meeting. Afterwards Mrs. Silcox and I went down street, called upon Mrs. Robinson and Genevieve, I bought goods for Will's undershirts, then we called at Mrs. Dennin's but she was not in.

Was over home awhile with Lizzie. Cut out and almost made an undershirt. Wrote to Mother R.

Tuesday, May 7, 1889

Weather warm and bright. Went to do an errand at the grocery, while out, went to see Miss Emma + Mrs. Pursell on business. Brought material for undershirts for J. W. also a bed-spread which was much needed. Was out to Dr. Kline's a few minutes after noon.

Wednesday, May 8, 1889

Warm but a pleasant breeze blowing. A day full of interruptions and little accomplished. After dinner I went with Mary Peebles + Mary Patterson to call on Mrs. Dawson. Found Jennie G. here when I returned. Went over home with her. Mrs. Corton called there + I received the call she intended making me at my own home. Later Mrs. Evans called to see me + Mrs. Field came to say goodbye as she sails for her home in London on the 25th. Went to prayer meeting after making a hurried attempt to find two or three readers for the Min.

Thursday, May 9, 1889

Delightful weather but growing quite warm. Have been sewing a little and remaining over home a great deal with a little darning for the sewing. Jennie Fuller came over home last night to spend a few days, will divide her time among us all. This evening she went with Ma, Margaret and Rich to an Elocutionary Entertainment at the Baptist church.

Friday, May 10, 1889

Very warm. Have been sewing all day on undershirts, have finished sixth this week. Jennie Fuller went to visit Jennie Greene and spent the night with her. Margaret went to class meeting and I went to Teachers' meeting as usual. Jessie Breles + Flo McConnell called this afternoon. The rose which was blooming the 14th of last Dec. began again today with two lovely buds.

Saturday, May 11, 1889

Very warm with indications of rain. Was very busy all forenoon. After dinner went over home and brought Jennie Fuller home with me to stay until tomorrow. In the evening she, May Margaret + Arthur Moore started over on the hills but a shower sent them home before crossing the river. Heard of the death of Mary Glidden in Cin. where she had gone for treatment. Her life has been a troubled one and it is well with her now.

Miss Ross called.

Sunday, May 12, 1889

Beautiful day. Rain last night settled the dust. Went to S. S. and church in the AM as usual. Jennie Fuller went to S. S. with us. At 3 PM attended Mary Bell Glidden's funeral at the church. The S. S. teachers + officers met at Mr. McGinley's where the remains were brought from the boat, and from there proceeded to the church. The

service was so appropriate and impressive that much of the objection to a Sabbath funeral was removed. In the evening we attended service at Bigelow M. E. ch.

Monday, May 13, 1889

More rain last night cooled the air and freshened vegetation. Jennie Fuller went home on the morning train starting from Father's. Went up street after breakfast, saw Mary Ellen, Miss Emma Bell + Lucy Corbins, met Enos on the street and went with him to pay his bills + visit on the way. Called to see Jessie Boles who leaves tomorrow. After tea attended a com. meeting at Mr. Peebles' and then J. W. + I called to say good-bye to Helen.

Tuesday, May 14, 1889

Enos + Helen left on the early train, he for Erie Pa. + she with Alice for Newton to visit her family + friends. I was over home all the forenoon sewing on dresses for Lizzie + May which Lizzie Peebles had cut out for me from one Helen gave me for the children. In the afternoon I had to go to the Missionary Meeting but returned when it was closed and sewed again until six o'clock.

Wednesday, May 15, 1889

Beautiful weather. A rain last night has settled all dust and made delightful weather. The event of the day in our neighborhood was the marriage of Mary Vincent and Joseph Arms. We were not included in the number of guests being neither a relative or business connection but I was sewing over home and saw the bridal party leave for the train amid a shower of rice and old shoes. Members of her class were present.

Thursday, May 16, 1889

The beautiful weather continues and we are enjoying it. I sewed today when not interrupted by callers or absent from home. Went to the Temperance meeting Margaret + I went to Mr. Reilly's and selected paper for one room, from his damaged stock, paid .05 per bolt. The fire and water ruined most of his stock the remains of which is being sold very cheap.

Friday, May 17, 1889

Lovely day with a nice cool breeze. I went early, by appointment, to see Uncle Enos and have a little talk with him before he leaves. He called later to get some letters and a few suggestions. Left for Cin at noon to make his last trip on the Bonanza as she goes to Memphis after this and it is uncertain whether we will have a Portsmouth Packet. We will miss it very much if we do not. Dining room was cleaned today.

Saturday, May 18, 1889

Mrs. Behrens called me early this morning to go over home, before I was dressed Mary came to repeat the call. I went as soon as I could and was present when my new nephew arrived. Lizzie now has four boys and two girls.

Was over home most of the forenoon but did not remain all day as it was unnecessary. In the afternoon I finished off the white waists to be worn with the new buff dresses.

Sunday, May 19, 1889

Beautiful day, cloudy with a slight sprinkle about 10 o'clock. We have had a sufficient rain during the nights lately to make grass + other things grow rapidly. The rose bushes are loaded with roses, I never saw a more beautiful spring. Went to S. S. as usual, also to church twice. Rev Mr. Mcleague, missionary to Egypt talked to us in the evening. Aunt Maria McC. is here, came to see Uncle Enos off.

Monday, May 20, 1889

Bright and lovely. Went to see how Uncle Sam was feeling this morning. He is not well. Found Lizzie + her baby doing well. Came home to go to work on odd jobs such as are always waiting on Monday. After tea we went to make a short call at Uncle Enos' and bid them good-bye though it is probable that we shall see them again tomorrow.

Tuesday, May 21, 1889

Cool enough for a good fire. Mother, Margaret and I went to Uncle Enos' again this AM and remained some time, but not until they left. They left at noon via south side R. R. the Chesapeake + Ohio for Washington and will sail Saturday. In the evening J. W. Aunt Maria, Mary + I went to the Opera House to a benefit for Mrs. Newman. The house was full. I was home all the afternoon excepting a few moments spent with Mary Y. Moore.

Wednesday, May 22, 1889

Weather still quite cool. A hail storm in the vicinity accounts for the coolness. Aunt Maria came to spend the afternoon and take tea with us. She brought Lizzie + Mary neckerchiefs which had been worn by great-grandmother Joanna Gense and her daughter Amanda Gense Moore, my grandmother. I can remember the older one very distinctly as she was past 96 when she died. So as grandmother.

Thursday, May 23, 1889

Weather still cool but not quite so much as yesterday. I was over to see Lizzie and her boy whom she calls Merril Rogers, but spent most of the day sewing. Have made waists for Lizzie and altered some summer dresses. Will not have to make many new things. Did not go to Temperance meeting.

Aunt Maria went home this afternoon in the hack.

Friday, May 24, 1889

Considerably warmer still we had a little fire. The roses are in full bloom and the weather seems strangely unseasonable. I sewed on several things, articles which needed altering or mending. After tea Mrs. Silcox came, wanted me to go with her to see Mrs. Dr. Dennis and I went but left when the bell for Teachers' meeting rang. Margaret went to class meeting at Grace Wilhelm's.

Saturday, May 25, 1889

Cloudy with rain all the afternoon. The children, all five of them with Arthur Moore, Bartie + Elizabeth G. Arthur Murphy, Mabel Russell and Birdie Spry went over in Ky to the Brick Works' Farm for cherries. It proved unpleasant but they did not get much wet and said they had a good time.

Uncle Enos + Mary Ellen were to sail for Europe today on the Etreerce, I suppose they did. This seems to be "Locust" year as they are coming out of the ground in swarms over in Ky and out in the country.

Sunday, May 26, 1889

Pleasant. All went to Sabbath School and service as usual. Had lessons after dinner and went to church again in the evening. At 3 o'clock went to Memorial service at 6th St. church. Address was made by Elder Haddox.

Monday, May 27, 1889

Bright and beautiful all the forenoon. A shower in the afternoon interfered with the drying of the colored clothes last put upon the line. At 4 o'clock I went to the Reading Room to meet the Band of Hope and say a few words to them upon invitation from Miss Ramsey.

Tuesday, May 28, 1889

Bright and pleasant. Was busy at home in the forenoon and after noon went to the Missionary Society. Had the topic for the month in my charge, Siam + Laos. Very few in attendance. Stopped to see Mrs. Cross a few minutes on my way home. Preparation for the coming Commencement is the all absorbing business among those interested. Margaret's dress, however, has not yet been touched.

Wednesday, May 29, 1889

Beautiful day but very warm. Was out most of the forenoon. Went to Uncle Sam's twice, to Mr. Zoellner's and over home. On my way up street met J. W. with Jennie's buggy and he took me to the cemetery with him. After dinner I put away the clothes after mending those in need of attention, then went up to see Mrs. Smith and later went to Jennie's with Margaret who came to Mrs. S's before we left.

Thursday, May 30, 1889

Rained most of last night and continues up to noon today. Spent the forenoon at the hall Cor Court + 4th arranging baskets of flowers for the soldiers' graves this afternoon. The rain continued all day and was as cold as November almost. Many persons went out thinking as I did, that the weather would keep most of them at home. It was a matter of surprise to meet Mrs. Betsey Kendall, Miss Bell Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Duke + others. There was a large turnout. Mrs. Miles went for the first time as a member of the W. R. C.

Friday, May 31, 1889

Still cold and raw but not raining. Went over to Uncle Sam's and got M's glasses. Mr. Speth mended her old frames + charged .25. Paid Mr. Zoellner 4.65 + settled the account there. Paid Dr. Davis \$2.98 and so the new fence is all paid for. Called to inquire about Miss Murphy. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. Josie Murfin + Mrs. Hall called to ask me to write the memorial for the Alumni Meeting. I was not in.

Johnston Penn. ruined by the breaking of a reservoir and dam. Thousands of lives lost.

Saturday, June 1, 1889

Quite cold with heavy clouds. Good fire needed in the sitting room. M + I called to see Prof. Lowes about a course of study for her in the fall. I called later at Mrs. Smith's and then to see Jose Murfin about my part of the program for Alumni Meeting. Came home + found J. W. sick in bed with a bad headache. He takes charge of the Water Works Office today. Went to the office about 2 PM better but not well. Carl went to take the calf to Mr. Davis' farm.

Sunday, June 2, 1889

Chilly, cloudy weather still continues though today has been somewhat fairer. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. A little news from Johnstown came today though very little. Only vague reports of an awful disaster, the means of communication are all washed away and nothing definite can be heard. It is reported that Mr. Vincent Brodbeck's daughters were lost.

Monday, June 3, 1889

Rainy again and cold enough for fire and wraps. Little is thought or talked of except the calamity of Johnstown. The report is that several thousand people were lost in the deluge of water which swept through the town from the great reservoir above it. The papers today tell of horrors such as never were known in the history of this country. At the Relief Corp meeting this afternoon 25.00 were noted to the sufferers at Johnstown. What is left of them. Met the Alumni Com. at Jose Murfin's this eve. Lizzie recited the entire Catechism for Mr. Blackburn this evening to his satisfaction. She has worked hard on it the past ten days. Enos had resigned his place at the Shop.

Tuesday, June 4, 1889

Still cool and heavy dark clouds passing around which must be making trouble in other neighborhoods. The papers are filled with details of the horrors at Johnstown and the more is learned the worse it grows. It seems beyond exaggeration. Almost impossible to hear from people there. The estimates of the lost grow larger and now is beyond 10,000, the exact number can never be known. Wreckage from the ill fated town is passing down the river here.

Enos had the household goods moved out of the house on 2nd stored as he does not know when he will go or just what he will do.

Wednesday, June 5, 1889

Bright and cloudy by spells. More rain and the river very high now. Little is thought of except the awful news which fills the papers. We can hardly near to read and yet are anxious to know what is being developed. Mr. Brodbeck's daughters are not lost, one being in Columbus, + the other escaped somehow. The paper states that at least a dozen people who formerly lived in Portsmouth were lost. Some of them I knew.

Mrs. E. B. Greene and Mr. J. E. Hadley were elected elders this evening in church and two new deacons J. W. Ricker and Tremper.

Thursday, June 6, 1889

Weather more mild and settled. No rain all day. The Johnstown news is the all absorbing theme. More than \$2,000 has been raised here for the survivors. Who left families in some cases lost while in most cases several members were lost. We can never be thankful enough that we have been spared such an awful fate. Our floods were as nothing compared to it, all the fires and pestilence we have ever seen were not to be compared to it.

Friday, June 7, 1889

Weather pleasant though rather cool in the house. In the evening I went to the practice meeting for the Children's Day, and remained to Teachers' meeting, the little girls and I.

Next week we must begin preparing for Commencement. We are enjoying strawberries to our hearts' content. They are plentiful and delicious notwithstanding the frequent rains.

Saturday, June 8, 1889

Weather pleasant.

Was busy as usual with sweeping and cleaning all the forenoon.

The papers are still full of the Johnstown calamity and we are hearing nearly every day of someone else whom we knew or knew of, who was lost.

Margaret + O went to consult Prof. Lowes about a course of study for her to pursue in the fall.

Sunday, June 9, 1889

Beautiful day, weather delightful. It was children's day, in our church and Sabbath exercises were held at 10 o'clock instead of 9. Then the entire school went upstairs to the Children's Service. The flowers were beautiful and birds pretty but too messy. Had the regular service in the evening.

Monday, June 10, 1889

Miss O'Connor came to sew a few days with me for Margaret and will then sew for the home folks. We began and almost finished Margaret's dress for Commencement. A plain white linen d'lude by which her Aunt Mary gave her a year ago. We were agreed upon one thing, Liz, that it should be plain and not expensive. A full plain, full lace ruffle at the neck + sleeves.

Tuesday, June 11, 1889

Today we finished the white dress and worked on her blue flannel which I wanted made over in case she goes to Kirkwood. Extraneous event in this case, winter and summer dresses being worked on at the same time. I sent my excuse to the Miss meeting as I needed all the time for the sewing. If M goes there is much to be done for her.

Still find it necessary to glance over papers a little and see what is being done to Johnstown. Mrs. Dennis called.

Wednesday, June 12, 1889

A little rain falls nearly every twenty-four hours. The rain is high and weather pleasant except for those who cannot stand the dampness. Was busy all day with the sewing but stopped and went to church, though I was very tired. It was Monthly Concert for Missions.

Thursday, June 13, 1889

Pleasant thought we had a shower or two during the day. Commencement exercises were held at the Opera House this evening and a class of 17 including our Margaret and Arthur Moore were graduated, receiving diplomas. The exercises were very long but more than usually interesting so far as essays + orations were concerned. I enjoyed the other exercises which were included in last year's program but there was not room for anything extra this time. Several of the girls wore white or light silks, only three were Margaret, Mabel Russell + Isa Abbott wearing plain wash dresses. Arthur did well.

Friday, Jun 14, 1889

Showers again today. This is Alumni night and we attended as usual, this time having our daughter received with the new class. It was a great pleasure to us. The meeting was held at the new Pythian Hall and was unusually pleasant in most respects thought the Memorial list for the year was longer than ever before. I prepared memorials for seven members besides Prof. Campbell, Tom Dunn, Frank Gibbs, Joseph McDaniel, Mollie Prediger, Jennie Spry Maggie Hook and at the last moment came a telegram announcing the death of Jennie Whitney Jewell in Toronto Can. She was a class mate of Jennie G.

Saturday, June 15, 1889

Worked all day hard, at the sewing. It was Carl's birthday, he is very much elated because he was promoted + has a good record for the year. The children all have. Will is at the head of his class. The papers today stated that Mr. Lowe Emerson of College Hill had two sons struck by lightning yesterday, one killed instantly.

Sunday, June 16, 1889

Bright and pleasant until late in the afternoon when one of the blackest, heaviest clouds I ever saw appeared in the southwest. The most of it passed by another way but we had a very heavy rain from the outskirts of it. We all attended the usual services, both

Sabbath Sch. And church. Lizzie rec'd the Oxford Bible as a prize for learning the Catechism. Prize was given by the Bible Society of Phila.

Monday, June 17, 1889

More showers. We have very little dust this summer. The street sprinklers have a kind of secure but fortunately we did not agree to pay them. Vacation begins today and the children are all home. Will went to the shop to do what he can. Miss O'Connor came to sew again this week and having finished M's dress will now make Mary Moore's. Jennie W. Jewell was buried from Bigelow church this evening but did not go to the funeral. Mrs. Micklethwait called.

Tuesday, June 18, 1889

Warm with a very heavy rain in the afternoon. This is Lizzie's birthday and in the afternoon she came over for a little while, the first time she has been here since early in the spring. While she was here her children from Mr. Peebles' came down with Frances Peebles of Ashland so we had a home full. We sewed all day on Mary's black mohair dress.

Mr. Connell was married today.

Wednesday, June 19, 1889

Spent this day on M's dress but did not nearly finish it. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

M. has been up to see Birdie every day this week but they, she + her mother, have not yet gone. They go to Clifton Forge for the summer.

Thursday, June 20, 1889

Warm. Another day on the black dress which is going to be very pretty and serviceable. Mother has decided not to have hers made until fall and she really will not need it before. We began reconstructing my old black satin and will make a good dress of it but cannot finish it and do what I want for M this week.

Friday, June 21, 1889

The longest day of the year has not been long enough for my purpose. My dress was not finished and I was too tired to go to Teachers' meeting. I always miss it so to when I cannot go.

Saturday, June 22, 1889

This was our last day of sewing with Miss O' C. to help and we put it in faithfully. It was after eight o'clock when she finished fitting M's two extra waists and left us. I was very, very tired but still had the sweeping and straightening up to do before I could rest.

Sunday, June 23, 1889

Weather very pleasant for the season. Rains a little nearly every day. We went to Sabbath School and church as usual and had the usual lessons after dinner.

Will declined to pump the organ for Sabbath practice and will lose his job in consequence. We have objected to the Sabbath practice all the time.

Monday, June 24, 1889

Brushed up the house this morning and began on the unfinished work left last week's sewing.

Lizzie Peebles talks of going home this week but it does not look as though she would be able to make a move. Margaret and I were out together awhile today.

Miss Alice Cornins left last night or this AM for N. Y. Will sail for Europe this week.

Tuesday, June 25, 1889

Rained quite hard this afternoon. I sewed busily all forenoon but at 2:30 had to go to the Foreign Miss Soc. It was the day for Mrs. Evans' reading on Africa and it was interesting but very few were out to hear it. Came directly home and went to work again. Had a flannelette blouse and white waist for M. left unfinished.

Wednesday, June 26, 1889

Rather cool and cloudy. Lizzie and her new baby were over to make a little visit, spend what they could of the day. It rained and seemed so chilly that Margaret opened the grate and started a fire. I was busy sewing on some of M's things and Lizzie trimmed a black sailor hat which Helen had given M. M + I went to see Mrs. Pratt at Mr. Tewksbury's.

Thursday, June 27, 1889

Was busy at home all day. Did not go to the Temperance meeting. Have two shirts to make for Carl. Weather very warm. Was down to Julia Johnson's early in the morning or rather forenoon with cream. She wanted it for company this evening. Lizzie and her family went home months ago. Ma gave us the set of oak furniture L. had used in her room as she wants to set up Enos' in its place.

Friday, June 28, 1889

Warm. Have been very busy all day sewing on Carl's flannette shirts. Mrs. R. B. Hayes' funeral took place at her late home in Fremont, Ohio this afternoon. She was stricken with paralysis one week ago today.

She was one of the most noted and best manner in the country, the wife of Ex President Hayes. J. W. was sick this afternoon + I did not go to Teachers' meeting, Miss Bell was here.

Saturday, June 29, 1889

Warm. Did the usual Sat. sweeping then spent the rest of the day mending for Carl, and finished Margaret's white waist. Was not done until about 8 o'clock PM and was very tired. M + I walked down to Second Street looking for Will and then I came home and did more mending.

Sunday, June 30, 1889

Quite rain with a hard rain before bedtime. We went to Sabbath School and ch, as usual, the five children and myself. Enos came home from Birmingham last night and was at church. I did not go over home at all. Remained with the children as M + C leave so soon for a long visit. It rained before we were out of church and M + I were among the few provided with gossamers.

Monday, July 1, 1889

Very warm, a little cloudy but no rain. After breakfast we learned that the Bonanza had come up this morning to take her old trade. We decided to let Margaret + Carl star on the boat for Cin, thence for St. Louis and Kirkwood to visit Grandma + Grandpa. We went to the boat to see them off and after dinner Miss Ball called to see M. but was too late. After tea Verinies came. After dinner I went to the W. R. C. meeting and then up to see Jennie.

Tuesday, July 2, 1889

Weather quite warm. Have not felt at all well and so tired that I did not try to do much today. Miss M and C very much. Hope they will reach their journey's end this evening.

Wednesday, July 3, 1889

Rained most of the day and kept it up until after we went to sleep. We are undecided as to what we will do, want to spend the day at home and are getting ready for that. Went to church in the evening. Have not felt like doing much of anything today but had the usual weekly mending to dispose of.

Thursday, July 4, 1889

Cool, fair and beautiful. I do not remember such lovely weather on a 4th of July as we have had today. We declined Lizzie's invitation to Henley because we did not think she could stand the noise + excitement. Barton + Jennie took their children and our three to the Brick Wks for the day. Henry went to Cin and Janie to Jackson so J. W. + I stayed at home except at noon when we picnicked over home.

Friday, July 5, 1889

Quite warm. I spent this day in the profitable but not pleasant work of house cleaning in the west room and other parts of the upstairs. It was warm work and by night I was very tired and not very well. Went to Teachers' meeting however in the evening. Have heard from the children of their safe arrival at Kirkwood and are very thankful. Never know so many accidents and so much loss of life as there has been lately.

Saturday, July 6, 1889

The usual Saturday work occupied all the forenoon, after dinner I took a good bath and dressed to go out awhile. Went to see Mrs. Whitney and inquire how she was getting along with her little charge. Jennie Whitney Jewell left a baby only six hours old

when she died at Toronto Can. and the baby is in Mrs. Whitney's care. It is called by Mrs. Jewell's nickname, Tom. That being what the family always called her.

Sunday, July 7, 1889

Warm though not extremely so as it has been some days. I was comfortable in my black satin dress. Went to S. S. and church as usual. Had a small class, two members being absent. Ma + Enos were over a little while in the evening. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea and the children all three went to the early prayer meeting.

Monday, July 8, 1889

Warm and bright and clear. Ther stood at 96° this afternoon. Have been afflicted with hives several days and have felt badly as a consequence.

Mary + I went out to make a few calls upon Mary L. Murray + Fannie Spry. Mrs. Blackburn + her sister-in-law Mrs. Wikoff, + Miss Murphy. Also Clara Waller + lastly Mrs. Pursell who was not at home. After tea I called upon Mrs. Jim Murphy + Mrs. Towne who is visiting at Mrs. J. T. Lodwick's.

Tuesday, July 9, 1889

Warm and dry. sewed some on Will's shirt but have been suffering so with the hives that I determined to sew less and go out more hoping to get rid of them. Went to the Foreign Miss Soc. in the afternoon after which I made Mrs. Dennis a long call. In the evening Maggie Peebles and Maggie Silcox met here with me to revise the W. R. C. By-laws.

Lou Winkler was drowned today, his older brother Philp died about three weeks ago from a fever of some kind.

Wednesday, July 10, 1889

Very warm and getting quite dusty. Sewed most of the day but it was on articles to be mended. Was down street in the morning doing errands. Went to church in the evening. A storm seemed imminent when church was dismissed, we hastened home but no rain fell. Will brought home two pretty little Maltese kittens today and as we had Tiger + Imp already we are supplied.

Thursday, July 11, 1889

Rain began to fall at daylight and cleared off at noon. Hard thunderstorm late in the day and lightning struck a telegraph pole which fell onto the C. W. + B. train but did no damage. Had letter from M. Wrote to her also Helen. Went to the W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon. Sewed a little on Will's shirt. Little Lou Winkler who was drowned last Tuesday, was buried today.

Friday, July 12, 1889

Quite warm. Almost finished Will's shirt and then in the afternoon took it up to Jennie's to sit awhile with her, she having no help is not able to get out much now. Went to see Mrs. Duduit a few minutes before I came home. We have some matters of interest

in common to talk over. Went to preparatory lecture in the evening. Will afterwards went to Jessie Angle's 18th birthday party.

Saturday, July 13, 1889

Quite warm. I did the usual work in the forenoon. In the afternoon attended preparatory lecture after which I did an errand or two and went to see Mrs. Jones. After tea Mrs. Dennis + I were to make a call or two but she did not feel able so we did not go. Maggie Silcox was here in the morning and I was there a few minutes after tea.

Sunday, July 14, 1889

Warm all day with a very hard rain in the evening. It began after the little girls had gone with Uncle Jimmie to the prayer meeting, Lizzie came home before church but Mary stayed, her father + Will went later. Very few were out for the rain was a very hard one and the pavements half under water in places. Went to S. S. as usual. It was Communion Day and 11 new members received. Barton Greene + Mr. Hadley were ordained elders and J. W. Ricker was ordained a deacon in the Pres. church today.

Monday, July 15, 1889

Cooler, clear and pleasant. Did some writing in the forenoon, wrote Mother R. and Carl, then Lizzie in the afternoon. Learned that the tricycle Jennie had Enos see about in Cin had come so went to see Jennie about it. She wanted to get one and share the expense with me, for our little girls as Elizabeth has one. It is a good second hand one and only cost 6.00 and the freight. This is J. W.'s birthday. In the afternoon Ma + I went up to Jennie's. The front halls over home were papered today.

Tuesday, July 16, 1889

Warm and clear.

Mary and I began taking the old paper off the west room upstairs preparatory to having it fixed up for the boys.

In the afternoon Mother and I went to Henley to see Lizzie who writes that she is not well and hasn't been for a week.

Wednesday, July 17, 1889

Warm and dry, but not dusty. We have had rain enough all season to obviate the trouble.

Spent the day as I usually do in mending the weekly washing.

Mrs. Ross went to Henley today to help Lizzie with the baby. She will have to wean the baby before she can get well herself.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, July 18, 1889

It has been very warm and close today but did not rain until in the night. I spent the forenoon finishing taking the paper off the west room upstairs. It was a tiresome job. After dinner I lay down awhile then dressed and went to the W. C. T. U. meeting. Had so

much business on hands that we were kept quite late. Called upon Mary Gensen Hamill after tea but she was not in.

Friday, July 19, 1889

Rained nearly all night and most of the forenoon. Warm and "sticky."

Was occupied with mending in the forenoon. Had our first watermelon of this year for dinner. After dinner Mother helped me pick over half a bushel of huckleberries which Janie put up, filling 7 half gallon jars.

Wrote to Mrs. Reynolds of North Haven. A cloud burst or something washed away or destroyed nearly ten miles of the S. V. R. R. last night.

Saturday, July 20, 1889

Weather very comfortable for me. All forenoon I was busy with the usual Saturday work. Am trying a new remedy, Lactopetine, for my hives and hope it will relieve me.

Sunday, July 21, 1889

Pleasant. We attended Sabbath School as usual, also the morning service. In the evening May had tooth-ache and I could not leave her. Enos was here a few minutes after tea. I miss the absent ones very much Sabbath afternoons.

Monday, July 22, 1889

Cloudy but no rain of any consequence. Clara Pursell called this morning to execute a commission for Mr. Henry R. Tracy. He sent Margaret a beautiful gold watch and chain, marked for her birthday. He has always remembered her kindly. Gave her the first pair of shoes she ever wore, also a necklace and at the Monumental Fair in '72 or '73 spent about 60.00 securing the prize bonnet for her as the sweetest baby. Went with Mrs. Dennis to call upon Mrs. Lodbridge.

Tuesday, July 23, 1889

Pleasant but rather warm towards noon. Mrs. Duduit + I spent the entire forenoon working in the interest of Scientific Instruction. After dinner I had home duties to attend to. Did quite a good deal of writing. Wrote to Margaret and also a letter to Mr. Tracy thanking him for Margaret's handsome present.

Ella Keifer called to leave her photo for Margaret in exchange.

The Peebles family picnicked at Henley today, Lizzie was in last night but did not see her.

Mary went to visit Elizabeth this week.

Wednesday, July 24, 1889

Damp. Rained softly all the forenoon and was cloudy all day. Mrs. Duduit and I took an early start in her carriage and spent the forenoon canvassing for advertisers in the Teachers' help to be published by the letter instruction of children in Scientific Temperance.

Took a little mending and went to sit awhile with Mary Y. Moore after 4 o'clock. Mrs. Blackburn + sisters called. Went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, July 25, 1889

Beautiful though it rained in the night and a little this morning. Made a pair of drawers for J. W. Mrs. Miles left at 1:27 PM for Ill. on a visit. Had letter from Ira and Margaret. Went to the W. C. T. U. meeting in the afternoon. Ms. Duduit and I have not quite finished our work and have had no time. Jennie was down a few minutes with Mary who is two years old today.

Friday, July 26, 1889

Pleasant. Lizzie came in today brining her boys and the baby. The latter is not well and she came to see the Dr. about him. She made my black lace bonnet for me, a job I was just beginning. I kept the baby for her while she did it. Mrs. Duduit was here to finish up the work we have on hand. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. It rained hard before we came home + after.

Saturday, July 27, 1889

Pleasant. Attended to my usual duties in the morning and after dinner went over home to sit awhile with Lizzie. Her baby is not at all well. I went to see if Mary Corton could suggest any remedy for the baby's trouble but she was out of town. I did an errand for myself while I was out. Got some mitts for myself. Mrs. Duduit was here but did not go out of the carriage. Long letter from Margaret.

Sunday, July 28, 1889

It was pleasant in the morning but sprinkled before night and rained hard after bedtime.

Went to Sabbath School as usual. It was the close of Mr. Blackburn's third year with us as he preached a kind of anniversary or review sermon. No service at the 2nd c. added to our congregation. We will have no more Sabbath Services until Sept.

Monday, July 29, 1889

Warm with indications of more rain. The papers have reports of great floods and loss of life in Hungary. Jennie was here twice this morning. Lizzie + her three boys went home today. Jennie had a little birthday party for Lizzie Ricker as a celebration of the double birthday. I went up to assist in watching and waiting upon the children. Fifteen sat at the table. Prof. Lowes and wife were here in the evening. Rained hard late in the evening.

Tuesday, July 30, 1889

Rained hard in the night but, though somewhat cloudy, no rain fell today. The county Fair begins today but nothing is "ripe" or ready for exhibition except the horses. It will be more a horse race than a fair. Made another pair of drawers for J. W. Attended the W. I. M. Soc. in the afternoon then Mrs. Dennis and I called to see Mrs. Val. Simmons. Mrs. Dennis was here a few minutes.

Wednesday, July 31, 1889

Beautiful weather. Will was gone to the Fair all day and in the afternoon the little girls went with their father. Saw the balloon ascension and came home quite late and quite tired. Will was the only member of the family who succeeded in getting to prayer meeting owing to the cows being late and the children having the milk to take.

Thursday, August 1, 1889

Weather still fine.

The most of the stores and factories closed today for the Fair so Will and his father went again. The little girls and I remained at home until late in the afternoon when we went to Mr. Knittel's and had some ice-cream. They enjoyed the treat very much. I took M's watch to Mr. Zollener to send to her, and enclosed in the box a god thimble from myself.

Friday, August 2, 1889

Pleasant. Lizzie has been sewing each forenoon on her new dress which she is making and is getting along finely. Barton took his family to Henley today as a compensation for not attending the Fair. We have had a quiet time at home.

Was out to see Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Pursell Mrs. Kendall + Mrs. Dandson.

Saturday, August 3, 1889

Quite warm. Had the usual things to do in the forenoon, and in the afternoon. Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Lottridge called.

Lizzie is sewed this afternoon being anxious to finish her dress but there is considerable to be done this week, one of the Fair days.

Sunday, August 4, 1889

Warm. Went to Sabbath School as usual and then came home as we had no service at our church. Jas + I went to Bigelow, as did Will, also, the little girls went to the Baptist ch. with Uncle Jimmie and Barton + his children. We went to Bigelow again in the evening.

Monday, August 5, 1889

Weather rather warm. We heard

We heard this morning that Mrs. O'Connor died about 4 AM. After dinner, Mother, Mary + I were going up there, when Mrs. Silcox came and went with us. We then attended Corps meeting, stopping to see Miss Emma. After meeting, we walked up to see Jennie and then on up to see Mrs. Duduit.

Tuesday, August 6, 1889

Pleasant. This is Margaret's birthday and she will have much to make her happy. She will have several nice presents that we know about. Mary + I went up to see the O'Connor girls this afternoon, they feel quite broken up and it is no wonder the do. They have lost a good mother. I went from there to see Prof. Lowes who advised me to see

Prof. Vickers about M since he has gone with the High School. I sent M a gold thimble + Maggie Peebles sent her 25.00 to buy a kin or ring. Lizzie R. bought her a pair of scissors.

Wednesday, August 7, 1889

Warm and dusty. Mother, Mary + I went to Mrs. O' Connor's funeral at 9 o'clock AM after which I went to see Prof Vickers about M's course of study. He was not at home so I had to go again in the afternoon. Prof Lowes recommended it as the best course to be pursued. Went to Mrs. Dennis' a few minutes. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Had a letter from Margaret telling of her watch.

Thursday, August 8, 1889

Cool in the morning but quite cool later in the day. Was busy about the house all the forenoon with little nothings which absorb time and cannot be recorded. After dinner I churned and then took some ice-cream to Mrs. Draper for May and asked if she liked buttermilk which she does so I sent her all I had. She seems to be failing. I was also at Mrs. Miller's with cream + Miss Emma's with milk. Prof. V. called to examine a catalogue and Map out a course for Margaret for the coming year.

Friday, August 9, 1889

Warm but pleasant. I went this morning to see Miss Emma a few moments, then to see Maggie Peebles, then to see Mrs. Ball about Birdie Spry, then Mrs. Smith about Vernie to try + secure a post-graduate class. After dinner I wrote to Birdie and later on I went to see Clara Pursell and tell her we heard from M since she got her watch. Henry left us this evening very unexpectedly to us + himself but thing he has done the best thing for himself.

Saturday, August 10, 1889

The usual work occupied me all the forenoon. Gave the children music lessons and had them do their practicing.

Had a little visit from Enos who will be here until Monday. We miss Henry very much.

Sunday, August 11, 1889

Pleasant weather. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual, though we had no service at our own ch. I had to teach M's class with my own and as there was a visitor with hers, I had fifteen little folks, all with lessons to recite. We went both morning and evening to 6th St. M. E. ch, and heard Mr. Fagan preach. Another anniversary has come and gone very quietly here. Father + Mother are in their usual health.

Monday, August 12, 1889

Beautiful day. Have been occupied in various ways and busy all day. Wrote to Uncle Drew this morning in reply to one Margaret sent me. Shall have a busy week getting the house in order for the return of the children. They are getting anxious to get home and we want to see them.

Tuesday, August 13, 1889

Beautiful weather. Mrs. Ross papered Margaret's room today. Ceiling and sides. Just after dinner Jas came home to tell me a rumor of a misfortune which occurred to John but we had no particulars. He does not seem to improve any in the desired direction. I was so unfitted for the Mis. meeting that I sent the books to Maggie Peebles and she called late to see me. She is very kind and always has been.

Wednesday, August 14, 1889

Weather delightful. We have felt little like work but keep at it. Mrs. Ross papered the west room upstairs which we will give to the little girls for the present. Mother takes an interest, or tries to in work but she learned today that we had bad news from John, still she thought best not to inquire into particulars. Maggie Silcox made me quite a visit this afternoon. Came to settled her account and remained to visit. We went to church as usual.

Thursday, August 15, 1889

Weather delightful and cool and very little dust. Mother has been here most of the day. She needs something to distract her thoughts from a painful subject and while none of us feel like work it is better for us to do it rather than dwell upon a trouble which we cannot cure. We have been fixing the carpet and changing the furniture in the room Henry occupied, that M. may have it when she comes home. Had letters from her today. Mrs. Smith came to say Vernie would joined the post-graduate class.

Friday, August 16, 1889

Weather clear and bright. Spent this day changing the matting in M's old room. Began in a small way but the work grew until I had taken up all the matting, cleaned it and the floor and had is just ready to take down the matting in the morning.

Saturday, August 17, 1889

Warm and dry and dusty. I let the usual sweeping go and worked in the west room upstairs. By night we had the old carpet cleaned and put down again in the room ready for the little girls. It was a great relief to see the floor covered again and ready for furniture.

Sunday, August 18, 1889

Attended Sabbath School and found the smallest number present that we have known in a long time, less than two hundred. We attended service at 6th M. E. church and heard Mr. Fagan. He is not well and scarcely able to preach an entire sermon. Went both morning and evening.

Monday, August 19, 1889

Pleasant but quite warm. Mrs. Ross and her daughter came to paper the ceiling of M's new room. I trimmed paper and was busy all day. In the forenoon I went with Ma and Mary to see Fannie Geiger and her children who came yesterday. Saw Mrs. Cook here and asked her to take tea with us tomorrow evening.

Tuesday, August 20, 1889

Quite warm and dusty. Mrs. Ross came early and began papering the new room for Margaret. I had not planned for it but Mother wanted it done so we went at it vigorously. Mother brought a pretty deep border for the room, the ceiling was put on yesterday and the sides today. Mrs. Anna Cook was here to tea and just before she came Bessie Hall was here to inquire about Mrs. Hoblins as a nurse for her mother.

Wednesday, August 21, 1889

Bright and pleasant but quite warm. Mrs. Ross came and put the ceiling paper on the upper hall. I had hoped she would finish the halls before M came. I was very busy all day and very tired at night so I dressed to go to prayer meeting but May had the toothache just when I should have started so Will and his father went without me. Fred Tynes called to see me about the post-graduate class.

Thursday, August 22, 1889

We were busy all day, Ma worked as busily as I did, varnishing and shining up things. Before noon we had a telegram stating the children would be home on the 10.51 train on the south side of R. R. We had the house in nice order and Margaret's new room looked very inviting, flowers on the bureau (?) and everything as pretty as we would make it. This being Will's birthday his father gave him a plain nickel case watch, a warranted time-keeper. Margaret brought him a pretty scarf pin + Mary gave him baskets.

Friday, August 23, 1889

Pleasant. I did my usual sweeping this morning to have it done for tomorrow. Margaret and I then changed the children's clothes into the drawers they are to use this winter, put the clothes in the closets and settled things generally. It is pleasant to have the children home again and have them so glad to be here.

Prof Vickers called to see M and arrange for meeting of the post-graduates next week.

Saturday, August 24, 1889

Warm and dry. I had done my usual sweeping yesterday so had today for mending, and enough to keep me nearly all day.

Late in the afternoon I went to see Prof Lowes a few minutes about the post-graduate class and met Margaret at Uncle Enos' hooping to see Fannie Geiger but she and the children were out to tea so we did not see them.

Sunday, August 25, 1889

Warm, dry and dusty. Went to Sabbath School after which five of us went out to the 2nd Pres. ch. and Will + May went to All Saints church.

In the evening J. W. Carl Lizzie + I went to 6th St. M. E. ch. Will was there also with one of the boys. It was quarterly meeting and the first time I ever attended one.

Monday, August 26, 1889

Warm and dry. Went early in the morning to see Miss Emma Bell and to inquire about Mrs. Hall who is very low. Upon my return I found a letter from Henley with a pkg of missionary literature from Mr. Reynolds, who is now in France doing mission work. It comes just in time for the meeting tomorrow. Helen and Alice came over to sit awhile and I kept them to make a visit.

Tuesday, August 27, 1889

Weather bright and pleasant. We have made a business of visiting today, have sewed a little and talked a great deal. I had to go to the Missionary meeting in the afternoon but came directly home afterwards.

Wednesday, August 28, 1889

Warm and dry.

Ruby Pixley called this afternoon to see Margaret and after M was dressed and came to the parlor I induced Mary to go with me to Dr. Dennis' and have her two bad teeth taken out. It proved a hard job, she took gas but the effect passed off too soon and the last hurt her very much. All three of us were nearly sick over it but thankful when it was done. I did not go to prayer meeting but stayed with May. Helen + Margaret went together.

Thursday, August 29, 1889

Was at home all forenoon but at 3 PM I went to the High School to hear Miss Moore talk on Scientific Temperance. In the evening Helen had letters to write and was quite willing we should attend the High School Institute. The exercises were quite interesting but not so much so as the talk this afternoon.

Friday, August 30, 1889

Quite warm. I have been going about today until I am tired out. Went before dinner to see Uncle Enos's family, then up to see how Mrs. Hall was. Down street to do some errands and then made a round to ask Fannie Geiger + Mary Moore to take tea with Helen at our house this evening. Jennie brought her regrets but I would not excuse her so she stayed. Helen took Alice home + put her to bed early, as she expects Enos home tonight. We have had a nice visit with them.

Saturday, August 31, 1889

Weather still warm + sultry. Did my usual Saturday work in the morning and spent the afternoon sitting in the parlor at Mrs. Hall's to receive callers who came to inquire about her. Sat with her while Mrs. Farnham and the girls ate supper. Helen and Alice expect to go to Henley Monday to visit Lizzie and Helen is busy getting ready.

Sunday, September 1, 1889

Very hot. Went to Sabbath school and church as usual. After dinner I went to sit with Mrs. Hall to do what was needed. Found so many there that I came here. Called again after tea + found Mrs. Hall had died about 6 PM. Returned after church to sit up

all night, with Carrie Stearnes for company. It has been a long hard siege for Bessie and since her mother could not get well it is better the end has come.

Monday, September 2, 1889

I came home from Mrs. Hall's at breakfast time and slept until noon. The children all started to school but had no regular lessons, had to get their new books and find their new places. After dinner I went again to Bessie's and stayed as long as there was any need then came home. Went to see Carl in his new school, called to see Maggie Mason who was out.

Jimmie sat up at Mrs. Hall's.

Tuesday, September 3, 1889

Rainy. I went early to Bessie Hall's and finding I could be of service, I stayed all day, except an hour at noon when I came home for dinner. Mrs. Hall's funeral was from the house at 3 o'clock. Mr. Blackburn conducted the services. Mrs. Farnham, Mrs. Murfin, Mrs. Clough, Mr. + Mrs. Titus + I were there all day. Poor Bessie and Grace feel the loss of their mother deeply. They are now left alone as to relations in this part of the country.

Wednesday, September 4, 1889

Weather wet, it rains slowly and looks as though it might clear up soon. Jimmie has been looking forward to our trip to Ironton with much pleasure and I felt some hesitation about going as Merrill Peebles is not well but a note from Lizzie was so encouraging that I decided to go. We left on the 4 PM train and found Helen at the depot waiting for us. Will followed on the later train + got there at bed time.

Thursday, September 5, 1889

Rainy all day in Ironton where we were. We could not attend any Reunion meetings so I visited with Aunt Ada + Helen. Went with Helen to see the new organ at the Pres. church and hear her practice. Spent the day pleasantly but quietly. After supper had a telegram saying Lizzie's baby Merrill died at 6 o'clock this evening. The poor baby has never been real well and we are not surprised, but this fatal illness was only of three day's duration. Jane Beasler went home.

Friday, September 6, 1889

Rainy in the forenoon, both in Ironton and as we came home. We left Ironton on the morning train and reached home at 11 o'clock. Mother, Mary + Maggie Peebles had gone out to come in with Rich + Lizzie. Little Merrill's funeral was from Mr. Peebles' house from 2 ½ PM. Lizzie's self-control was a wonder to all who saw her. When we came home we found Alice not at all well. She was not been real well she came home from Henley. Mrs. Wm. Draper was buried today.

Saturday, September 7, 1889

Warm and dusty. Alice is quite sick this morning and I have spent as much time as possible with her, helping Helen as much as I can. It is the first time Alice was ever sick and she is wonderfully patient and womanly. Prefers lying on the bed and being quiet which is the best for her anyway. Jimmie gave me a new black Henrietta cloth dress. Jennie gave me a silver dollar and Mary Ricker gave me a new pair of gloves, all for my birthday.

Sunday, September 8, 1889

Weather delightful.

Went to S. S. and church as usual. Went over home and should have remained with Alice but it was not thought necessary. In the afternoon I heard the children's lessons and went over for a while. Went to church in the evening. Lizzie will stay with Alice tonight. Poor Lizzie, it must be so hard having so lately gone through it.

Rec'd my birthday presents yesterday.

Monday, September 9, 1889

I have not done much but go back and forth between the houses, try to help with Alice and comfort Helen in her trouble. Alice seemed quite strong and bright today but the real disease did not seem much, if any, better. I should have stayed with them tonight but Helen slept all last night and thought she could take care of her tonight. George Dennis called this evening. Maggie Silcox was here.

Tuesday, September 10, 1889

Alice Ellison Moore, died at noon today- daughter of Enos + Helen.

About 2 o'clock this morning Enos came after me and I went do what I could for Alice and Helen. The baby was very sick and within an hour she had two spasms in my arms. We sent for the Dr. and then for Mrs. Ross, both of whom came. After breakfast we sent for Maggie Peebles who came at once and remained beside Alice until she died, just at noon. We were not prepared for this second stroke within a week. Alice was so strong we hoped she would withstand the disease.

Wednesday, September 11, 1889

Beautiful day. but hot in the sun. Spent the most of the day over home. Kind friends did what they could and Helen appreciated all that was done. The funeral was at the house at 2 o'clock, Mr. Blackburn officiating + Mr. Badger going to the cemetery as Mr. B. had to go immediately to the funeral of little Bennie Bratt. Helen kept up wonderfully, never losing her self-control event to the last. She has proven herself equal to the trying emergency and Enos is a great help to her. Lizzie was sick and I could not go to prayer meeting.

Thursday, September 12, 1889

Weather beautiful. Went over home early and saw Helen and Enos. They are bearing their loss bravely. This morning they went together to see Lizzie at Mr. Peebles', Jennie, called here and at Mrs. Corson's as she has been very kind the past few days. In

the afternoon they went to Cin for a day or two. I attended the W. C. T. U. meeting then went to see Lizzie + Mattie Peebles, neither of them being well. After tea Jimmie + I went to see Fannie Geiger who was out, then to see Lizzie again.

Friday, September 13, 1889

Bright and pleasant. No fog as yesterday. Wrote to Mrs. Robinson. Jennie + Lizzie came down to see me this morning. L. seems better. In the evening Margaret + Lizzie and I went to Teachers' meeting. There was an unusually good attendance and an interesting meeting. Wrote to Helen Ricker.

Saturday, September 14, 1889

Margaret and I spent the most of the forenoon working in the yard. Cut grass + cleaned up generally. At noon the boys returned with the little cow + cart from Mr. Dees'. she is a beauty, it is one we gave Will in the fall of 1887. Mrs. Dennis was here. Helen and Enos are expected home from Cin tonight. It is their second anniversary. She has received a number of letters of condolence and must feel very sad today.

Sunday, September 15, 1889

Very warm, unusually so and I became overheated with my warm clothing. Was out in the evening as usual and it began to rain as we were near home. Went to Sabbath School and church as usual. The double birthday was remembered but we had no presents such as we would have liked for Ma + Mary. Helen was over a few minutes.

Monday, September 16, 1889

After doing the morning work, I went with Helen to see Fannie Geiger and tell her good-bye. She + her children leave for home this morning. We then went to see Lizzie but met her on the way in the carriage so she took us in + drove up to Jennie's who was out. I then made a call to inquire after a S. S. pupil. Then so see Bessie Hall who was also out. Rained last night.

Tuesday, September 17, 1889

Weather damp and growing cooler, the weather signal service predicted a cold wave and it seems to be on the way. My cold is growing worse all the time too and I am unable to do much of anything.

Did too much Saturday and am now equalizing matters, perhaps.

Had a reply to the letter I wrote Mrs. Robinson. She appreciated it so much that I am glad I wrote.

Wednesday, September 18, 1889

Weather unpleasant. Have been feeling badly all day, the cold seemingly will not yield to the usual remedies.

Could not go to prayer meeting. The fire had to be started in the sitting room for comfort. Enos returned from Cin last night, his furnace is not yet perfected but seems nearing that point.

Thursday, September 19, 1889

Weather chilly and damp. I was some better and went out this afternoon, after which I was much worse again and at night resorted to all the remedies I knew for a cold. Attended the W. C. T. U. and Home Mis. Divisions meeting at church. Had a little visit with Hattie Norton whom I have not seen for a long while.

Friday, September 20, 1889

Cold and damp with occasional rain. I did not rise until late and would better have remained in bed all day. The home folks were putting the house in order for Mrs. Robinson's reception as she is expected tonight. Mary's birthday was very greatly celebrated. The tri-cycle was a birthday present so there was not much to be expected today. A few little presents were entirely satisfactory. I was not able to attend Teachers' meeting at Mr. Blackburn's.

Saturday, September 21, 1889

Cool and clear. The fire is quite necessary. My cold is better but Margaret + Lizzie each have one. After the morning work was done I went over to see Mrs. Robinson, Helen's mother who came last night. She gave me one of Alice's latest + best photos.

Mrs. R. looks very much like Mrs. Belle Tracey and is exceedingly pleasant.

Sunday, September 22, 1889

Pleasant day.

Went to Sabbath School and church and afterwards to church. Un the evening Mr. Blackburn preached on How to study the Bible and made an excellent sermon The quartette sang Blue Galilee which is very beautiful and was beautifully sung.

Monday, September 23, 1889

A bright clear day with enough wind to cheer the hearts of the washerwomen. Was out this afternoon and made an engagement with Dr. Dennis to have some work done next Friday. Uncle Enos and Aunt Mary Ellen were here this forenoon to call upon Mrs. R. she + Helen had some to sit by our fire as it was cold and they can have none over home yet. The furnace needs repairs.

Tuesday, September 24, 1889

Bright and pleasant. Was at home all the forenoon and at the Foreign Mis. Society most of the afternoon. Came directly home from there as it was late and then went out to Clara Pursell's on an errand. Was not gone long. Expected to have seen Lizzie over home but she was not there. Mrs. Johnson + Lillie were calling upon Mrs. Robinson.

Wednesday, September 25, 1889

Weather bright and cheerful. As soon as I could get ready I went with Ma to see Lizzie as she expected to go home this afternoon. Only saw her a few minutes and having occasion to go to the P. O. after dinner I went again to Mr. P's and saw the family leave

for Henley. They will miss the baby when they go back and I feel sorry for them. We went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, September 26, 1889

Quite frosty. Was home all day except when I had to go on an errand up street. Mrs. Robinson and Helen were here to take tea and spend the evening and we had a real pleasant time. Jennie came down for a little while with her Mary.

Maggie Silcox was here a few minutes.

Friday, September 27, 1889

Beautiful day. Mrs. R. Helen, Margaret + I spent the forenoon making a trip over on the Ky hills. I had not been for some time and enjoyed it. The view was lovely from the lower point where Margaret + I went. Spent the afternoon in the dentist's chair and had 6.00 worth of work done which was much needed. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening. Letter from Maggie Bell.

Saturday, September 28, 1889

Beautiful day and warmer than some we have had still we kept a fire in the sitting room. Was busy at home all the forenoon and should have been all afternoon but Mrs. Silcox came + asked me to go with her to make a few calls. We called upon Mrs. Annie Cook Mrs. Shackleford + Miss Maggie, Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Lamoree.

Sunday, September 29, 1889

Quite a pleasant day though cold enough for fire and towards evening there were indications of rain. Attended the usual services of Sabbath School and church. Had large congregations both morning and evening as the Methodist ministers are at Conference.

Mr. Blackburn's second sermon on How to study the Bible was excellent.

Monday, September 30, 1889

Rainy with a few gleams of sunshine with the showers. Was busy at home until late in the day. Looking over the boxes and seeing what was ready for cold weather. Went to see Dr. Dennis about examining the children's teeth. Called to see Mrs. Spry who was out and then went to the school house to see Miss Burriss, Carl's teacher.

Tuesday, October 1, 1889

Bright and pleasant.

The carpenters tore down the old coal shed + began putting up a new building across the lot to extend from our stable to father's. We will have a much needed improvement when it is done. Gove. Foraker spoke in the Courtyard this afternoon and five of us Mother + Mrs. R. Helen, Margaret + I went to hear him. I have heard him before but Mrs. R. + Helen were quite anxious to see + hear the man of whom they had hears so much.

Wednesday, October 2, 1889

Beautiful day. We went out to Mrs. Johnson's in the afternoon, Mrs. Robinson, Mother R + I, as Helen had a very stiff neck and could not go anywhere. We walked through the cemetery and after moving down street I called to see Mrs. Spry + Mrs. Lowes. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, October 3, 1889

Beautiful weather. Ruth had to leave us today as her mother has gone to stay with Margaret Johnson and her new daughter, Jennie Tewksbury. In the afternoon I went with my mother and Mrs. Robinson to call upon Mrs. T. M. Johnson and to walk through the Cemetery. I afterwards stopped to see Mrs. Inez Spry and Mrs. Lowes. No this was all yesterday. Today Mrs. R + I made calls on Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Silcox, Miss Peebles and Mrs. Lowes Jennie Greene and Mrs. Fulton's flower garden. Miss Bell was out.

Friday, October 4, 1889

Beautiful day. Margaret has done most of the work for I was out with Mrs. Robinson to do some errands in the afternoon + later we went again to get her ticket. Helen is still so stiff in her neck that she cannot go out with her Mother. This AM Mrs. Robinson helped Helen pack away little Alice's clothes and play things. I was glad they could do it together. Did not go to Teachers' meeting as Mrs. R. leaves on the early train.

Saturday, October 5, 1889

Weather bright and fall-like. The building progressed well until noon when the men stopped work. Lizzie came in from Henley this AM and at noon or after noon rather, Margaret went home with her for a day or two. Had a visit from Helen + Enos who are expecting to go to Cin Monday. Mrs. Robinson went home on the early train. Janie has not yet returned. Had letter from Mother R. + Henry. Mrs. Carl called. Will had his teeth filled today.

Sunday, October 6, 1889

Beautiful weather but quite cold. Was up earlier than usual and hurried to get ready for S. S. Went as usual and had to find a substitute for Margaret. Miss Kate Connins took her class with her own small one. Went to church in the evening remained at home with the little girls. Enos was over a little while. Helen is not well but expects to go to Cin tomorrow with him. I went over to say good-bye and found cousin Duvall Young there.

Monday, October 7, 1889

Clear and frosty. Was quite busy all the forenoon and looked in vain for Janie. After dinner I went to the Corps meeting and then came home to open the house for the children. Enos and Helen left on the early train for Cin.

I wrote to Maggie Bell Saturday and finished it today.

Tuesday, October 8, 1889

Ice was formed on the water out of doors. The men came to work on the building today. Janie came back on the 10 o'clock train, having been gone four weeks last Thursday. Margaret did not come today. This is Father's birthday, 74 yrs old. After Janie came I got out material and began on the sewing, some warm clothing being much needed.

Wednesday, October 9, 1889

Pleasant. Mrs. Ross came today and papered the side walls of the dining room. I was busy all day trimming paper and helping her. Had intended sewing but had to lay it aside. Went to preparatory lecture in the evening.

Thursday, October 10, 1889

Pleasant. Jennie left on the early train for Cin but of course Ma did not go as Enos came home late last night quite sick. I had planned to meet Barton there and buy a cloak for herself. I was over to see Enos this morning.

I intended going to the Temperance meeting but was hindered again. Mrs. Ross papered the back hall, ceiling and all.

Friday, October 11, 1889

Bright and pleasant. Have been taking paper off the dining room ceiling trimming paper and getting ready for Mrs. Ross tomorrow.

Maggie Peebles was here in the forenoon to tell me and Mary about Annie Averdeir's daughter who is needing assistance to fit herself for work of some kind.

Went to preparatory lecture in the evening.

Saturday, October 12, 1889

Mild with indications of rain which were fulfilled in the afternoon. I did the usual Saturday work and prepared to go to the Communicants' prayer meeting in the afternoon.

Went over to see Enos who was better and then hurried home to go to church but was caught in the rain. Mrs. Ross papered the dining room which now looks clean and nice.

Sunday, October 13, 1889

Rainy went to Sabbath School and it rained so hard most of us remained until church time. It was Communion Sabbath and one new member was received, Mrs. Elizabeth Haynes from some other state. Went to church again in the evening. Uncle Jimmie did not come down this evening.

Monday, October 14, 1889

Pleasant. Was busy at home most of the day at various things, the milk takes a great deal of time since we have so much. Late in the day I started to call on Mrs.

Connelly but was turned aside by an applicant for help from Relief Corps, the case needed immediate investigation and I was late to supper when I got back.

Tuesday, October 15, 1889

Weather pleasant. Have sewed a little today but not much. Late in the afternoon I went to see Miss O'Connor about making a wrap. Then to Mr. Hermus to get a few things, some flannel for Mary among others. Lizzie was in town this forenoon having some dental work done and called here after she was through at the dentist's. She came last night and stayed with Jennie, left on the afternoon train.

Wednesday, October 16, 1889

Weather pleasant. Rather dry today and the leaves are falling rapidly. Was busy at home most of the day trying to make flannel skirts for the little girls. Late in the afternoon Enos + I walked up to Prof. Lowes', each having an errand. We then went to Hermus where I had a small purchase to make. Went to prayer-meeting in the evening. Quite a large attendance.

Thursday, October 17, 1889

Beautiful day. Went early to Jennie's to help with her house-cleaning as she had Tom and Mrs. Herder engaged for today and decided last night to go to Cin today + exchange her new cloak for a lighter one. Bessie Hall took tea with us, and spent the evening. The children are always rejoiced to see her and we all enjoy it. Mr. Ramsey took tea over home but I did not get over to see him. Ma, Jennie + Enos left on the 6 o'clock train for Cin. Enos went to register the others to shop.

Friday, October 18, 1889

Beautiful weather, mild and bright. Walked down street to the Office with Ma in the morning then came home and spent the rest of the day doing various needful things. Finished Lizzie's flannel skirt, and put out a few more rose slips. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening, Margaret + Helen went also. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Saturday, October 19, 1889

Beautiful weather. The children and I worked all forenoon in the yard, cleaning up the rubbish and putting away the kindling and lumber left from the building. After dinner Will went to Camp McCulloch with a party and M went on the Ky hills with another party. After I was through and dressed I went to do some errands. Was very tired when night came.

Sunday, October 20, 1889

Weather pleasant.

Helen went to Sabbath School with us, having promised to take May Peebles' class while she is away visiting in Charlestown Ind. She thought it might be well to go and see how the school was conducted. We had no service in the evening as Mr. Blackburn went to Wheelersburg to preach in the afternoon. Went to Bigelow.

Monday, October 21, 1889

Weather mild and pleasant with indications of rain. Helen was up to spend the afternoon and take tea with Mrs. Lowes after which she came here to spend the night. Enos went to Henley in the afternoon and will go on to Cin in the morning. Mother went as far as Henley to spend a few days with Lizzie. May Pursell was here and said that Mr. Henry Tracy had come, we went to entertain him while he is here.

Tuesday, October 22, 1889

Cloudy with rain early in the forenoon. Top Potter came early in the morning, took up the sitting room carpet and cleaned it as soon as possible but it had begun to sprinkle before he was through. Helen and Janie helped me sew the seams required for turning the carpet and at noon Tom had it down again and was gone. We went on with the cleaning + at night had the room in order. Helen pasted scraps in my scrap-book part of the afternoon.

Wednesday, October 23, 1889

Helen spent the day with us and will remain tonight, going up to Jennie's tomorrow to help her a little with some button holes. Jennie has a sewing girl. We went to prayer meeting in the evening. We have been making some little preparation for tomorrow evening as we expect to have company.

Thursday, October 24, 1889

Weather pleasant. All day we were getting things ready for our guests of the evening. Mr. Henry Tracy, Mr. + Mrs. Will Pursell. We are glad of an opportunity to entertain Mr. Tracy, not having seen him since he gave Margaret her handsome birthday present. We enjoyed the evening very much and thin our guests did also.

Friday, October 25, 1889

Weather still mild and pleasant. Nothing of special interest occurred today. The date reminds me of Maggie Bell as this is her wedding anniversary.

Teachers' meeting in the evening was slow as a rain had set in which kept some away. Helen came down with Barton and then came home with me. I should perhaps not have gone only that I had promised to meet her there.

Saturday, October 26, 1889

Weather damp but not very cold. When the sweeping was done and a place could be made for her, Helen sat down to finish pasting the scraps in my book. She enjoys doing it and I am glad to have it done. She seems to like to stay with us, perhaps because she feels lonely. We sympathize with her and do all we can to entertain her. She knows we miss Alice and feels free to talk of her to us.

Sunday, October 27, 1889

Helen went to Sabbath School with us this morning. She enjoys going and there is no reason why she should not go. She had Mary Peebles' class one Sabbath but will

continue going after Mary returns. Mr. Blackburn preached as usual, morning + evening.

This evening he began a series of sermons on the second part of Benzema's Pilgrim Progress.

Monday, October 28, 1889

The usual Monday straightening up of the house, a little letter writing and other incidental work occupied all the forenoon.

A little work in the yard, a little of this, and that, and the other takes all the time and I cannot see what has been done. Was over to see Aunt Mary a few minutes and while out called to see Mrs. Frank Gibbs who was moved into the neighborhood.

Tuesday, October 29, 1889

Pleasant. Helen came over with her work to make a little visit. In the afternoon we both went to the Foreign Missionary meeting. It was topic day and Mrs. Lowes had charge of the topic, (?) being the country under consideration.

It seems impossible to get started in the dress making. The all other things accomplished but the dresses are still in the future.

Wednesday, October 30, 1889

Weather somewhat pleasanter than it has been. We have been busy all day house-cleaning, sweeping and dusting. We want the house in good order so the young folks can play all over it if they wish tomorrow evening.

We went to prayer meeting as usual.

Mabel Russell was here awhile.

Thursday, October 31, 1889

Pleasant. It took most of this day also to prepare for the company which assembled in the evening. Therza Spry called after tea + left before the young folks came. Mabel R. + Emma Elden, Cora Selby, Ida Mercer, Bea More, Carrie Duduit, Isabel Murray, Fannie Cochran, Fannie Smith, Fannie Newman, Ethel Colton, Dan Davis, Dan + Oscar Connell, Charlie Murphy, Merrill Slutz, Jim Murfin, Charlotte Bannon were all here and seemed to have a good time.

Friday, November 1, 1889

Bright and sunny but rather cool. We were most of the forenoon occupied with the straightening up, though the house was not much disordered. We swept up last night before going to bed. I washed out more than a dozen towels this morning which were used last night while the young folks were bobbing for apples. Went to Teachers' meeting in the evening.

Saturday, November 2, 1889

After the usual Saturday sweeping and dusting it took the rest of the day to do the weekly mending. Helen has been helping me with stockings lately and I appreciate it

very much. She has been staying with us this week until yesterday when she went to Jennie's to do her darning. Enos will be home tonight.

Sunday, November 3, 1889

Beautiful day. Our 19th Anniversary and a very happy pleasant one though we did not celebrate it in any way. These are very happy days with us when the children are all at home and well. I feel that I can scarcely enjoy them as much as I should. They are blessed days. We attended the usual services all day, that is both morning and evening.

Monday, November 4, 1889

Pleasant though a little cloudy. Was busy at home all forenoon but after dinner I went to the Corps meeting. It was inspection day. Enos + Helen called here + I walked up street with them. They spent the evening here afterwards. At noon Mary Ellen came to ask us to let Lizzie go with Uncle Enos, herself + Lucy to Pittsburg Wednesday on the St. Lawrence as he must go and thinks it necessary for M. E. to go also. Lucy is not very well + they think the trip will do both her + Lizzie more good than school.

Tuesday, November 5, 1889

Beautiful bright day, weather turning colder in the afternoon. This was the first election day under the Registration Laws and it looked strange to see the groups of men just beyond the 100 foot flags in all directions. They are not allowed to stand nearer. Have been doing some little jobs in preparation for Lizzie's trip to Pittsburg. Helen is here for the night.

Wednesday, November 6, 1889

The first news this morning was that the Dem. Candidate Campbell was elected by a large majority Gov. Foraker lost many votes by his action in regard to the Sunday law, and the saloon element is all against him. The county went Rep. but we are disappointed that the Gov. was not elected. Went to church in the evening. We have heard that a Com. from Covington are here after Mr. Blackburn. We hope he will not go.

Thursday, November 7, 1889

Wet or rather damp as it has not rained hard. Have been trying to get my queen flannel dress washed and ready to make over but the work progresses slowly.

Went to the Temperance meeting this afternoon, have not been before several weeks. After the meeting Maggie Silcox and I called at Miss Emma's a few minutes.

Friday, November 8, 1889

Weather damp. Have been busy all day and yet accomplished very little. Wrote a birthday note to John. We had two Teachers' meetings owing to Rev. Joseph Cook's lecture which takes place this evening. We only have three tickets among us so someone had to miss it. Will bought a season ticket to the Lecture Course and he, J. W. + I went. The lecture was very fine but hard to listen to and I was so tired with my day's work that I could not enjoy it as I wished.

Saturday, November 9, 1889

Busy all day as usual. Wrote to Mother Ricker in the afternoon.

Have had no word from the travelers on the St. Lawrence but think all must be well or they would have sent us word. Helen came over this evening and after mending a pair of May's stockings, she + I practiced awhile. Enos will be home tonight so she will not stay with us.

Sunday, November 10, 1889

Mild but no rain until late in the evening.

Went to Sabbath School and church as usual in the morning. Attended to the lessons in the afternoon and went over home a few minutes. My S. S. class signed the pledge this morning, those who were present, except Jessie who wished to ask her mother first. Lizzie + Lucy will do it when they come home. Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Monday, November 11, 1889

Rainy when we arose but after breakfast the sun came out for the rest of the day. Have been ripping, washing and pressing most of the day. Mrs. Evans was here in the forenoon and Mrs. Lowes in the afternoon. After tea Mary Y. came around with Willie to get Edith who was here. The St. Lawrence is not here yet and probably will not be for some hours. Letter from Maggie Bell.

Tuesday, November 12, 1889

Weather lovely. Fair + pleasant. Have been ripping and washing my old green dress. In the afternoon went to Foreign Missionary Soc. there was little business and the session was short. Lizzie came home on the St. Lawrence last evening about 10 o'clock and said she had enjoyed her trip. Saw Mr. Thompson at Pittsburg.

Wednesday, November 13, 1889

Rained all day. I worked at the dresses on the forenoon but soon after dinner put the work aside and dressed to go to the Reception at Mrs. T. W. Johnson's. The weather was so unfavorable that I thought it all more necessary to go and found many others of the same mind. It was dark when I got home. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Have not learned what Mr. B. will do about the call to Covington.

Thursday, November 14, 1889

Weather fair again.

Intended going to W. C. T. U. but made so little progress dressmaking that I decided to stay by it all day. Miss Newton came to ask if I could entertain Miss Morgan when she comes to talk to the "Y's." I have now made the promise three times and she has been here once and stayed about three hours.

Friday, November 15, 1889

Not very pleasant. We have tried to sew but the day was broken for Margaret as she had to go to school in the morning. In the afternoon Mabel Russell was here quite a while. She + M went to a called "Y" meeting in the evening after which she (M) went to Teachers' Meeting and came home with Helen and myself. Helen stayed all night as she often does when Enos is away.

Saturday, November 16, 1889

Quite pleasant but rather cool. Margaret and I tried to do a full day's sewing on our dresses but did not finish either one. Late in the afternoon Miss Ball called to say Miss Morgan would not be here Monday. We were to entertain her if she came.

Mrs. Evans was here this morning on an errand.

Jennie was here this morning.

Sunday, November 17, 1889

Rainy dismal day. Went to Sabbath School as usual but we had no service as Mr. Blackburn has gone to Ashland to assist at the dedication of the new church of which Mr. Condit is pastor. Three of us went to Bigelow in the morning, I had a cold and did not go out in the evening.

Monday, November 18, 1889

Wet and raw, indications of snow. About 11 o'clock I went up to see Mrs. Libbie Greene who has recently moved here. Also called to see how Lucy Moore was. Found she was better + had gone to school. Saw Uncle Enos who was home for an hour while the boat lay at the wharf. Went down street to pay a bill at Mrs., Yeager's and did a few other errands. Mrs. Evans + Mrs. Silcox were in during the day. Sewed on M's dress in the afternoon.

Lollie Cole and Jas Dudit of Chicago were married today at noon at her home.

Tuesday, November 19, 1889

Weather damp.

Have been at home all day trying to sew a little the Convention which meets here this week will interfere somewhat with my sewing. Thought Mrs. Evans would be here but she failed to come. Have had several letters to write on the subject of the Convention.

Wednesday, November 20, 1889

Rainy. After doing the morning work I started out to find entertainment for a few more visitors from Ironton and also to do some errands. Went fourteen places from 2nd to 9th street and as far East as Gay St. Did a little house cleaning in the afternoon and went to church in the evening.

Thursday, November 21, 1889

Cloudy and a little rainy. Mrs. Drenan came up on the boat from Manchester with Mrs. Phillips + Miss Lightbody. Fifteen ladies came down from Ironton to the Convention (W. R. C.) this afternoon and then in the evening we had a special meeting to which the public were invited. It proved very pleasant.

Friday, November 22, 1889

Still rainy and disagreeable. Mrs. Drenan left this morning after breakfast for her home in Manchester and I at once set to work on my sewing. Do not get on very fast with it. In the evening Helen, Margaret + I went to Teachers' meeting.

We enjoy those meetings very much and find them helpful.

Saturday, November 23, 1889

Weather beautiful, bright and mild, what is sometimes called a weather breeder will be followed by rain. Was busy at home all the forenoon then took my sewing and went up to sit with Jennie after dinner. Virginia + Mary are both sick with serious colds. Went to Mrs. Duduit's before coming home, and got some copies of the Temperance Bulletin for Mr. McConnell's class at the High School.

Sunday, November 24, 1889

Weather cloudy with some rain. We went to Sabbath School and church as usual in the forenoon. Mr. Blackburn preached an unusually good sermon in the morning on personal responsibility. We are still in doubt as to whether Mr. B. will leave us but hope he will decide that his duty is here.

Sermon in the evening was the 4th of the series on Christians. Maggie Hurth died today.

Monday, November 25, 1889

Weather cloudy and somewhat rainy. Was at home busy all day. Accomplished a little on my dress but it is far from done. Miss Bessie Hall was here to tea at Mrs. Cotton's.

We are always glad to see Bessie and wish she could be with us more than she is.

Tuesday, November 26, 1889

Rainy all afternoon. Was busy with the housework until 10 o'clock then finished off the skirt of my green flannel dress. In the afternoon Helen + I went to Foreign Mission Society. South America the topic for the month was in charge of Maggie Peebles and she read letters from Mrs. Caldwell the missionary who was here in spring. Also read about Prof. Findley and Miss Addie Ramsey the young missionaries who died of yellow fever before they had reached their fruits of labor.

Wednesday, November 27, 1889

Rainy all day and turning colder. Father is confined to his room with some cuts + bruises, the result of a fall. Mother + I went to Mr. Peebles' after dinner to see Lizzie and also Mrs. Peebles who is very feeble, she has been failing for some time and they feel

much concerned about her. Lizzie + the children were all out so we did not see them. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, November 28, 1889

A little snow fell, the first of the season. Church service was held at the 1st Pres. Ch. Rev. Mr. Work preached. We had Uncle Jimmie + Coren Boynton to dinner. Bessie Hall could not come to dinner but came to supper. After dinner Will, and Coren Boynton left on the train for Henley where they will spend the rest of the week hunting. Lizzie + her family are spending the holiday at Mr. Peebles' but will go home tomorrow. Janie went home this AM to spend Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 29, 1889

Cold and clear an inch or two of snow on the ground brought out the sleds, but the sledding was poor. Bessie Hall took dinner with us. Lizzie Peebles was here a few minutes at noon. She + her family go home today. After dinner I went to the church to help with the new songs for Christmas, then went to W. C. T. U. meeting and finally to Teachers' meeting in the evening. Janie did not return.

Saturday, November 30, 1889

Cold and clear. Ground frozen hard. Janie did not return today and we have had a busy day with the work.

I wrote to Grandma this morning. She is not well and has not written me in two weeks.

Mr. Peebles is 76 year old today, his birthday is always celebrated on Thanksgiving Day when the family reunion occurs.

Sunday, December 1, 1889

Weather bright, a little snow lies on the shady side of the streets. We hurried with the work and went to Soc. + church as usual. At the close of the morning service Mr. Blackburn announced that he had rec'd a call from another church and after due deliberation, felt it his duty to ask to be released from his charge. Many will regret it deeply if he goes.

Monday, December 2, 1889

Bright and clear. Warmer than for several days. Was busy at home all the forenoon and until 2 PM then I went to the W. R. C. meeting. It was the day for election of officers. After the meeting I went to see Maggie Peebles but she was engaged with her French recitation so left at 5:00 with Mary for her, came home Janie had returned from her Thanksgiving visit.

Tuesday, December 3, 1889

Have sewed all day on the basque of my green dress, trying to get it ready to stitch. My machine is out of order and I have to take it, my work, over home. Mr. Lloyd came to try and fix my machine but said it must have a new shuttle before it would sew

at all. It rained in the afternoon and at night. Father is still confined to the house but is improving.

Wednesday, December 4, 1889

I took my dress over home yesterday to stitch the seams and left it unfinished. Ma took it up this morning and sewed on it all day so it was ready to wear in the evening, and I needed it very much. We all went to church as a meeting of the congregation was called to take action on Mr. B's call. He requested that we unite with him in asking Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relative. The people do not want him to leave but he feels duty calls him to the other field.

Thursday, December 5, 1889

Weather mild. Had some writing to do and with the attention demanded by the milk, the forenoon was all occupied. Soon after dinner Mrs. Silcox called and we went together to the Temperance Meeting after which we went to see Maggie Peebles, the to do some errands. M is better but her mother does not seem much better and the outlook for her is discouraging.

Friday, December 6, 1889

Weather fair. Was busy with little nothings all day, in and out of the house. Carl was late in the afternoon unintentionally and so did not go to school. Worked in the yard and helped the appearance of it very much. In the evening Helen + I went to Teachers' meeting. Margaret had three engagements for the meeting but did not get farther than the class meeting at Maggie Miller's. Mabel Russell was here.

Saturday, December 7, 1889

Fair and mild. Was busy as usual all day, tried to get the house in order for our company next week. Lizzie and I are trying to arrange for a family gathering at Christmas so I have some writing to do nearly every morning.

Miss Bell was here this morning a few minutes seeing after the "Y" meeting. Will + Coren went to Henley again today hunting. We were thankful they came home safe even though they brought no game. Attended an afternoon reception at Mrs. Johnson's.

Sunday, December 8, 1889

Weather mild and moist. Went to S. S. and church as usual in the forenoon. Had lessons after dinner and went again to church in the evening. The house was well filled and Mr. B. preached his last sermon of the course on Christiana and her children. It was excellent as all the others have been. It rained in the evening.

Monday, December 9, 1889

Weather bright and mild. I needed no wrap when I went to the train at 10 AM to meet Miss Jessica Morgan who came to visit the Y. W. C. T. U. here and will stop with us. We walked down street before noon and in the afternoon Helen came over awhile. Miss Morgan's home is at Natick near Boston. We attended to meeting at 6th St. M. E.

Ch. in the evening and Miss Morgan addressed a good audience on the subject of Temperance.

Tuesday, December 10, 1889

Fair and mild overhead during the day but very wet and muddy. Rained at night. We were all home all forenoon, Mrs. white + Mrs. Scott called to see Miss Morgan. After dinner Mattie Peebles called and took Miss M and Margaret out to drive. While she was gone Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Pursell Tamzin called to see her. Uncle Jimmie was here also. In the evening Bessie Hall came to tea and went to the "Y" Social at Uncle Sam's with us. The evening was very pleasant. After a general conversation, Miss Morgan talked to the girls specially for nearly two hours.

Wednesday, December 11, 1889

Weather fair and pleasant. Miss Morgan and I went down street to do some errands before she left at 11 o'clock for Ironton. We have enjoyed her visit very much, and think she has done a good deal of good for the girls of the "Y." In the afternoon Helen and I went to call upon Mrs. T. N. Johnson and daughters, also Mrs. M. R. Johnson, Emma Jennings and Miss Ross. Went to church in the evening. A large number were out.

Thursday, December 12, 1889

Bright and mild. Very damp underfoot. After doing up the morning work, Margaret and I went up to Jennie's and also to Dr.'s before I came home, to get something for the hives which have given me much trouble lately.

Otherwise I have been unusually well and weigh more than for many years past. Presbytery met here today to dissolve Mr. Blackburn and the 1st Ch. Mrs. Titus, Mrs. Johnson + Mrs. Jennings called. Margaret is staying all night with Bessie Hall + Lizzie is staying with Elizabeth Greene.

Friday, December 13, 1889

Mild and a little rainy. Was busy all day as usual until late in the afternoon when Margaret + I were going to see Mrs. B. Mrs. Miller called + wanted me to go with her so we all went together. Then Mrs. M + I went to call upon Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Peebles + Mrs. Dennis. In the evening Helen, Margaret and I went to Teachers' meeting at Mrs. N. W. Evans' new house. It was a farewell to Mrs. B. and she served cake + ice-cream at the close.

Saturday, December 14, 1889

Weather mild. Did the usual sweeping in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went up to see Jennie and called to see Miss Knowles about some work. Elizabeth was here to spend the day.

Sunday, December 15, 1889

Pleasant. Went to S. S. as usual. Mr. B. was present and conducted his part of the exercises as usual. In the morning the congregation was very large and in the evening the church was as full as it could be. Persons were seated in chairs in the platform close up around the pulpit, the aisles were full and the gallery + vestibule. Mr. B. used the same text from which he preached his first sermon, "God Forbid that I should glory not." Also the last five verses came of 2nd Com. Finally we have farewell'ed

Monday, December 16, 1889

Bright and pleasant. Strange winter weather. Was busy all day, spent most of the afternoon on Tana's gingham apron which I am cross stitching with white. Miss Persis Tracy called this afternoon. In the evening J. W. + I and Will went to the Lecture "Over the Alps" by Phelps Leland.

Tuesday, December 17, 1889

Bright and pleasant, quite spring like. Was busy all forenoon about the house. Mr. + Mrs. Blackburn took dinner with us and we had a pleasant little visit, though they had to leave early and return to finish their packing. We were loath to let them go but cannot help it. After dinner Margaret went to Henley to help her Aunt with her preparations for Christmas.

Wednesday, December 18, 1889

Weather very mild and pleasant but fruitful of colds. I began taking one today. Was busy at home, all forenoon and after dinner went with Mother to do some errands. We called to inquire after Mrs. Blackburn who is sick at Mr. Peebles.' I have been taking cold all day and felt miserably tonight but went to prayer meeting as it was Mr. B's last appearance with us in the capacity of a pastor. The church was well filled and the occasion rather a sad one.

Thursday, December 19, 1889

Weather very mild. Ther over 50° at breakfast time. After the morning work was done I had a letter from Henley with a list of errands to be done for Lizzie + Margaret so I spent all the forenoon doing them. After dinner I finished Tana's apron and helped Helen make some owls to send to her father. They were made of paper and cotton and Enos will paint them. Went again and did more errands after the mail came in, and after supper I went with Carl to do his shopping.

Mrs. Blackburn is still sick and Mr. B did not leave as he intended.

Friday, December 20, 1889

Weather very spring-like.

A very hard rain fell just about 11:30 + I took umbrellas to the children. It is the last day of school until after the holidays. My cold is no better but I felt that I must attend the Teachers' Meeting as it is the first one under Dr. Dennis' leadership. Margaret was out of town but Helen + I went and found a good number present. We had a very good meeting.

Saturday, December 21, 1889

Fair again. Had the usual Saturday work to do in the forenoon and then started out before dinner to do some errands for Christmas. Carl went with me and carried packages, we enjoyed our walk and talk not a little. In the afternoon there were more errands to be done and a few preparations to make. I also had to attend a called meeting of the W. R. C. to elect three officers, those elected regularly having declined to some. It rained in the afternoon and I should not have gone out but felt obliged to do so. Mrs. Silcox kindly took my place + went with Mrs. Johnson to do some Com. work.

Sunday, December 22, 1889

Went to Sabbath School as usual. Rev Mr. Moran of Ironton preached for us today. At the close of the morning service he declared the pulpit vacant. We regret the fact most deeply and hope it will soon be well filled. We liked Mr. M's sermon very much.

Monday, December 23, 1889

Weather wonderfully mild and pleasant for the time of year. A disease known as Russian Influenza is moving westward over this country coming from the East and attributed to the peculiarly warm weather this winter. Was out this morning and went to see Mary Peebles about the box from Henley. In the evening Carl and I went to help fill candy bags for the Sabbath School.

Sent a small box to Kirkwood. Part of the things will go to Henley.

Tuesday, December 24, 1889

Bright and pleasant. Doors + windows open and the house comfortable. This afternoon Rich + his family and our Margaret came to town for the holiday. The two little girls will sleep here. In the evening Rich + Lizzie, Enos + Helen, Margaret + Will + I put the Christmas Tree in order. J. W. had set it up for us. He is always the one to "plant" it for us. The Greene children had brought a basketful of gifts and Lizzie had brought a trunk and valise filled with pretty things. We found there was enough to fairly load the tree when all was on. Lizzie + Mary, Will + Carl had prepared quite a number of gifts.

Wednesday, December 25, 1889

Beautiful spring-like day with indications of rain which were fulfilled before night. Before noon the family from over home, including Father + Mother, Enos + Helen, Mary and Mrs. Behrens, Barton + Jennie, their five children + Charlie Greene, Rich + Lizzie + their five Uncle Jimmie and Aunt Maria McCall had assembled for dinner. A fuller description of the day will be found on a page further on in the book.

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The weather today was as mild as spring and a light rain fell soon after dinner. The weather was very unlike Christmas and aside from the Tree there was little to indicate a family reunion. The latter event was remarkable in some ways and deserves more than ordinary notice. We had planned to have all the different branches of our family meet at our home for the day and so when Lizzie came to town she sent for her

trunk full of Christmas presents to our house as Santa Claus' headquarters. It was a wonder when she opened it yesterday to take out the things disguised for the friends outside of our family. Her deft fingers and skillful planning evolve many beautiful and useful things. Last evening she and Richard, Enos + Helen and ourselves prepared the Tree in the parlor and this morning it was hard for the children to await the coming of the others.

Thursday, December 26, 1889

Rain over again and still the weather has not turned cold. It is both mild and bright. I was all the forenoon cleaning up and getting the house in order. During the time that I was trying to sweep Arthur Moore called, then Lizzie Peebles and her boys were here. Later on Vernie Smith called but I finally got through and prepared to go home with Lizzie and the children. She invited Lizzie and May, Elizabeth and Virginia Green to go home with them and I decided to go home with them not having been out for a long time.

Friday, December 27, 1889

Another beautiful day. The children were up and swarming over the place bright and early. After the morning work was done we, Lizzie + I, made a call then went up to the morning service of the protracted meeting now in progress at the school house not far distant. Spent a pleasant afternoon and evening at home.

Saturday, December 28, 1889

Still bright, a marvelously beautiful day, somewhat cooler than it has been. My cold is still very annoying. Spent the forenoon helping Lizzie make pin-balls for hew sewing class which meets this afternoon. Had an early dinner and then the four little girls and I took the train for home. Found all well at home but learned that Bessie Hall was still laid up with her eyes so Margaret and I went to see her and found her in a dark room with her eyes bandaged. Went to see Jennie Greene also and then came home.

Sunday, December 29, 1889

Weather still very mild. Went to Sabbath School as usual and then to church later. Rev. Mr. Cone from seminary preached twice for us today. He is a student but we were much pleased with his sermons.

Uncle Jimmie was here to tea.

Monday, December 30, 1889

Cloudy but did not rain. Was bust all forenoon sweeping and straightening up and immediately after dinner went to W. R. C. meeting. Officers for the year were installed, Miss Hard being president and myself Sec'y. Mrs. McCall is Treas. After the meeting I went with her Mrs. Silcox + Mrs. Patterson to the Citizens Bank then came home.

Tuesday, December 31, 1889

Still cloudy but no rain. The atmosphere seems damp and chilly. Was at home all forenoon busy in various ways. In the afternoon went to Missionary Meeting, after it was over Mrs. Dennis + I went to see Mrs. Hobrus who has been nursing a sick daughter-in-law for several weeks. We then went to see Bessie Hall who is laid up with her eye again, has rheumatism in it and has spent all her vacation in bed. It seems sad for her that Grace cannot be with her in this trouble. Another year is closed and we have much to be thankful. We are all at home, all well and enjoying many blessings.