

Diary of Louisiana Moore Ricker—1879

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Wednesday, January 1, 1879. Weather not quite so cold as some we have had, still it is rather sharp. I was at home all day until about tea time when I went over to see how Pa was and found him in the sitting room with Uncle Sam who said he thought probably the boat would try to start out again Friday. While over there I missed a call from Mssrs Jno Overturf, Jno Peebles, Will Pursell and Will Bonsall. We begin the New Years in good health and with much to be thankful for in many respects.

Thursday, January 2, 1879. Thermometer 2 below zero. Cold and windy in the morning and the mercury kept falling all day. Snow enough to make very good sleighing. We all gathered over home to see Jennie and little Bart leave for their home on the morn train. They left the house in a sleigh and the wind was as sharp as knives. All day it grew colder and colder and we feared they would suffer before reaching home. Our new girl came today but she is not well or strong and is not likely to stay long but it will give us a little rest. This evening about 8 o'clock a fire broke out on 6th St not far from us and gave us all a fright as the wind was high. One two story double frame was burned and a tin roof helped prevent its spreading farther.

Friday, January 3, 1879. Thermometer 12 below zero. Colder but not as windy. We have about all we can do to keep warm still as there are two others to look after the fires. I have commenced a flannel skirt for Maggie which she needs very much. School opens again next Monday and she will need all the warm clothes she can wear to keep from freezing. Like myself she feels the cold very much.

Saturday, January 4, 1879. Ther 10 below zero. Still very cold. Bessie Hall came for her music lesson as usual which I gave her. She said her mother returned last night from Cleveland and found it much colder at Columbus and Delaware than here. 24 below zero at the latter place I think she said. I went out to Mrs. Stevenson's after Maggie's new waterproof and stopped at the washer woman's on my way home, found it very cold. Came home and finished the skirt. Letter from Nan Lampton.

Sunday, January 5, 1879. Ther -8 deg. The children and their father went to S.S. as usual, he taking charge of the library for the first time, Mary Glidden being his successor as Sec'y. The children went with us to church in the morning service being in the lecture room owing to a defect in the heating apparatus.

Monday, January 6, 1879. Ther 7. Weather still too cold for any comfort. Maggie made Willie ready and took him to school this morning to make a long promised visit and as she was invited to return in the afternoon he did so. He has the teacher's permission to go as a visitor as long as he behaves well. The arrangement suits me very well as he is very hard to entertain when sister is away. I wrote a note to Miss Watkins asking what she had to say on the subject and she assures me that he is welcome. Jimmie and I went to prayer meeting this evening and I astonished everybody by reading a verse of scripture. No. I've made a mistake in the day. I did not ready this one.

Tuesday, January 7, 1879. Weather cold and unpleasant. I am now making up a new white flannel skirt for myself. Having been without competent help in the kitchen for some time, my sewing has fallen very much behind and many things which we really need for this cold weather are not yet commenced. Went to prayer meeting and read a Bible verse.

Wednesday, January 8, 1879. Cold and disagreeable. Went this morning to see Dr. Pratt and talk over church matters which resulted in Lizzie and myself going to do some visiting among the young members of the church. Find most of them sadly indifferent to the interests of religion in the church. We went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday, January 9, 1879. Very cold and windy and a deep snow on the ground which drifted and deepened all the forenoon making walking very difficult. Lizzie and I made another round today visiting some of the elders and talking with them. The state of affairs in our church is very deplorable, a few gather to the prayer meeting while most of the young people are wholly engrossed with dances and other gaieties, neglecting their duties as Christians and while many of the older members regret that such is the call, yet they say nothing can be done to remedy the evil in the evening.

Friday, January 10, 1879. Snow over everything the deepest we have had this season. Ed Bannon took Lizzie and me out in Ma's sleigh a while this morning. We wanted to see Mrs. Sherman Johnson and then went to see Uncle Jimmie Wood who is sick with cold and a stiff neck. Found him better. Our last call was on Dr. Pratt in the study and we made it a short one. Went to church in the evening and the meeting which was very poorly attended will close the extra ones for the present.

Saturday, January 11, 1879. Cold and clear. The snow is tramped down so that the walking is a little better but it is not good yet. I was busy at home all the forenoon except while giving Bessie Hall her music lesson. After dinner Carrie Stearnes came over with Ma after talking awhile we went to see Dell and Venitia Ramsey and had a

talk with them then I went to see Mary Peebles, had a pleasant visit with her and her mother and then after a short visit over home to stay awhile. I hope.

Sunday, January 12, 1879. Cold. Jimmie, the children and I went to church in the morning and he went alone in the evening. Text Amos 5th & 8th.

Monday, January 13, 1879. Still cold and snowy. The two girls did a part of the washing today and got through with it but not very well. I try all the time to do some sewing but accomplish very little. I think I succeeded in getting my flannel finished late this evening, having to scallop the bottom, took some time.

Tuesday, January 14, 1879. Cold, clear and snowy yet. Jno Peebles came and invited Jimmie & me to their house to tea this evening with Jennie & Mat Boal who leave next week for California on account of her health. Will & Ella Bonsall, Joe & Ella Murray, Jno & Ella Overturf, Will & Addie Greene, Rich & Lizzie P. and ourselves completed the party and it was a very pleasant party.

Wednesday, January 15, 1879. The weather moderated enough to make the walking slippery and dangerous. I have been making Carl some under drawers and they are just the thing for him. Mary Murphy was here awhile today. In the evening we went to church and Jimmie wanted to see Mr. Tewksbury to tell him that Uncle Alex Ricker was very sick again but he was not at church and a trip up to the house proved that he was out of town, he and Mrs. T left this morning in the sleigh for Franklin Fce and Ironton. I wrote to Mother Ricker as usual after coming home.

Thursday, January 16, 1879. Cold and snow enough yet for sleighing. Daily reports from Uncle Alex are not all encouraging. Maggie Sweet left today having satisfied herself that she was unable to do the work. Having finished two pairs of drawers for Carl, I today cut out & commenced a black luster for him to take the place of the white ones he has always worn. Jimmie, baby & I took tea over home with Uncle Enos & Sarah & Cousin Duvall & their wives.

Friday, January 17, 1879. Not quite as cold. There seems to be some prospect of the boats running again. Uncle Drew came today before dinner on his way up to Ironton to see Uncle Alex. H wanted Jimmie to go with him but he did not go.

Saturday, January 18, 1879. Weather has been moderating quite steadily for some time but sleighs are still to be seen on the streets so it has not quite melted all the snow and ice yet. I gave Bessie her music lesson and then hurried home to my work. Have had no time for sewing today and there is very little to show for what I did. Lizzie made me a nice visit this afternoon. Letter from N.L.

Sunday, January 19, 1879. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual then Willie went with us to church. Maggie is not well and we did not want her to go

out again. I had a letter from Jennie this morning. Did not go myself in the evening. Uncle Alex Ricker died at 5pm.

Monday, January 20, 1879. The sun came out bright and warm and is thawing the snow off the roofs very fast. Jimmie came home this morning with a dispatch from Uncle Drew saying Uncle Alex died yesterday evening. He thought some of going up today but decided to go tomorrow. I am very sorry for the friends who have lost such a kind, good husband and father, he had been sick a long time, ever since last May but got so much better that he made two trips to Pittsburgh a few weeks ago and now he has paid the penalty with his life. He is the first of the brothers to go and will be greatly mourned as he was greatly loved but as we have reason to believe that he was a Christian we do not mourn as they who have no such hope. Took Florence Washington to try awhile.

Tuesday, January 21, 1879. Quite pleasant and spring like over head but oh! So slippery and sloppy under foot. Jimmie and John Peebles left today in the buggy for Ironton to attend the funeral tomorrow. I could not go of course and have been very busy all day. Finished Carl's dress all but the buttons & holes and then went to get buttons and thread, to see some dressmakers about making up new black cashmere that Ma gave me yesterday and up to see Mrs. Hamilton and thank her for the presents she sent the children Christmas. Mrs. Murphy was here this morning and Mrs. Clevis Young and Alice in the afternoon. Annie's birthday.

Wednesday, January 22, 1879. Pleasant overhead but wet and disagreeable under foot. Today Uncle Alex Ricker's mortal remains will be laid away in the grave at Ironton. I feel very, very sorry for the family he leaves. Aunt Ada and Helen have cared for him so faithfully that they will miss him even more than if he had died suddenly. Jimmie came home tonight and says they are looking very much worn. I was out this afternoon seeing about my wrapper and dress and when they are well under way I have a pair of pants to make for Willie from an old pair of his fathers. I did not write to Mother Ricker as usual this evening.

Thursday, January 23, 1879. Weather still moderating. Jimmie took cold yesterday and has not been feeling at all well since his return. I sewed on Willie's pants today but did not get them half done. Wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening, also to Helen Ricker.

Friday, January 24, 1879. Still rather warm and damp. Jimmie came home about 1 am and went to bed. I gave him some medicine and he spent the rest of the day trying to sleep off his headache and sore throat. In the evening I wrote to Nan Lampton and began a letter to Jennie which I did not finish. My wrapper came home and it fits me very well and looks well. It is one Mary gave me and I had it made over. Mary Damarin & Mary Shackelford called.

Saturday, January 25, 1879. Lovely and spring like but the walking is unpleasant. Gave Bessie Hall her music lesson then spent the rest of the day preparing for company. Jimmie is still on the sick list but we wanted to have Uncle Enos and Sam, cousin Duvall, Mr. Prescott and their wives and the home folks here to tea before the river opens so this evening was our only chance. Uncle Sam, Mr. & Mrs. Pond, the folks from home, with Rich and Lizzie were all who came.

Sunday, January 26, 1879. Beautiful day. Jimmie and the children went to S.S. as usual then I went with Jimmie & Willie to church in the morning. The rest of the day was spent in lessons and reading except a short while when we went over home.

Monday, January 27, 1879. Rain and sunshine but the sunshine predominated largely. I was at home all day and by hard work succeeded in finishing Willie's pants which he immediately put on and went to stand on the front porch where all passers by could see and admire him. The shop was closed this forenoon owing to the funeral of the foreman's wife, Mrs. Jos Grant. Just after supper Arthur Ricker called to see us. He came down from Ironton today on his way back to Mich where he is engaged at present. We went over home and made a nice little visit. Sent Maggie and Willie out to Mr. Stevensons' alone today alone today and they did my errand nicely.

Tuesday, January 28, 1879. Wet and rainy I went out to Miss Stevenson's today to try my dress on and while I was there it rained very hard. Ma gave me enough fine black cashmere for a polonaise and skirt trimming and I am anxious to have it made up nicely. Pa left tonight for New Orleans.

Wednesday, January 29, 1879. Weather unpleasant and walking very disagreeable. I finally decided to get satin and fringe for my dress and today have sent the things to the dressmaker. Went to church in the evening and Jimmie was to come there and come home with me but he did not get through with his business until after I had come home.

Thursday, January 30, 1879. Cold. Mary brought home a part of the new aprons she is making for the baby and they are just as nice as they can be. I am so busy that it will be great help to me.

Friday, January 31, 1879. Quite cold again. I had to go out to Miss Vinnie Stevenson's this afternoon to try on my dress and Ma went with me. I think it will be very nice. Stopped on my way home to see Maggie Silcox's baby. Paid Florence off this one. Ma brought a girl to see me and I engaged her on trial, to come tomorrow.

Saturday, February 1, 1879. Very cold again. I went out to Miss Stevenson's this morning to get and pay for my dress and while she was putting in the last stitches, I

went up to see Aunt Mary who is sick. After dinner I went to preparatory lecture and then to see Grandma Moore as I had not been there for some time.

Sunday, February 2, 1879. There was scarcely a ray of sun shine today though some persons aver {sp} that there was sufficient for the proverbial ground hog to see his shadow. It was our Communion season but as Carl and baby were both sick and we had to send for the doctor, neither of us went. Colds with sore throat seems to be the principal trouble.

Monday, February 3, 1879. Very bright, pleasant day. Martha did the kitchen work for Sarah but still she was very late getting through with her washing. I'm sorry to fill my pages with kitchen troubles but is just what fills my daily life & if I make a record at all it must be of these things which occupy my mind and time. Miss Fannie Switzer was here this evening. Little Barton is 1 yr old today.

Tuesday, February 4, 1879. Weather not so pleasant as yesterday. Mary in the kindness of her heart is making me a pair of pillow cases for my small pillows, something I've long needed but could not find time to do. I went down street this morning to order mincemeat and then made a hurried trip to Connolley's to get some plaid goods to alter Maggie's dress.

Wednesday, February 5, 1879. Weather cold and disagreeable. The baby is sick with cold and I am not very well myself so I did not go to church this evening but Lizzie came to see if Jimmie was going as Rich had headache & could not, so Jimmie and Lizzie went together. I wrote to Mother Ricker as usual. Miss Fannie Switzer was over home to tea this evening. Miss Watkins came to dinner with the children. Rhoda G. Nickells & Mr. Thompson were married.

Thursday, February 6, 1879. Weather cloudy and unpleasant but as Martha has long been wanting to have a picture taken, I let her go this afternoon and the time was all lost for the result was very unsatisfactory. The girl I have is one of the worst of the many bad ones. I've tried, I can scarcely wait until her week is up to pay her off. This week I've lengthened Maggie's school dress and must do the same for her Sunday one.

Friday, February 7, 1879. Very bright and pleasant over head but muddy and disagreeable underfoot. Lizzie was here a few moments this morning and went home to pay off Katie Galvin who has been with her some time. I went out to the back part of town in search of a girl whom I did not find. After dinner I spent most of the afternoon trying to mount Maggie Bell's picture which proved quite obstinate. Martha had tin type taken today and I paid off Sarah. {written across entry} Pa came home from New Orleans.

Saturday, February 8, 1879. Weather bright and not very cold. I was very busy until time to give Bessie her lesson then after that I was busy again. There seems to be a great many things wanting to be done all at once. Sarah came back today and tried hard to coax Martha to leave me but did not succeed. I began painting Maggie's picture today. Mary E. and Mrs Bonsall were here a while. I went over home. I saw Mary there.

Sunday, February 9, 1879. Weather bright and rather pleasant, though rather cold. The folks went to Sabbath school as usual then Willie went with us to church. Maggie has such a cough that she doesn't want to go and Willie ought not. This was to have been the day for household conservation but our baby & Lucy Moore are both sick and as no others were known of, the day was postponed.

Monday, February 10, 1879. Weather cloudy and unpleasant. Willie was not well but went to school in the forenoon. When he came home he had to go to bed and I was almost sick enough to go too but managed to alter Maggie's dress skirt again and finished painting Maggie Bell's picture which I am doing for her. Jimmie sent the Dr to see us in the evening. Hired a new girl. Uncle Jimmie Wood was here this evening.

Tuesday, February 11, 1879. Weather snowy and disagreeable. In the afternoon it rained and Maggie took an umbrella & lost it. Willie stayed in bed until afternoon and then got up and dressed. I was in bed all day and the baby is sick too all with severe cold. Mary was here two or three times today and brought us the picture of Maggie Bell which she had framed for me. Sallie Peebles was taken sick. {written across entry} Carl spent the day at Lizzie's.

Wednesday, February 12, 1879. Very pleasant bright day. Have been in bed all day and did not feel able to write my usual letter to Mother Ricker. Expect she will be considerably worried over it. Jimmie went to church and stayed after service to a called S.S. meeting to act on the case an incorrigible teacher who has long given trouble to all the officers. They had a storring {sp} time and it will probably end in his leaving which will be well if he stays away. {written across entry} Mary went up to Winona this noon. Gave Martha a fine bible.

Thursday, February 13, 1879. Weather unfavorable and many persons are sick, so that the Dr is very busy. I was alone most of the day and when Jimmie came home in the evening he had to go after the doctor again, went also to pay the B & L. dues for Uncle Drew and then by the time he made a trip to the drug store it was quite late. Martha went to church but came home early. Mrs. Prescott was here this morning.

Friday, February 14, 1879. Cold. I am still in bed but some better than I was yesterday. The children are greatly engaged with their comic valentines the most of them being too ugly for any use. Maggie Peebles came home from her visit to Washington tonight. Willie missed all of this week at school except Monday morning.

Saturday, February 15, 1879. Quite cold and clear. The girl who has been in the kitchen this week left today and I am not very sorry for she didn't suit at all. Martha had to take her place tho' and that left me alone. Carrie Jones, Mrs Dr Dennis and Mary Ellen were in to see me today, also a girl wanting a place but I didn't want her.

Sunday, February 16, 1879. Cold and cloudy. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath school as usual but there was no service at our church as Dr. Pratt is away somewhere consequently Jimmie stayed with me all day. Bot Ma & Lizzie were here during the day.

Monday, February 17, 1879. Wet and disagreeable. Lillie went after Mrs. Thomans who came and promised to do our washing this week. I was obliged to remain in bed all day again and had either Ma or Lizzie for company most of the day. Willie started to school again today after a week's absence.

Tuesday, February 18, 1879. Cold and snowy, enough snow having fallen to start out a few sleighs again. Baby and I have been better today and I dressed about 10 o'clock for all day but Carl was sick all day though he got up and was dressed about 5 o'clock. Ma and Lizzie were here as usual.

Wednesday, February 19, 1879. Still cold and snowy. I got up about 9 o'clock and dressed for the day. Carl is better again today and the baby seems better but I am not able to do anything. Have been trying to write up my book but did not succeed in doing much at it. The folks were over as usual. Maggie Peebles made me a nice long call this afternoon and told me something of her visit to Washington. In the evening Jimmie did not feel well enough to go to church and of course I was not able so we were both at home. I wrote to Mother Ricker. Sallie Peebles is a little better. Pa left today for a trip up in VA.

Thursday, February 20, 1879. Bright and snowy. We are all still improving. I have succeeded today in writing up my book which was neglected for a long while. Ma has been over two or three times and says that Celia has taken a tantrum and as she has gone night after night for weeks to church has concluded that she can't even stay at home and allow Ma to go once a week. Ma has been too indulgent and spoiled Celia with kindness. I have a postal from Nannie Lampton today who says she has been sick.

Friday, February 21, 1879. Some sunshine and a great deal of wind. Lizzie was here this afternoon awhile. A new girl came to see me and I engaged her for Monday. Have not been feeling at all well today and have not done anything or gone anywhere. {written across the entry} Willie began going to Miss Susie Buck as Miss Watkin's room too crowded.

Saturday, February 22, 1879. Rainy disagreeable day. I had just put on my thoughts to go over home and give Bessie her lessons when I met Gracie at the door, come to tell me that Bessie was unable to come. I afterwards went over anyway to see the folks once or twice during the day. Lizzie, Rick & John are staying there while Mary is up at Jennie's.

Sunday, February 23, 1879. More pleasant today but I have not felt able to go out at all, have not even been over home. Pa came home last night from his Virginia trip and came over and sat about an hour with us this afternoon.

Monday, February 24, 1879. Bright and pleasant. I have been feeling better today and went over home three times during the day. Lizzie Gilstar came to try the work a while. Lizzie also got a girl Bettie Winkler who for the present will stay over home with them until Ma's girl comes. I cut out some undergarments for myself and took some sewing over home in the afternoon.

Tuesday, February 25, 1879. Warm and wet with sunshine part of the day. I have felt enough better to sew much of the time today. Both Ma and Lizzie were over during the day.

Wednesday, February 26, 1879. Growing colder all day with a good deal of wind and some snow. Have sewed a little today but did not finish anything. My new girl left today as we disagreed about company and going out. She did not want me to say when she might go or how late she might stay. Ma's old up stairs girl Ellen came back today so Ma is well supplied with help. Got a nice bunch of bananas from Cin.

Thursday, February 27, 1879. Very pleasant. I helped Martha iron all the forenoon and began again in the afternoon but Ma came over and stopped me then Mrs Jones & Emma, Mrs. Connolley, Ma again with John G. Peebles, Mollie York and lastly Fannie Moore & Ralph finished up the list. In the evening I wrote to Jennie.

Friday, February 28, 1879. Very pleasant again today. Martha did the work today and I arranged to sew a little but did not finish off everything. In the afternoon I went down street, stopped to see Miss Buck, Willie's new teacher then went to get a music primer for Bessie Hall. In the evening I was just going over home when Mrs H and Mrs Cotton called.

Saturday, March 1, 1879. Very bright and pleasant. Gave Bessie Hall her lesson in the morning then hurried home to finish up my work. After dinner I went up to the store and got a few things, looked in on Lizzie who has gone to her house again after a stay of more than two weeks at home.

Sunday, March 2, 1879. A rainy, rainy Sunday. The folks went to Sabbath School as usual and then Willie went with his Papa and me to church. The day was spent about as usual with lessons and reading until bed time. Jimmie went to evening service alone.

Monday, March 3, 1879. Cloudy and rather warm. Was busy all the forenoon¹ then in the afternoon Ma and I went up to see Charlie Greene's wife and baby who are at Mrs. E. B. Greene's. I left Ma there and went up to see Hattie Norton but she had just gone home so I missed her again. We stopped at Mrs. Tewksbury's and in her absence Mrs. T and Jimmie did the honors and showed us around. The girl's pictures and the pit being the sights.

Tuesday, March 4, 1879. Not very pleasant, some sunshine but more clouds and in the evening it rained. Jimmie was a delegate to the Rep. Convention this evening and among the nominations was Judge Towne for Mayor. Ma and Lizzie were here.

Wednesday, March 5, 1879. Lovely day with plenty of sunshine and warm air. I spent the forenoon cleaning up and then after dinner went over home to help receive Mary on her return from Jennie's. It is very pleasant to have her back again. In the evening Jimmie and I went to church, then up to see Lizzie who was sick this afternoon. Wrote to Mother R.

Thursday, March 6, 1879. Cloudy and rainy most of the day and warm enough almost to let the fires die out. We are all very well once more. I sewed a little and then in the afternoon went up to see how Lizzie was, Mary was there and we visited together awhile then I went to Mr. Connolley's to get a few little things. Ma and Mary were over several times during the day. It is just 15 years today since I united with the 1st Presbyterian Church.

Friday, March 7, 1879. Very pleasant. A girl was here today whom I engaged to come tomorrow to do the housework and let Martha try the kitchen work. Mrs. S. G. Johnson and Mrs. Pratt her Aunt called here today and I felt very much

¹ *Forenoon*: the period of daylight before noon; the latter part of the morning.

complimented as I had not called upon the stranger at all but intend doing so as soon as I can.

Saturday, March 8, 1879. Lovely day. Quite warm and pleasant. The new girl, Mattie O'Neal came this morning while I was over home giving Bessie her lesson. After I was ready I went up to Connolley's and got some material for garters for the children and then spent the rest of the forenoon at Lizzie's, leaving there after the 12 o'clock whistles blew. John has not been at all well and about 1 ½ o'clock he had a spasm and was very sick the rest of the day.

Sunday, March 9, 1879. Another pleasant day. Our folks went to Sabbath School and Jimmie and Nellie went to church but I spent the time at Lizzie's. John had another spasm in the night and she sent down for us. I stayed until about 10 o'clock A.M.

Monday, March 10, 1879. Very pleasant. Mattie O'Neal the new house girl came this morning but I shall not build many hopes on her coming. No I am mistaken again, she came last Sat. and there is nothing of much interest to note except a call from Dr. Pratt's wife I believe at Lizzie's just as Ma and I were on our way there. We have been to see Mary Coleman about Martha and Celia. I was down street and Ma and Mary had been up street and we met on 2nd street. The girl's questions annoy me a great deal. Paid Martha \$9.00.

Tuesday, March 11, 1879. Another anniversary of the death of sister Annie has come around, fourteen years I think, since she died. Tonight I had a postal from Nan saying she would be here Friday of this week. Dr. and Mrs. Pratt called.

Wednesday, March 12, 1879. Very pleasant. I was out this forenoon, no afternoon it was, went to see Lizzie and met Maggie Peebles and Maggie Meredith there then went to see Ella Bonsall and tell her that Nan would be here Friday. We went to church in the evening.

Thursday, March 13, 1879. Lovely day but I've been too busy to enjoy it. Just after breakfast, Mattie said she was sick so I had to send her home and do all the house cleaning myself which was rather too much for one as I also had the children to look after but I got through with it.

Friday, March 14, 1879. Bright and pleasant tho' rather cool. Jimmie and Willie went to the boat and escorted Nannie Lampton up to the house before breakfast. We are hoping to have a nice visit from her. No one except Ma and Mary came in to call but Mr. and Mrs. Meredith and Willie were here to dinner and supper.

Saturday, March 15, 1879. Rather bright and pleasant. Mattie came back this morning and if I can keep the two girls, they ought to do the work nicely. We stayed at home all day except the hour that I spent with Bessie Hall over home. Today ends her first quarter I think.

Sunday, March 16, 1879. Bright in the morning but in the evening it was snowy and disagreeable. Jimmy was the only representative of our church. Lizzie was here a few moments in the afternoon, Uncle Jimmie was here for tea.

Monday, March 17, 1879. Cold and gloomy looking, snow is on the ground again in places where the water has not melted it. Martha announced her intention of leaving today just after dinner much to my surprise and annoyance. A visit to her mother leads me to think I have been greatly deceived in and by her. Emma Johnson called this afternoon to see Nan.

Tuesday, March 18, 1879. A most beautiful day which we have spent at home except a part of the afternoon where we were over home. No it was yesterday that we went home. Martha left today consequently I have only Mattie the nurse girl in the kitchen. Ella Bonsall and Bessie, and Mattie Gaylord called today.

Wednesday, March 19, 1879. Indications of rain but none fell. We were at home all day and I sewed a little on Carl's aprons. Before church Maggie and Mary Peebles called and we all walked down together, that is four of us, Jimmie stayed with the children.

Thursday, March 20, 1879. Cloudy and warm. Nan went up to Ella Bonsall's to spend the day and I was busy at home. During the day Mrs. Lee Murphy, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Enos Moore, Mrs. Elders and Adah called and after tea Will Waller and Mary L. Murray came and spent the evening. Leroy Brookes and Miss Mitchell of Walnut Hills were married this evening.

Friday, March 21, 1879. Weather warm and spring like. We spent most of the day sewing but late in the afternoon concluded to take a short walk and went out to Clara Pursell's, then up to Connolley's. While we were out Mrs. Mary Glidden called.

Saturday, March 22, 1879. The rain which was falling this morning continued most of the day so that after I had given Bessie her usual music lesson, I had remained at home and sewed on Carl's aprons assisted by Nannie who makes her self very useful as well as agreeable. Mollie Murray was here late in the afternoon.

Sunday, March 23, 1879. Very pleasant all day. After S.S. we all went to church leaving Carl and the baby with Mattie. Had lessons in the afternoon and before they were done Mr. Warner called to see Nan. Pa came in later. In the evening Nan and I went with Ma and Mary to the 2nd Pres. Church and heard a young man preach for Mr. Ketchum.

Monday, March 24, 1879. Somewhat April like with clouds and sunshine alternating. It being the day for public examinations in the primary grades, Ma and I attended to see what Maggie and Willie were doing. It is the first since they entered school and I am anxious to be able to attend them regularly. It rained while we were there but when we came home it was bright. After dinner Nan and I made calls at Mrs. Gaylord's, Mollie Murray's, Maggie and Mary Peebles', Mrs. Elder's, Uncle Enos, Mary Murphy's, Alice Higgins and Mary L. Murray's. Had a long walk which would have been pleasant had it not been so windy. Lena Dunham called on Nan today.

Tuesday, March 25, 1879. A very delightful day which we have enjoyed thoroughly. We went down street to do a few errands then I came home and Nan went to Ella Bonsall's alone. While she was gone Julia Pratt and Maud Ross called to see her.

Wednesday, March 26, 1879. Very pleasant in the forenoon. Emma Johnson and Jennie Tewksbury called just before dinner. In the afternoon we had a hard shower of rain and hail with thunder. Some of us went to prayer meeting owing to the hard rain. I wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

Thursday, March 27, 1879. Beautiful day. Nan went down to Lena Bolle's or rather Dunham's this morning and was invited to tea there tomorrow evening. We were over home to spend the afternoon and take tea today. Lizzie and Rich were there also. Mrs. Maggie Patterson was buried this afternoon, funeral from All Saints Church.

Friday, March 28, 1879. Lovely day, we should have gone out to the greenhouse but for an engagement which Nan had to spend the afternoon with Lena Bolles. We went down street just before dinner, I wanted to see Miss Watkins and Nan wanted her pin from Mr. Zoellner's.

Saturday, March 29, 1879. We had a variety of weather today, a little sunshine but more clouds with some rain hail and thunder. Lillie Kinney called upon Nan. I was busy all day and until late in the evening consequently was very tired.

Sunday, March 30, 1879. Cloudy and rainy most of the day. We attended the usual services in the forenoon but in the evening no one went from over house except Jimmie.

Monday, March 31, 1879. Beautiful bright day but not too warm for winter wraps. Spent the forenoon getting the house in order and after dinner while Carl was asleep and the other older children playing in the yard. Nan and I went down street to do some errands then walked out on Gallia to the green house. Met Ella Bonsall at the store and she walked home with us and made a call. While we were out Mrs. Chas W. Greene and Ella called. The children have one week of vacation beginning today and they scarcely know how to put in the time.

Tuesday, April 1, 1879. Lovely bright day. All the forenoon I was busy sweeping and dusting while Nan was down street—then after dinner we dressed to go to Mr. Bell's but decided to go to the green house instead so we called for Lizzie who went with us. We were unfortunate about meeting cars so walked most of the way and were very tired when we came home.

Wednesday, April 2, 1879. Bright and pleasant. We were invited up to Lizzie's to dinner and as Nan had some errands down street she went and attended to them then baby and I followed at our leisure. We spent the afternoon there very pleasantly coming home in time for tea after which Nan and I went to church while Jimmie stayed with the children. Mattie Gaylord called after we came home from Lizzie's.

Thursday, April 3, 1879. Very windy, cold, dusty and disagreeable. We planned to go out to Mr. Bell's this afternoon and got dressed for it—then I went up to Lizzie's on an errand and found it so cold that we abandoned the idea and stayed at home. The children have been visiting at Lizzie's most of the day. They regard those visits as great treats.

Friday, April 4, 1879. Very windy, and disagreeable still in the afternoon. Nan and I ventured out to return some calls and see Mrs. Cunningham, and Frank who is staying at home during her father's illness. We called to see Julia Pratt, Maude Ross and Jennie Tewksbury then came home. West Lodwick called to see Nan this evening.

Saturday, April 5, 1879. Bright and cool. Nan and Lizzie went to the green house this morning taking Maggie and Willie with them. I was too busy to go. Soon after dinner Ma and I went to the boat with Nan to see her off, then we went to several

stores and finally home again where there was enough to keep one busy until late bedtime. Bessie Hall missed her lesson today as she is in Cin.

Sunday, April 6, 1879. A lovely day which everybody seems to enjoy. We attended the usual services and discharged the usual duties of the day after which I went up to see Lizzie a few minutes—she came home from church sick and went to bed at noon. We have missed Nan today.

Monday, April 7, 1879. Raining when we opened the windows in the morning but about noon it cleared up and was pleasant. We went down on the boat today to visit in Manchester and attend Presbytery. After dinner I took my work and sat awhile with Lizzie who has been sick in bed all day but is not dangerously so. Rec'd another small dividend from the Amazon Insurance Co. 1.60. Maggie graded² into Emma Fenton's room.

Tuesday, April 8, 1879. Another pleasant day. I went up to see how Lizzie was and found her much better. Wrote to Jennie and the letter hadn't left down until I had one from her. The new girl, Sarah Colgrove came this morning and I hope she will prove better than her predecessors.

Wednesday, April 9, 1879. Beautiful spring like weather but rather windy and dusty. Lizzie was here a little while and when she left to go to the dressmaker's I went down to school to ask Miss Buck if Willie really needed a 2nd Reader as he said. She said he was right so after church Jimmie and I went down street to get one but the supply was exhausted, where we went and we must wait until tomorrow.

Thursday, April 10, 1879. Weather still very pleasant. I cut out two waists for Willie today and made the cuffs and collars for them which was about all I did. Wrote to John and Enos this evening.

Friday, April 11, 1879. Quite bright and pleasant. Was busy sewing on Willie's waists all forenoon and did not go over home until noon as Ma came to see us before breakfast and then went up to Lizzie's, who went off very unexpectedly to the rest of us to make a visit in Cin. After dinner I went over home with my work but Ma was asleep most of the time.

Saturday, April 12, 1879. Bright warm and windy. Gave Bessie Hall her usual music lesson after dinner instead of in the morning. Finished off two new shirt waists for Willie.

² Graded: advanced

Sunday, April 13, 1879. Very bright and would be pleasant if the wind did not blow so. The usual services were attended and other duties done. Pa came home from Cin. this morning and brought the two boys pretty little Easter cards appropriate to the day and for Maggie a paper lady dressed in the latest style.

Monday, April 14, 1879. Cloudy but no rain. Was out a little while this morning while the sun was shining. Went to the school to see how the children were doing, then up to see Grandma and Lucy who Mary told me were sick. Went to the store for goods to make a couple pairs of drawers for Willie then came home to cut and make them. It was after 9 PM when the last button hold was made. Had a letter from Nannie Lampton.

Tuesday, April 15, 1879. Cloudy most of the day and after 3 P.M. it grew much colder. I made a skirt for Carl and when it was finished, put on my things and went to see Grandma who is sick. Aunt Maria is there today. I also went to see how Mary Peebles and little John were, then to the store a few minutes and home again. Clara Pursell was here this morning.

Wednesday, April 16, 1879. Very pleasant in the forenoon but I went up street after dinner to get lining for Willie's pants and was caught in the rain. I cut out two pairs of pants and put the pockets in before night. It rained hard in the evening and we both remained at home. I wrote to Mother Ricker as usual.

Thursday, April 17, 1879. Weather very cloudy and cold for the season. Thought of sending for John but it was too unpleasant for him to go out, so I sewed busily on Willie's pants all day until Aunt Maria McCall came then I went to show her the pit.

Friday, April 18, 1879. Weather varied, a little sunshine but more clouds and still cold enough for winter clothes and fires. Went up to Mr. Peebles; after a visit to Grandma, and brought John home with me for a visit. Sent him back about 4 o'clock. Had letter from Enos. Finished off two prs pants for Willie.

Saturday, April 19, 1879. Beautiful day but still quite windy. Gave Bessie her usual lesson then came home and did some mending also finished enough trimming for one pair panties. After dinner took baby and some work over home to visit awhile with Ma and Mrs. Hamilton who is there spending the day.

Sunday, April 20, 1879. Very fair and pleasant. Rev. Wm. Calhoun of Ironton preached for Dr. Pratt today. I was at church in the morning but not at night. The afternoon was spent as usual with reading and the catechism.

Monday, April 21, 1879. Very pleasant. Began on some white waists for Willie today but after spending most of the forenoon and a part of the afternoon in trying to get material together, I did not accomplish much sewing. Bought part of a bolt of muslin at Mr. Brodbeck's.

Tuesday, April 22, 1879. Still pleasant though quite dry and dusty. Was most of the day making the collars and cuffs for Willie's waists.

Wednesday, April 23, 1879. Rather cloudy but no rain to settle the dust. Lizzie came home this morning and just after dinner Jennie came with her baby so we all spent the afternoon over home together. Mary gave me two lovely little green house bouquets and sent one to Grandma by me when I went to see how she was. We went to church in the evening.

Thursday, April 24, 1879. A little cloudy again but still no rain. We took up the parlor carpet, cleaned and put it down again today so I was quite busy though there were two others beside myself to do the work. I am having a bunting basque and overdress made at Miss Gossim's so had to go and try it on.

Friday, April 25, 1879. The housecleaning still goes on though I took no part in it today except to replace the books in the bookcase. The folks were in and out several times but I could not visit very satisfactorily. Have cut out a jacket and pants which I am trying to make for Willie and then think he will have enough to do him for awhile.

Saturday, April 26, 1879. By working diligently, I succeeded in getting Willie's jacket ready for tomorrow, then about supper time I hurried up to the store and got two pairs stockings. We had the yard cleaned and roots planted today. Gave Bessie her usual lesson.

Sunday, April 27, 1879. Very pleasant, too warm for wraps. We went to church as usual and heard Dr. Pratt preach upon the 3rd petition of the Lord's Prayer. He is preaching a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. Grandpa Ricker is 66 years old today and Mr. Tewksbury is 71.

Monday, April 28, 1879. Rather cloudy in the forenoon but bright after dinner and all prospect of rain gone. Jimmie and Bartie came over early to stay a day or two with us. Late in the afternoon Ma, Mary and Lizzie were here and Mrs. Sam'l Reed called. After tea Mary Ellen and Mary Moore came to see Jimmie, and then Mrs. Greene and Ma came again.

Tuesday, April 29, 1879. Bright and pleasant though very dusty. After dinner the home folks and Lizzie and John came to spend the afternoon and take tea with us. When all the little folks get together they make quite a swarm. Maggie, Willie, Carl, John, Bartie and Lizzie, six of them. Maggie Peebles came to see Jennie this afternoon.

Wednesday, April 30, 1879. Still dry and dusty and the weather is somewhat cooler indicating rain in the vicinity but none here. Have been all day trying to get something done to a black skirt for my new bunting suit but did not accomplish very much.

Thursday, May 1, 1879. Cooler but still dry and very dusty. All the forenoon I was over home with Mary working on some pictures that I wanted to finish up then after dinner we were all invited over there to spend the afternoon and take tea. The grand children and grand parents all being asked. Mr. and Mrs. Peebles were away but Mr. and Mrs. Greene were there and Mrs. Hamilton besides Jennie and Bartie, Rich, Lizzie and John and our whole family. Mary and I spent most of the afternoon painting, she on Freddie Greene's picture and I, a small one of Carl.

Friday, May 2, 1879. Lovely day. Spent the forenoon at work then after dinner I put it aside to go over the river with Jimmie and the children to get ferns we found plenty and brought home a large basketful but not half so many as I want. Jennie went up to Mr. Greene's to stay until Monday.

Saturday, May 3, 1879. Bright and pleasant but very dusty. Was busy all day until time to go to preparatory lecture. Sewed some on my dress skirt, did a little in the yard and wanted to do many things for which I had no time. Mary's plants from Painesville came and all very satisfactory. She gave me a Saffrano rose. She got 7 roses and 11 carnations for \$3.00 also one heliotrope.

Sunday, May 4, 1879. Rained a little in the night. Beautiful day. We had three services today, all of which we attended. Preaching morning and evening and Communion in the afternoon. Hattie Damarin and two others united with the church on profession and four or five by letter. Dr. Pratt preached his sermons today that have recasioned a great deal of comment and discontent.

Monday, May 5, 1879. Very pleasant. This being the last day of Jennie's visit I tried to spend as much of my time over there as I could. Having my black skirt to finish I took it over and sewed all the time I was there. Today we have been talking of

leaving the 1st church and going to the 2nd unless there is a change made. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction in the congregation.

Tuesday, May 6, 1879. Another lovely day. Jennie went on the noon train so I spent most of the forenoon over home. Went with her up to see Lizzie who is sick in bed with neuralgia. Mr. and Mrs. Greene were down to see Jennie off as usual. She has a cold and is very hoarse but thought she must go anyway. In the afternoon Ma and I went out to Mr. Bell's to see Mrs. Collins.

Wednesday, May 7, 1879. A bright lovely day but one that I have spent quite uncomfortably in bed sick with cold I suppose the result of wearing a thinner dress than usual yesterday. Lizzie and John were here an hour or two in the afternoon. Ma and Mary were here also several times during the day. Ma and I intended going to Cin. today but I was not able to go.

Thursday, May 8, 1879. Bright and beautiful but cool enough for fires yet. I am a little better this morning but not well enough to be up yet. Ma and Mary went to the farm this morning to see the flowers. Mrs. Spry came in to see me a few minutes tho' she did not know I was sick.

Friday, May 9, 1879. Warm and dry. Was in bed all day but felt better and sat up in bed some in the forenoon then in the afternoon I sat up and mended up all of Jimmie's summer socks, rather a tiresome piece of work.

Saturday, May 10, 1879. Still warm, dry and very dusty. I got up to breakfast this morning and stayed up until nearly 10 o'clock P.M. Lucy Collins came to take dinner and spend the afternoon with Maggie. Mrs. Prescott was here to see me a while. She is very kind to come when I am sick.

Sunday, May 11, 1879. Quite warm. Jimmie and the children went to S.S. as usual and he, Willie and Ma went to church but I was not able to go out, either in the morning or in the afternoon when the service for the baptism of infants took place.

Monday, May 12, 1879. Weather very warm and sultry. I felt scarcely able to be up this morning but managed to stay up and regulate two closets and the large packing box besides cutting and making two pairs of stocking for Maggie. They were some Mary gave me and made excellent stockings when done.

Tuesday, May 13, 1879. Some promise of rain but not enough to do any good. I began lengthening Carl's last summer dresses and fixed four of them today besides

attending to the removal of the flowers from the pit to the beds. Maggie Mason and her little boy were here this forenoon. Had a letter from Nan Lampton.

Wednesday, May 14, 1879. Very warm and dry but some indications of rain all day which were fulfilled this evening and as I write a very refreshing rain is falling. I sewed busily all day. Finished fixing Carl's fifth white dress before dinner and then after dinner I ripped the trimming off his blk luster and had Sarah wash it then I made it all up again before supper. Mattie went to a picnic in the afternoon.

Thursday, May 15, 1879. Delightful since the rain. The bath tub was brought today and the men came to put it in place in the little room over the hall. Mrs. Peebles was here this afternoon. Made a white Marseilles cloak for baby.

Friday, May 16, 1879. Very pleasant, as regards weather. The men were here to finish up the bath tub and pipes and we anticipate a great deal of comfort with it. I began the first short dress for Lizzie today but did not finish it.

Saturday, May 17, 1879. Bright and pleasant. Began the day's work by giving Bessie her music lesson then spent the rest of the day finishing a short dress for baby, the first that I've made her. It was one Lizzie gave me to make for her, a dotted swiss trimmed with lace. Our bath tub is in place at last and the children were bathed in it today. Mrs. Iams and Mrs. Gharly called.

Sunday, May 18, 1879. Warm with a very little indication of rain. We went to church both morning and evening and the children and I went over the catechism as usual in the afternoon.

Monday, May 19, 1879. Very warm and bright. Nothing unusual occurred to break the monotony of the day. All day I have been busy mending and twice I went over home. The folks, having no girl, stay rather closely at home.

Tuesday, May 20, 1879. Warm and dry. Spent most of the day trying to make over a lace cap for baby and was unsuccessful until about the third attempt—when I finally got one together that will do for the present. Was up to Lizzie's twice during the afternoon. She is sick in bed again but we hope it will not prove very serious.

Wednesday, May 21, 1879. Rather warm. Was busy all the forenoon getting ready to go to Cin, Mary baby and I went and took Mattie to stay with baby while we did our shopping. There were quite a number of passengers, among them Peter Neudorfer and bride. Mr. and Mrs. Rowes and son, relatives of Rev. Mr. Peters' wife. The trip down was very pleasant.

Thursday, May 22, 1879. Cooler than yesterday but it was warm enough while we were up street shopping. Uncle Sam went with Mary and me and we left Mattie and the baby at the Burnet House. After visiting four stores we found a pretty red and black ingrain carpet at Thom's costing 85 cts per yard. Also bought two parasols, some hose, gloves, ect. and a gold pin for baby bought with her \$5.00 that Grandpa and Grandma sent her Christmas.

Friday, May 23, 1879. Quite cool all day, we found it necessary to have a little fire on baby's account. Reached home for breakfast and found all well except Lizzie and John, she is better than we left her and he is about sick with cold though they both came down home with me when I went up to see them. The folks all seem to like the new carpet very well.

Saturday, May 24, 1879. Very warm and close. I tried hard to finish off the flannel skirt that has been on hands so long but was over home a time or two and up to Lizzie's once or twice so did not accomplish much. John is sick again with a new tooth.

Sunday, May 25, 1879. Very sultry and close and late in the day we had a most delightful rain with some sharp thunder and lightning. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath School as usual and we went next time to church.

Monday, May 26, 1879. Rained in the morning but not in the afternoon. Was busy all the forenoon straightening up drawers and closets and after dinner Ma went with me to see about Maggie's dress. I got some silk in Cin. and had considerable trouble finding something suitable to put with it. Miss Stevenson will make it.

Tuesday, May 27, 1879. Everything seems refreshed by the rain still it is quite warm. I made a short dress for baby today and after school went with Maggie out to Miss Stevenson to try her dress on. Willie went with Mr. Peebles and Mary to ride. We had delicious strawberries and cream for tea. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Wednesday, May 28, 1879. Very pleasant. Have been sewing some but find a great many things to call me away from my work. Rich and Lizzie have been breaking up housekeeping and moving home today. This evening I was greatly astonished to find a handsome new black silk dress on my bed under a pile of loose papers but failed to find who gave it to me. Wrote to Jennie.

Thursday, May 29, 1879. Ma and I went down street together this afternoon to look at paper, I had been down in the morning to have Miss Gossin alter my new silk basque a little, then I went on down to see if Jimmie couldn't go to look for paper

but he was busy so I went alone. I am not making much progress with the little dresses one a day is about all I can do.

Friday, May 30, 1879. Hard rain in afternoon. This being Decoration day and the time appointed for presenting the Soldier's Monument today to the city, by the Ladie's Aid Society, it was very generally observed by closing up business houses, also the schools half a day, and throngs of people from near and far were here to join in the procession and hear the music and speeches and witness the unveiling of the monument in the Park.

Saturday, May 31, 1879. Quite pleasant. Bessie Hall's music lesson was first in order after which I came home and finished a short dress for baby, I have five ready for button holes. In the afternoon it was quite warm and we fully appreciated the bath room while getting the children bathed.

Sunday, June 1, 1879. Very pleasant, warm in the forenoon but just as we reached home a shower fell which was followed by others during the afternoon. We went to church in the morning and a union Bible meeting at our church in the evening.

Monday, June 2, 1879. Cloudy and cool with several showers during the day and a hard rain in the evening. The girls took up my old carpet this morning and moved things out, so the painters could get to work at noon. I spent most of the day working in the yard, being damp and cool it was very favorable to transplanting.

Tuesday, June 3, 1879. Lovely day, so fresh and cool after the rain of yesterday, we found it necessary to have a fire in the dining room for baby's benefit. In the forenoon I went over to call on Gussie Halderman, then down street to see about Maggie's hat and some border for the dining room. Then up to Mr. Peebles to see Saidie Crossley, she was out but the girls and Maggie Mason were there. After dinner Mary and I went down street to do some errands. The painters finished taking off the old paint and put on the new coat today.

Wednesday, June 4, 1879. Very pleasant. Ma, Mattie and I almost finished taking the paper off my room today. Mrs. Crossley called in the forenoon and upon invitation came in the afternoon with us to Florence and Gay to take tea with us. We had a pleasant visit and the rest was a needed one for me.

Thursday, June 5, 1879. Very warm today, especially about 2 o'clock when I went to Mr. Reilly's to select paper for our room. Jimmie met me there and after considerable deliberation, we decided upon a handsome color, black or brown and

gilt. Button holes have been occupying most of my time today except when I wrote to the boys.

Friday, June 6, 1879. Cool in the morning. Devoted this day to skirt making, cut out two for Carl and three for Lizzie which I hope to finish this week. The home folks are papering and housecleaning and I would be glad to help them only they do not seem to need me, five women, one man and a boy being already on their working force.

Saturday, June 7, 1879. Rather cool early in the morning but warm enough later. Bessie's music lesson occupied my earliest attention after which I came home and sewed until noon. After dinner, went to get Maggie's hat, met Mrs. Tewksbury who asked me to go with her to see Laura Southard and Bertha Willis, which I did, then came home and sewed until too dark to see.

Sunday, June 8, 1879. Delightful day but a cold prevented me enjoying it as thoroughly as others did; however I attended church twice and went through with the children's lessons as usual. Baby wore her short clothes today for the first time and seemed to enjoy it.

Monday, June 9, 1879. So cool in the early morning that we had fire in the dining room for the baby but later in the day it was very warm. I had set apart this day for beginning to make the carpet but Mary came and helped cut it then Ma and Lizzie helped make it so tonight it is folded away ready to be put on the floor. So much for good friends.

June 10 (Tuesday) 1879. The weather is delightfully cool but is giving colds to Mary. The painter varnished the paint today and tomorrow we take possession of the room to make it habitable again. I worked a little on baby's skirt but do not expect to do so again very soon.

Wednesday, June 11, 1879. Very pleasant, rather cool for the season but comfortable for work. Mary came over early to help me paper my room and we spent a very delightful day feeling that we need not hurry but take it as easy as possible and enjoy ourselves together. Mattie did the pasting for us. Jimmie and I went to church in the evening. Bertha Miller and Nora Franklin called this morning.

Thursday, June 12, 1879. Quite warm. All day Mary has been helping me with the papering. We finished our bedroom about noon and began on the dining room

after dinner the paper is dark with a darker dado³ and two borders costing altogether only \$2.60. We did not finish but three sides of the room today.

Friday, June 13, 1879. This has been a busy and eventful day. Ma put the new carpet on our floor, and it was hard work, Gussie Halderman called before it was done. In the morning Mary helped me finish papering the dining room. It is Fannie Moore's 19th birthday and today Charlie and Jake Ricker graduate at the St. Louis High School. They sent us programmes.

Saturday, June 14, 1879. We were all busy today finishing up. Had a boy to help in the forenoon and put the matting belonging to our room in the dining room moved the furniture into our room and got things so we could sleep downstairs again. Having been upstairs almost two weeks, we can appreciate it now. Mrs. Pratt and Laura Southard called.

Sunday, June 15, 1879. At the morning service Mr. John Pratt preached and as there was a praise meeting at the 2nd church, our congregation was invited out there so we went in the evening. It was more like a concert than I expected it to be.

Monday, June 16, 1879. Weather rather warmer than it has been. All day I have been moving things around and trying to get settled back into old quarters which seem much more desirable than those we lately occupied. I want Maggie to take the front room upstairs now for hers and try to take care of it her self.

Tuesday, June 17, 1879. Warm, in the forenoon Mattie emptied the packing box and papered it inside then after dinner as I put away the cloaks, overcoats, winter clothes ect. Lizzie was over a little while and seemed to be feeling quite badly, she is not at all well.

Wednesday, June 18, 1879. Lizzie's birthday, 23rd, but I had forgotten it until Mary told me that a pair of earrings which Rich gave her were intended as a birthday gift. I have been among the boxes, trunks and drawers, putting them in order. Jimmie and I went to prayer meeting which was led by Mr. Murray.

Thursday, June 19, 1879. Weather rather pleasant. I am still busy getting the house in order. This was blanket day and it proved to be very tiresome. Pa and Jimmie went to Waverly on the early train and the girls and I devoted the day to the bed clothes. Ma gave me a nice bedstead, she does not need and we have set it up in a spare room to lay the carpets on until fall, thus not in use.

³ *Dado*: the lower broad part of an interior wall finished in wallpaper, a fabric, paint, etc.

Friday, June 20, 1879. Still dry and dusty. I was down street today trying to pay up by debts before the end of the month. Mr. Connolley's was the only one I found counted up so it was paid \$11.90. I went to see Maggie Mason while out. Miss Alice Kinney of Cin. is visiting Lizzie. Have been altering the lambrequins⁴ for my room.

Saturday, June 21, 1879. This is or has been the long day of the year and it has been a very busy one with me. Mattie and I cleaned the hall, taking up and putting down the carpet. I omitted Bessie's music lesson. Lizzie gave a small party to her guest Miss Kinney of Cin. this evening and we enjoyed our share of it very much. The sugar, 50 lbs., which was ordered did not come here and seems to be lost. Mr. G's man said he brought it but none of us saw him or it.

Sunday, June 22, 1879. Warm and dry. According to promise, I went to S.S. this morning to teach Maggie Peebles' class, then to church both morning and evening. The rest of the day was spent about as usual.

Monday, June 23, 1879. Very warm. I had several errands to do this morning before beginning to sew, so I went early to the dyer's and got my gloves, then to Mr. Brodbeck's and paid my \$11.41 bill, Mrs. Nickell's to see my bonnet, to the drug store, to see Grandma Moore and finally to call on Em Voorhees but she was out. In the evening Jimmie and I went up to see Sallie Peebles, saw Margaret and Julia on our way up.

Tuesday, June 24, 1879. Very warm and dry. Was at home sewing on a lawn dress for Maggie all day except a little while that I spent visiting over home. This evening I am alone with Carl and baby. Jimmie and the children having gone with Ma to see about a cow over the Scioto river.

Wednesday, June 25, 1879. A sudden wind and shower came up today and nearly demolished our awning but I managed to tie it up for repairs. We couldn't do well without it now. Went to church in the evening and after that walked down to the shop with Jimmie to get and express a small pkg to some farmer needing repairs.

Thursday, June 26, 1879. Very warm. I have been busy all forenoon with a dress for Maggie but laid it aside after dinner to go and visit the schools as the children wished me to do so. Ma met me there and spent an hour or more in hearing them

⁴ *Lambrequin*: a curtain or drapery covering the upper part of an opening, as a door or window, or suspended from a shelf.

recite. After tea Emma Voorhees and two children came and made a call. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Friday, June 27, 1879. Jimmie and Pa left on the 4 o'clock train again this morning for Waverly and returned in the evening. I have been making Maggie some new dresses this week first a lawn then altered a white one lastly made two new gingham and when I alter her white swiss, hers will all be done. School closed today and the children each have certificates for grading.

Saturday, June 28, 1879. Rained this morning for which we were thankful, it would be welcome to me every day or two. At noon our boys, John and Enos came on the Scioto Valley train and we are of course delighted to see them once more. They are a little thinner than last summer when home but still look very well. Gave Bessie her lesson.

Sunday, June 29, 1879. Bright in the morning but after I was just ready to start to church a drenching rain began to fall and continued until half an hour after church time so none of us reached there. Mattie being away, I missed the evening service also.

Monday, June 30, 1879. Warm. Have been expecting Mattie all day but she did not come until night and then it was only to say that she wanted to go back to the Worlen Factory to work which of course, I was willing she should do, so she took her money and left.

Tuesday, July 1, 1879. Still warm. Maggie went to work quite willingly to do as much of Mattie's work as she can and it will be good for her if she only keeps at it faithfully. We will try for awhile to get along with Sarah alone. I am trying to sew a little on some skirts for Maggie, finished off one today all but a little piece of trimming which Lizzie offered to make for me.

Wednesday, July 2, 1879. Bessie Hall took a lesson. Quite warm, indeed I may say hot. I had a plan to carry out this morning but it was frustrated by Jimmie's sending for Maggie to go and see a boat launched. About 10 o'clock I wandered off down street and wasted the rest of the forenoon on the grade with hundreds of others who like myself missed the sight while at dinner. Willie dined at Mr. Gilbert's and saw it afterwards. Paid Mr. Reilly also Mrs. Nickells.

Thursday, July 3, 1879. Very warm. Every body is getting ready for the 4th except us and we are preparing to remain at home quietly. This afternoon late, Mary and I went to call upon Sallie Chandler Sloan at Mr. Miles' also at Mrs. Dunlap's and Mr.

Tewksbury's. We had quite a pleasant time while out. After our return, and before tea Miss Fannie Switzer and Ralph called here.

Friday, July 4, 1879. The usual weather and pastimes prevailed today, a hot forenoon was followed by hard rains in the afternoon to cool off the hundreds of picnic parties who were in the woods. Pa and Rich were in Cin. but all the rest of us remained at home.

Saturday, July 5, 1879. Very delightful since the rain of yesterday. I cut out work and sewed on it during the forenoon but after dinner, Jimmie got a barouche⁵ and pair of white horses and took our family and Ma up to Mr. Davis' and bought a cow for Maggie in accordance with Grandpa's wishes. I lost my red breast-pin while out. Gave Bessie her music lesson.

Sunday, July 6, 1879. Hot and bright. The usual services were attended in the forenoon but we did not go to the S.S. Union meeting in the afternoon which was held at the 1st Pres church. No service there in the evening so the folks, Jimmie included, went out to the 2nd church. My pin was found and returned today for which I am glad. Got my pin again.

Monday, July 7, 1879. Very warm and sultry. Mary and I went down street and back before 9 o'clock and were too warm for anything when we came back. I hired a washerwoman to help Sarah today. Finished off the fine white underskirt which I began Saturday for Maggie.

Tuesday, July 8, 1879. Very warm. I went again to see Mr. Hathaway about Maggie's photo which he promised to have ready for me Thursday then I came home and sewed or rather cut out sewing. Cut six skirts for Lizzie and two for Carl and made the waists of all except the bias binding around the top. The Fourth street family give a party tonight for the Ramsey girls of Springfield, who are visiting Fannie and Mary. Pa and Ma and the boys were invited but all the rest of us were left out.

Wednesday, July 9, 1879. Hot as ever. Gave Bessie Hall her usual lesson in the morning then came home and sewed busily the rest of the day. After tea I secured John's company and went up to say good bye to Miss Switzer, then to the store and lastly to prayer meeting. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, July 10, 1879. The heated term is upon us in full force. Sunstrokes are being noted in the newspapers and yellow fever cases have made their appearance in

⁵ *Barouche*: a four-wheeled horse-drawn carriage with a collapsible hood over the rear half, a seat in front for the driver, and seats facing each other for the passengers, used especially in the 19th century.

Memphis. I sewed busily all day as I expect to work on Maggie's picture for the next two days. She went and got it this evening and we like it very much. It is intended as a surprise for her father's birthday.

Friday, July 11, 1879. Very warm but a pleasant breeze at times revives our wilting powers. I went over home to mount and begin Maggie's picture and decided to order another at once for Ma and do both together. Spent most of the day over home and did very little sewing.

Saturday, July 12, 1879. Warm as ever. Gave Bessie her lessons first then with a little help from Mary I painted both the pictures and she helped me put the glasses together and before I left they were both almost done. We were invited to a picnic by the Lowell family but did not go. Rich, Lizzie, Mary and the boys, oh, yes, and Pa, went. Ma is not well enough.

Sunday, July 13, 1879. Very warm. We attended the usual morning services and brought Enos home to dinner with us. There was no service in the evening and we were told to bring our books home as the church is to be cleaned and Dr. Pratt will be absent for awhile. Mr. Ketchum will leave this week also and the Presbyterians will stray for awhile. It is sixteen years today since the Union Army appeared in front of Yazer City where we were living at that time.

Monday, July 14, 1879. Bright and warm as ever. I went out early to do some errands and call to see Maggie Peebles who has been sick for a week or more then came home to sew but various hindrances kept me from it until nearly noon. Lizzie and Rich were here to dinner and were to have spent the day but Lizzie concluded she must go home and go to work so I took some sewing and went also. Finished the pictures and they are pronounced very pretty. Gave one to Ma. Paid Mary 3.00 for the frames for Jimmie's. Pa's cousin who has been visiting them left today. Maggie had her hair cut short today, it spoils her looks but adds to her comfort and my convenience.

Tuesday, July 15, 1879. Hot. This is Jimmie's birthday, 38 years old. Maggie gave him her picture after breakfast and he seemed quite pleased with it. I have stayed at home and have managed to make two skirts for Carl which finishes that part of the sewing for the children. The boys went to Mr. Peebles' to tea this evening.

Wednesday, July 16, 1879. Very warm. Have been making button holes in skirts and sewing on lace edge. Mary Ellen and her baby were here this evening. Gave Bessie Hall her usual lesson this morning.

Thursday, July 17, 1879. Bright and reasonably pleasant for the season. Cut out and made three pairs of underdrawers for Willie.

Friday, July 18, 1879. Very pleasant. Lizzie had planned to go to Jennie's today noon but her plan was frustrated and Mary got ready to start at noon but the bus failed to stop for her so she did not get off. Today I made the button holes in the last of Willie's 3 prs underdrawers and cut out two pairs of pants also seven white under waists which I about half made in the afternoon.

Saturday, July 19, 1879. Very pleasant except out in the sun during the middle of the day. Mary left on the early train for Jennie's and of course I did not see her start. Went over home and gave Bessie her lesson as usual, then came home and finished off the 7 under waists ready for the button holes and buttons. Maggie's new cow came this morning and we hope soon to have plenty of good milk. Wrote to ask Alice and Clara Hosford and Addie Ricker to visit us.

Sunday, July 20, 1879. Very warm. The folks went to Sabbath School as usual then came home to stay as there was no service at either Presbyterian church and the Methodist is much earlier than the others are. We had lessons in the afternoon as usual.

Monday, July 21, 1879. Warm and dry. Began making a couple of pairs of pants for Willie and was all day putting the pockets in and getting them together.

Tuesday, July 22, 1879. Quite warm. It took me all day to get Willie's two pairs of pants ready for the button holes. Our cow was put into pasture today. This evening Jimmie and I went up to Mr. Peebles' to call on Hattie Peebles, her sister Fannie Boal and the two Ramsey girls. Had a letter from Bessie Hosford who says the girls can't come now.

Wednesday, July 23, 1879. Very sultry and hot, a state of affairs which lasted until late in the day when a thunderstorm came up and brought a refreshing shower with it. Lizzie and the boys were over on the Ky hills at the time with the Ramsey girls, Fannie and Mary Moore and Fannie Boal but they got home between showers and under umbrellas. Dr. Kline came in to see about sore mouth medicine for baby. Gave Bessie Hall a lesson.

Thursday, July 24, 1879. Delightful this morning after the rain but by noon the sun made it very hot again. I was down street in the morning and went to ask Maggie Mason to come and spend today or tomorrow with us. Came home and cut out a

dozen pairs of drawers for Maggie and Carl, 3 and 9 respectively. Sewed a little on them after dinner but not very much. Paid Dr. Kline \$36.50

Friday, July 25, 1879. A breeze most of the day made it quite pleasant. About 10 o'clock Maggie Mason and Lee came to spend the day with us. We had a nice visit together and after tea, Theya Spry came and sat awhile with us.

Saturday, July 26, 1879. Quite warm. Gave Bessie Hall her lesson as usual, then was busy the rest of the day at home. Ma came over a few minutes after tea and spoke of a possible trip to Esculapia Springs with Uncle Enos' family. I sewed on buttons today about 5 day of them on under waists.

Sunday, July 27, 1879. Bright and warm. The folks went to Sabbath School as usual and then Jimmie and I went to church. The church has been cleaned and the old carpet turned, mended and piece'd out until it looks much improved. The Dr preached a very good sermon from the text "This one thing I do," I did not go in the evening. After service Uncle Enos and Aunt Mary Ellen came around to see us and say that they are going to the Springs tomorrow and Ma had better go with them, Uncle Enos is not going but all the rest are. Grandma is at Aunt Maria's and Miss Fannie is in Baltimore.

Monday, July 28, 1879. Rainy all the forenoon and the atmosphere was very oppressive. Ma really got ready and went to the Springs, I helped her all I could then came home and went to work on Maggie's dresses, lengthened three and put three in wash. Went to see about a girl but she has not come in town yet. Mary came home on the evening train, M & C R. R. and brought a nice scrapbook as a birthday present for the baby from Jennie. Rich and Lizzie, Pa and Ma were invited to Mrs. Hamilton's birthday party this evening. I wrote to Jennie and sent her a pair of kid gloves.

Tuesday, July 29, 1879. The rain seems to be over and it has been bright today. Baby Lizzie is one year old today, is very well except a slight sore mouth, can stand alone or walk when led but can not walk alone. Has six teeth and is as good as a baby can well be. Sister Jennie is twenty-six years old today. She sent baby a pretty paper muslin picture book and we sent her a pair of kid gloves. Sarah did not go home today as she had expected and I am anxiously looking for some one to take her place. Went over to Mrs. Nickell's and up to Mrs. Kendall's after tea to see about girls but was not successful in getting one.

Wednesday, July 30, 1879. Bright and warm. Sewed a little on the drawers but had so many other things to see after that I did not sew very much. Intended going to prayer meeting but was too late getting the children to bed. Wrote to Mother Ricker and gave Bessie her usual lesson. Mary and Lizzie are preparing to have a small party tomorrow evening. Paid Messers, Connolley, Warner, Brodbeck, Hathaway and Zoellner.

Thursday, July 31, 1879. Bright and warm. Sarah again postponed going there by relieving me again for a day or two. Went to see Mrs. Stevenson about fixing up a dress for me from the remains of an old silk and a grenadine⁶. In the evening Jimmie and I went over home and enjoyed the party very much. Maggie Mason was the only other married lady, besides myself, present.

Friday, August 1, 1879. Rather cloudy most of the day and after dinner we had a shower. Had a letter from Jennie. Still have no prospect of a girl very soon and suppose Sarah will go tomorrow morning, we are sorry to lose her as she is very agreeable and efficient. Hon. Charles Foster Rep. Candidate for Gov. of Ohio is in town tonight and Jimmie is out helping to swell the crowd.

Saturday, August 2, 1879. Rained a little this forenoon but has been very pleasant, notwithstanding. Sarah did up the morning work while I went over home and gave Bessie Hall her lesson then she got ready and at 9 o'clock she left. It will be some time before we can fill her place. I think Preparatory lecture was announced for this afternoon but Will Stevenson's funeral was held at the church instead. I wasn't there. Jennie, Julia and Margaret called today.

Sunday, August 3, 1879. Very pleasant day. Breakfast was late this morning as I worked at a disadvantage but it was over in time for the folks to go to Sabbath School. After they went to church I rested a little while then dressed just in time to receive Uncle Sam who came to dinner. As I could not go to Communion service in the afternoon, Jimmie did not go. I was not out at all.

Monday, August 4, 1879. Rather cloudy all day with a hard rain late in the afternoon. Fannie Young (Col) washed for us today. It was a busy day for all of us.

Tuesday, August 5, 1879. Lucy Moore is one year old today. A white woman came to iron today and was about as poor an excuse as I ever employed. We had a very

⁶ Grenadine: a thin fabric of leno weave in silk, nylon, rayon, or wool.

hard rain again in the afternoon. Mary brought us a nice loaf of her bread and a light cake which was very helpful to me.

Wednesday, August 6, 1879. Late in the day we had more rain which is very refreshing and pleasant. Maggie is eight years old today and has not had as pleasant a day as I would like for her, still she has made the best of the situation and was greatly delighted at supper time when a new rocking chair came for her, a present from her Papa.

Thursday, August 7, 1879. Another very hard rain this afternoon. I had just finished scrubbing the kitchen and had things in good order and Mary was helping me cut up some crab apples for jelly when Martha Coleman came in to see me. She made quite a long stay but I did find out what she wanted. Mrs. Vincent was here this morning to ask about her. I cooked the apples and sat them away in a stone jar until tomorrow. I get along very well with the work but it is very tiresome and confining.

Friday, August 8, 1879. Very pleasant. Interruptions have been the order of this day. The boy to ask about the cow, the woman to get the rest of the clothes to iron, the man with the butter, Davy with the groceries, Mrs. Crichton to ask about scholars, Cousin Duvall to make a call and that was all I believe. Mary came and took the juice home after I had it all ready and made my jelly for me. I had forgotten that Betty came after milk. In the afternoon Mary brought my jelly home, nineteen glasses and I felt very thankful to her for her help. We did not take Mr. Clark's butter today.

Saturday, August 9, 1879. Have been one week without a girl and have not had many spare moments. Today has been unusually busy as I was getting the kitchen ready for painting. Things had to be moved into the dining room so I could make coffee and cakes then take them over home to cook as we could not use the stove.

Sunday, August 10, 1879. Early this morning Ma passed through our yard on her way home from Esculapia Springs. Dr. Pratt had announced that he would baptize children either this forenoon or evening but we were not certain when it would be and not having any help, I couldn't well get ready to take the baby so, did not. I was not out to any service. Pa gave Maggie "Lives of Celebrated Americans" by Lossing.

Monday, August 11, 1879. Delightful weather, rather cool for the season, mornings but the middle of the day is warm enough. This is Pa's and Ma's 32nd Anniversary. Ma came over to sit awhile this afternoon but soon after she came Miss Emma Bell

came also and we did not have much of a visit together. Willie and I covered the jelly that Aunt Mary helped me make. Jimmie had to go to Hanging Rock today on business so he took Maggie with him for a little trip. They went up on the Clifton about 9 o'clock and came back on the Telegraph about 9 P.M. Mrs. Zoellner came and took the clothes away to wash and iron, our kitchen floor is not dry enough to use yet.

Tuesday, August 12, 1879. Weather still pleasant. The housework keeps me busy early and late with no time for sewing or visiting or anything of the kind. The 6th Regiment U.S.A. are encamped here this week.

Wednesday, August 13, 1879. Still pleasant. The home folks are busy and have not been over much today. There is to be a small party at Mr. Peebles tomorrow evening and the folks are making a new dotted swiss dress for Mary to wear. Em Voorhees was here this morning, I had not heard of her return from the Springs until she called.

Thursday, August 14, 1879. A change took place in the weather today and a cool rain set in which seemed inclined to continue for some time. I hurried over at supper time to see Mary's dress, wanted to see it on her but could not go after she was dressed as Jimmie had to go up to the grocery after butter and also to the store for shoes.

Friday, August 15, 1879. Pleasant in the forenoon but a hard rain came up in the afternoon. Jimmie was going to take the children out to see the Soldiers' camp but the rain prevented. A painter came and painted the walls in the girl's room and kitchen, color pearl gray, Jimmie had put one coat on the girl's room. Took two lbs. Mr. Clark's butter.

Saturday, August 16, 1879. A pleasant but very busy day. I baked fruit gingerbread and prepared everything for tomorrow, being Sunday I do not want to cook any and we had the painter put a second coat on the kitchen walls and in the evening he came and painted the floor again. Mattie Wood called and surprised me while I was scrubbing the kitchen floor. Got a small sack of flour. She promised to come to tea Monday.

Sunday, August 17, 1879. Jimmie and the children went to S. School and church as usual but I was at home all day. I can not do the work and get ready in time.

Monday, August 18, 1879. Delightful weather. Was very busy all day getting the house, children, and tea ready for my company. Sent a note to Em Voorhees asking

her to come and she accepted my invitation bringing Nellie with her, then Lu came after. Mattie Wood came about 4 o'clock and Ma came with her and stayed until almost supper time.

Tuesday, August 19, 1879. Another lovely day. I took Willie and went out to see Mrs. Zoellner about the clothes early this morning then hurried home and put the house in nice order. It was well, for about 11 o'clock the two Ramsey girls came to return the call I made them some time ago. Ma stayed with the children while I went after yarn to send to Grandma to knit for the children.

Wednesday, August 20, 1879. Weather still pleasant. While I was getting breakfast, Mrs. Zoellner came for the clothes. This is Enos' birthday, 19 years old and he is just as nice as a brother can be. I did not write my usual letter, was too tired. Emma Jones, Maggie Mason and her boy Lee called this forenoon.

Thursday, August 21, 1879. No change in weather. Just as I had finished my morning work, Mattie Wood came in and sat until time to get dinner. I still have no prospect of a girl and while getting along very well, I feel very tired and have no chance to sew or go out.

Friday, August 22, 1879. Willie is six years old today and can go to school now with no fear of being sent home on account of his youth. This afternoon I allowed him and Maggie to go and say good bye to Lee Mason and also see Maggie Peebles who lately returned from a trip to Chantauqua. Maggie P. gave Maggie \$1.00 that she intended for her birthday and to Willie 25 cts. Which he invested in a doll for Maggie, a rattle for baby and a tin ham for himself.

Saturday, August 23, 1879. Rain today. About 4 o'clock this afternoon Jimmie came to tell me that Mr. and Mrs. Hosford would be here on the 8 P.M. train from Columbus. I had allowed the children to play upstairs and in consequence theirs was considerable work for me to do before the company came, but it was all done, the children asleep and late supper ready when the folks came at 9:30, having been delayed.

Sunday, August 24, 1879. A pleasant rainy day. I manage to get breakfast over in good time and the children went to Sabbath School but as Mr. and Mrs. Hosford expected to leave on the first boat, Jimmie did not go. Bessie's brother died last week in Chicago and they have been to Butter Penn to the funeral so feel anxious to get home to the children. They left at 11 A.M.

Monday, August 25, 1879. Weather very pleasant. Things moved on as usual today, the rain in the morning was delightful but I expect it interfered with Maggie Mason's plans. She and her husband and boy were to have gone to Adams' Co. Springs today. Maggie Peebles was in to see me a little while.

Tuesday, August 26, 1879. [BLANK]

Wednesday, August 27, 1879. Weather all that could be desired. Ma came over early this morning and invited all of us to take tea with them this evening. She invited a little company on Hattie Peebles' account. Rob's family are here on their way home with her sister Fannie Boal. Mary Peebles is sick but John, Sallie, Mattie and Maggie were there. We had a real pleasant time.

Thursday, August 28, 1879. Lovely day. The home folks left me pretty much to my own devices today and I afterwards learned that the girls had been out calling which accounted for their absence. I've been busy but have nothing even to remember about my work.

Friday, August 29, 1879. Ma came over early to say that she wanted me to go out in the afternoon and would come and stay with the children. Miss Fannie Switzer came just as I was getting ready to dress so I put away the clothes and after she left I went to see Mrs. Prescott, Clara Pursell, Julia Young, the Misses Gunn, Aunt Mary, Sam Moore and Farmer Gunn, Mrs. Dr. Kline, Ella Overturf, Ella Smith and Carrie Dunham. Belle Whitney called to get Clara King's address for Relda Martin.

Saturday, August 30, 1879. Quite warm. Did my usual Saturday work and made bread, which was rather unusual. After dinner I followed Ma's advice and went out to make a few calls while she stayed with the children. Went to Mrs. McConnell's, Mrs. Lodwick's, Mrs. S. P. Nickell's, Mrs. McConnolley's, Mrs. Higgin's, Mrs. Swim's and Mrs. Kaps then home. Aunt Mary Ellen was here after I came home yesterday. Sarah was here today. Ma trimmed Carl's hair while I was out.

Sunday, August 31, 1879. A pleasant day but very much warmer than it has been for some time. There was no service at our church so Jimmie took Maggie to Bigelow in the morning. Uncle Enos and his folks went down to Buena Vista to see Grandma and took Willie with them, picked him up on his way to S.S.

Monday, September 1, 1879. Very pleasant. Just as I was brushing my teeth this morning I found a loose filling in a front tooth so Ma advised me to go immediately and have it put in. I got ready and went first to call upon Mrs. H. S. Neal at Mrs. Towne's then spent the rest of the morning at Dr. Dennis's. After dinner I went to

see Mrs. Kendall about a girl. Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Towne returned my call this eve—as she leaves tomorrow. The children started to school again today.

Tuesday, September 2, 1879. Cloudy all day with several showers. Every thing grows fast and looks well. Have been at home all day, busy as usual. After dinner Ma came in, Mr. Zoellner was here to fix the clocks. John came to sit awhile then Carrie Stearnes called and before she left, Aunt Mary Sam with little Sam and Fannie Ginn called.

Wednesday, September 3, 1879. Rainy and cool, the very best kind of a day for the work I had to do. Chris brought me 1 bushel of tomatoes to put up and after dinner Mary came over and helped me put them away. Many thanks for her kindness. The baby is beginning to walk alone, manages to follow me all around and cling to my skirts.

Thursday, September 4, 1879. Beautiful weather. Hurried all day to be through in time to go over home to meet Jennie and Miss Hart but was late after all, however the children and I got there eventually. Willie had his hair cut again today. It was cut with the little machine and is very short.

Friday, September 5, 1879. Delightful weather, such as I would enjoy could I go out but I am not going to complain for it is pleasant anyway. I put up ½ bushel of pound pippins today and was until 4 o'clk P.M. getting through. Had intended on going over home to visit this afternoon but had no time. Jennie and Bartie were here a little while this evening. Mrs. McAleen began building the stable.

Saturday, September 6, 1879. Lovely day, I have been more busy than usual today if such a thing is possible, did not stop until 10 ½ o'clock at night. Miss Hart and Mary were here a few minutes before dinner and in the evening Enos brought a new pair of telephones over to show Jimmie, they put them up between our room and the kitchen and I tried them for the first time. It is quite an invention.

Sunday, September 7, 1879. Weather variable, bright in the morning with rain at noon and a heavy thunderstorm in the evening. No service at our church and Maggie went with the home folks to the 2nd Pres. Ch. in the morning. I think it is just 16 years today since we moved to Portsmouth.

Monday, September 8, 1879. Weather lovely. This is my birthday, 31 years old. Went over home this afternoon with Carl and the baby, had a visit upstairs with Lizzie and Jennie and their babies, John, Enos, Miss Hart and Ma. Then we went

down stairs and Miss Hart played for me. In the evening Jimmie and I went over, met several callers and heard more music. Was over to see Mary Murphy.

Tuesday, September 9, 1879. Quite warm. Went over home this morning and asked Jennie and Miss Hart to spend the day with me but they did not come until after dinner. They took tea with us and Miss Hart spent most of the evening here. She is very pleasant and quite a good musician. Ellie Dahler came to help me with the work but she is not able to do much.

Wednesday, September 10, 1879. The girls, Jennie, Lizzie and Miss Hart went to Cin today and I spent most of the forenoon over there helping them get ready. After the folks left Mary began sewing some for Jimmie. Have quinces⁷ to put up.

Thursday, September 11, 1879. Beautiful weather but very dusty. This morning I was surprised and pleased by a call from Mrs. Maggie Meredith and Mrs. Joseph Peebles. As I had not called upon them it was doubly appreciated. I want ever so much to entertain Mrs. P. but don't see my way clear to do so with so much real work on hand and so little help.

Friday, September 12, 1879. Still dry and rather cool in the mornings, we are having fire in the early part of the day. I did not feel well this morning and kept growing worse until—no, I'm mistaken in the date. Have been too busy to think straight. Ellie keeps me a great deal but as we have been putting up some fruit it has been rather hard on both of us. Helped Ma make buttonholes for the boys today.

Saturday, September 13, 1879. This is the boys last Saturday at home for a long time. They have been making their final preparations today expecting to start early Monday morning. They and Ma came over in the evening awhile.

Sunday, September 14, 1879. Beautiful day. The girls came home very early and Lizzie was over to see us. We have all spent it as much together as possible, our entire family going over home to dinner not knowing when we would all be together again. I went to church in the evening, the first time in seven weeks.

Monday, September 15, 1879. Weather just as delightful as it can be. The boys left just after noon today for Hoboken via Huntington, Richmond and N.Y. It seems a long time until next June as we think of it now. This is Ma's 53rd birthday and Mary's 29th.

⁷ *Quinces*: either of two small trees, *Cydonia oblonga* or *C. sinensis*, of the rose family, bearing hard, fragrant, yellowish fruit used chiefly for making jelly or preserves.

Tuesday, September 16, 1879. Lovely weather. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary have been married 16 years today. Have been busy all day and did not accomplish all that I wished. Ella and I began putting up half a bushel of quinces but they will not be done before tomorrow.

Wednesday, September 17, 1879. Beautiful weather, cool enough for fire in the morning. Miss Blum came today to sew awhile and I was out twice during the day on errands. Lucy Rifenberick and Mame Hawthorn were here in the afternoon. M did not come in but I went out to see her. She has been sick but came up to see her mother who is very low, they were on an errand.

Thursday, September 18, 1879. Rather warmer than it has been for several days past though we had fire in the morning. Miss Blum was here early to sew. Jennie and Bartie came to spend the day and Jimmie went to Scioto Furnace to a political meeting. Mrs. Joseph Peebles and Maggie Meredith called in the morning. I made 16 glasses of quince and apple jelly, baked bread and cooked meat so had a busy day.

Friday, September 19, 1879. Delightful weather. I felt badly when I got up this morning and kept growing worse until Ma came and sent for the doctor who sent a prescription and promised to call after dinner if able, he is sick also. It proved to be about the same as my last attack, only more severe, which the Dr said was neuralgia⁸ of stomach and bowels. Late in the afternoon Thyrza Spry came and sat awhile with me. Some of Pa's Muncie⁹ friends came today.

Saturday, September 20, 1879. I was in bed all day though much better than I was yesterday. The doctor came in this morning and after prescribing liberal doses of quinine¹⁰, left me to myself. Jennie and little Bartie were here most of the day. John is quite sick and Bartie was in an unusual glee so it was deemed best for him to be here and I enjoyed their visit very much. Ellie pared quinces to preserve and made some jelly.

Sunday, September 21, 1879. Lovely day, the leaves are beginning to turn and fall from the trees. I was not up until around 9 o'clock but had to go to work as soon as up. Ellie was sick and went home after dinner so I did the work the rest of the day.

⁸ *Neuralgia*: sharp and paroxysmal pain along the course of a nerve.

⁹ *Muncie*: a city in east Indiana.

¹⁰ *Quinine*: a white, bitter, slightly water-soluble alkaloid, having needlelike crystals, obtained from cinchona bark: used in medicine chiefly in the treatment of resistant forms of malaria.

Pa and his friends from Muncie and Salem Ind. went down in the county today and Jimmie went with them.

Monday, September 22, 1879. Lovely day for Jennie's trip home. She and little Bartie left on the noon train and I was over home most of the forenoon. Pa's relatives who have been visiting here left on the boat and as Mr. and Mrs. Greene were down to see Jennie off it made quite a stir in the household. It will seem lonely for awhile. I have been feeling better today and it is well that I do. Cooked my quince preserves. Ellie went home.

Tuesday, September 23, 1879. Weather still pleasant. Am alone again and not very strong either but managed to seal up my preserves and as I had to wash the jars and look for tin covers it consumed some time. Miss Blum in sewing away as well as she can but I have very little time to tell her what to do. She is so kind and good to the children that it helps me a great deal.

Wednesday, September 24, 1879. The long drouth¹¹ and warm weather have nearly emptied the river consequently the boats are very irregular now. I saw Millie Wilson over home today and spoke to her about coming to help me a few days. Wrote to Grandma Ricker as usual. Cards are out for the marriage of Jennie Tewksbury and Frank Todd next Tuesday.

Thursday, September 25, 1879. Dry and dusty. After dinner I hurried up to the store for some things and met half a dozen or more persons who wanted to talk so I was detained. Ella Overturf, Maggie Bell and Lucy R., Mrs. Hamilton, and Mrs. Reed and her sister Mrs. Curtis were among the number. I afterwards took my bonnet to Mrs. Nickells to fix over.

Friday, September 26, 1879. Weather warm and dry. The river is so low that the boat did not reach here until late in the afternoon and then Mary suddenly concluded to go down on her with Mary Ellen. She will stop with Mattie Kendall Rusk. Belle Whitney came this morning to bring me Clara King's card which Rell Martin sent. Millie Wilson came to stay a few days and help me.

Saturday, September 27, 1879. Warmer than it has been lately but still we have a little fire in the early morning. We were very busy all day, I have all the errands and the children to see after and do no sewing but keep busy all the time. After tea Jimmie and I went up to get some shoes and then called at Mr. Tewksbury's but the

¹¹ *Drouth*: dialect or poetic form of drought.

house was dark and no one to be seen so we came home. Sarah's sister Amanda was here today.

Sunday, September 28, 1879. Quite warm but I am so nearly sick with cold that I wore a light shawl to church in the morning and stayed at home in the evening. In the afternoon we had our usual lessons and then the children went over home awhile.

Monday, September 29, 1879. Warm and dry. Miss Blum came early and went to work. After dinner I went up to the store for some things then to Mr. Tewksbury's to make Jennie a farewell call. The house was full of visitors and family friends. In the evening just before tea Helen Ricker surprised us, came down with Mr. and Mrs. Ellison and Frank Tomlinson. Jimmie sent Jennie a pair of silver and glass vases.

Tuesday, September 30, 1879. A lovely day but quite warm and dusty. Helen and I dressed and went to the church to see Jennie Tewksbury and Frank Todd married then came home and waited for Jimmie who went with us and Ma to the reception at the house. The wedding was a very pretty one C. S. Cadot, Edith Linn, Sam Johnson, Margaret T., Theo Johnson and Julia were the attendants. Mattie Peebles and Isabel Murray strewed flowers in their path. Helen went home about 2 P.M. Alice Higgins and Ella Bonsall called.

Wednesday, October 1, 1879. Very warm. Miss Blum is making skirts for me but I left her and went with Ma to see Lizzie who is having her carpets put down in the new house. She went with us to Mrs. Tewksbury's where we had a good look at Jennie's presents. Ma and I called at Mr. Peebles' and then came home before going to see Grandma. This morning I went to see Mrs. Prescott and Mrs. Murphy. Anna and Julia Young called but I was out.

Thursday, October 2, 1879. Very warm all day, the sun was as hot as in July and tonight I'm almost melted. I went quite early to see Anna and Julia Young but they were just starting to the boat. After dinner Miss Blum was sick and went home so I went up to get a little more muslin and then on up to Lucy Rifenberick's to see Maggie Bell. Mary came on the Andes last night.

Friday, October 3, 1879. Very warm for the season. Millie left just before dinner today, having stayed as long as she could as she leaves for Cin next week, so I am maid of all work again, and find it pretty warm work. Had to make a trip up to the store for thread and braid then came home and got dinner. Mary brought baby two pairs of nice stockings and she wore the scarlet pair today for the first time.

Saturday, October 4, 1879. Was very busy all day in the kitchen and with the children getting ready for Sabbath. Lizzie was down a little while and the folks wanted me over home but I couldn't get away.

Sunday, October 5, 1879. Quite warm again. I did not get out to church at all today, Dr. Pratt was sick and there was no service at our church. Spent the day in about the same employments that usually occupy my time. It looked a little cloudy and as though it might rain before tomorrow when we went to bed.

Monday, October 6, 1879. Very hot and dusty. The day was given over to the great political meeting, Hon. J. G. Blaine of Maine being here in the afternoon and the forenoon was devoted to a grand procession, Maggie took part with other little girls. We went to the speech in the afternoon. Miss Blum did not sew. Sarah came after the speech and began work.

Tuesday, October 7, 1879. We are having almost as hot weather as in June and the dust is almost intolerable. I had to go out to do some errands today and called to see Mrs. and Miss Mumper at Uncle Enos' and went to Lizzie's before coming home but she was out. In the evening, Mary, Jimmie and I went and made three calls but no one was at home. Ma called to see Will and Clara Pursell and their friends Mr. and Mrs. Von Waggonen then Mary and Hattie Damarin and lastly Julia Beyerley and Miss Campbell at Mrs. Stevenson's. It began to sprinkle soon after we came home but did not rain much. Mr. Wordly put the plants into the pit today.

Wednesday, October 8, 1879. It began to sprinkle last evening before bedtime and this morning we had quite a little shower but the steady rain that we hoped for, failed. This is Pa's birthday and I went over at tea time to see him. He left on the evening boat for Cin and the Exposition. I had hoped to go some time during the month but as this is the last week I may as well abandon all thought of it. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual this evening, filled six pages with miscellaneous news. Mr. Wordly has been working in the yard all day preparing it for grass seed, believe though he spent most of the time working around the trees and vines today.

Thursday, October 9, 1879. The greater part of this warm day has been spent in the kitchen putting up tomatoes. Mary came over to help and we had them soldered to send to Jennie, taking her sealed ones that M. put up for her. Maggie Bell and Lucy Rifenberick called this afternoon, Maggie brought me a fine picture of herself.

Friday, October 10, 1879. Bright and warm. We were invited over home to dinner but Jimmie could not go and I wanted to sew, therefore I sewed up six aprons before

dinner at home then cut out six more after which I went over and ate a little with Ma, Mary and Miss Romer. While I was out on our errand this morning Mary Ellen and her friends called to see me. Mr. Wordly sowed the grass seed.

Saturday, October 11, 1879. Lovely weather but quite warm. As this is Miss Blum's last day here, I helped her all I could and we managed to finish the aprons all except the buttons and button holes. Clara Pursell and Mrs. Van Wagenen called this morning to see me. Since Miss Blum came she has made over forty garments including a dress for me, three suits for Carl, coat for Willie and suit for Maggie. There are dozens of button holes left for my leisure hours however.

Sunday, October 12, 1879. Bright and warm and very dusty. I went to church with Jimmie and Maggie in the morning, drilled the children on their catechisms in the afternoon and went to bed early.

Monday, October 13, 1879. Bright and warm. We all arose earlier this morning as they have changed to ten hours at the shop. This is Dr. and Libbie Field's anniversary. Was at home most of the day sewing on flannel for the baby. In the evening Jimmie, baby and I went to see Lizzie who had gone to bed tired out. She has no girl. Letter from Enos.

Tuesday, October 14, 1879. Election day dawned fair and bright which is said to be a good omen for Republicans. I did not sew much today, being busy with Tomato Catsup all morning and after dinner I went to pay Miss Blum, call upon Mrs. Peters and Miss Romer, order a pair of shoes, and do several errands. Rich, Lizzie and John were here to tea. I have a lovely Cape Jassamine in bloom. Sent Grandma a bouquet this morning. Wrote to Enos while waiting for Jimmie tonight.

Wednesday, October 15, 1879. Warm and bright. A wedding in our immediate neighborhood occupied all our time this forenoon. Ida Vincent and David L. Williams being the interested persons. The ceremony took place at All Saints P. E. Church and the wedding was a very pretty one. Ida wore garnet silk and a bonnet to match with straw colored plumes. After the ceremony the family and a good many relatives and friends returned to the house where congratulations were extended and refreshments served. Mary was at the head of affairs and Lizzie and I assisted her in carrying out her plans. Mrs. Oldfield, Rhoda Thompson, and the boys being also engaged as waiters. After dinner Mary and I made a dozen calls on Lettie Yoakly Kinney, and Lillie Y. Alice Higgins, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Jms Miller, Mrs. Dan McFarland Jr., Mrs. Wm Tracy, Mrs. Bonsall, Jennie

Gharky and Grandma Moore. The Republicans gained the election by a handsome majority and Charles Foster will be the next Gov. if he lives to be inaugurated.

Thursday, October 16, 1879. Some indications of rain but none fell until after dark and very little then. Maggie Peebles came early this morning to invite us to take tea at their house this evening and we went. The only other guests were Maggie Bell, Lucy Rifenberick, Mary Glidden, Dell and Venitia Ramsey. We spent a very pleasant evening, I made the most of my visit with Maggie Bell whom I have not seen much during her visit this time. I did not accomplish much sewing today, am only trying to make button holes and sew on buttons. Was over home two or three times today, but when I take the baby and sewing there is not much work done. Had a letter from Clara King tonight, the first for many months.

Friday, October 17, 1879. The rain just dampened the ground but not enough to do much good and it has been very warm today. The mosquitoes this evening were worse than I remember to have ever seen them. We had to keep up a constant warfare with them. I managed to write to Mother Ricker though in spite of them, had a letter from her tonight. Was over home two or three times today. Mrs. Connolley—While I was over home with the baby just before tea, Fannie Moore came with Ralph and Lucy. I was sorry to miss them. I finished off the six blue aprons for baby today or rather the last of the six.

Saturday, October 18, 1879. Rained quite hard last night the wind blew hard and it is much cooler this morning. I have made button holes in three of Carl's aprons today I think besides doing the many little things that must be done—as it is Mattie Peebles' birthday, the children went to her annual party at Mr. Peebles' this afternoon and after they left, Ma came over and sat while I washed and dressed Carl then I took him and baby around to see Grandma. After tea Hattie and Mamie Vincent came in on an errand and after they left Jimmie went after the children who came home highly delighted with the party. 70 button holes this week.

Sunday, October 19, 1879. Quite cool, a double shawl was none too warm this evening when I went to church. Was at home all day except a few minutes in the morning when I went over home and again at night when we went to church.

Monday, October 20, 1879. Bright and pleasant though cool enough for fire nearly all day. Late in the afternoon I took Carl and went to return the shoes that were made at the factory as they did not fit me, they will make another pair for me. I also got several bills to pay and went up to see Lizzie a little while. While I was out Maggie Bell called, sorry to miss her. Made 16 button holes.

Tuesday, October 21, 1879. Rained during the night and was wet and cloudy all the forenoon but after dinner the sun came out. Sarah and I worked hard most of the day putting down the dining room carpet. The seams were so worn that nearly all of it had to be sewn over besides other mending and changing. The ironing had to be put off. Lizzie and John were here a few minutes.

Wednesday, October 22, 1879. Quite cold and wintry. They brought the climax home and set it up today but we did not start the fire. I did some mending and made some button holes but not very many, only in one shirt waist I believe 7.

Thursday, October 23, 1879. Windy, dusty, and cold. This is the day of Mrs. Lucy B. Collins' funeral but I did not go out as the services were out at Mr. Bell's. I went over to see Mrs. Towne who hurt her eye a day or two ago and from there I went to pay Messrs¹² Brodbeck, Warner and Connolley and Mrs. Nickells. Also paid Mary \$14.50 that I owed her. Made 22 button holes. Visited the schools.

Friday, October 24, 1879. Quite chilly and cold. Soon after Jimmie left this evening he returned to say that he had to go to Jackson Furnace but would be home again in the evening. We missed him very much at dinner time and do not know how we could get along at all if he was away often. I made 25 button holes today. Fannie and Mary were here. Started the fire in the dining room.

Saturday, October 25, 1879. Not quite so cold but still rather wintry. My chief employment today was making button holes in Willie's night clothes and one night shirt. Also six in Maggie's night dresses. Making 34 in all for today. Mattie Meredith was here this evening. I was over home two or three times today. Therza Spry was here a few minutes while we were at dinner.

Sunday, October 26, 1879. Somewhat warmer with some indications of rain. The children went to S. S. as usual with their father but there being no service at our church we did not go anywhere. Sarah went to the country this afternoon. I had a letter from Enos this morning.

Monday, October 27, 1879. Rained a little last night and was cloudy and rained a little today, enough to interfere with the washing but not do very much good. I mended Maggie's three blue aprons today which was about all I did in that line. Was over home twice with the younger children. The baby is very entertaining and Ma never seems to tire of calling her to hear her answer "Ma'am." Jimmie removed my rose bushes in the front yard, putting them closer to the fence so they will not

¹² Messrs: used as a title to refer formally to more than one man simultaneously, or in names of companies

take up so much room in the yard. I hope none of them will die, there are 7 of them and all rather large. The plants in the pit are doing very well.

Tuesday, October 28, 1879. Weather still cold, dry and dusty. I made a dozen more button holes today and not much else. In the afternoon when the children came from school, I went to call upon Mary McClain Kehoe and then to Mrs. Spry's, Therza was not at home but Mrs. Spry would take no denial to her invitation to stay to tea with them, so I stayed.

Wednesday, October 29, 1879. Have been busy all day cleaning up the house for company tomorrow evening. Mr. Lenhart put up a new anthracite¹³ stove in the hall but the fire was not started in it. Did not write my usual letter to Grandma.

Thursday, October 30, 1879. A bright, cold, clear day. We were busy as bees all day, Sarah and I and May helped us a good deal too but Mrs. Hamilton came early and found me not nearly ready to receive company. Mrs. Baird had called in the afternoon and then while I was dressing, Rhoda Thompson called but Lizzie was here to see her. Our guests were Mrs. Hamilton, Pa, Uncles Enos and Sam, Cousin Duvall Young, Misses E. B. Greene, Mr. R. Tewksbury, R. R. Peebles and wives, and sister Mary. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Peebles—Grandma Moore and Uncle Jimmie did not get here. We had a very pleasant evening together.

Friday, October 31, 1879. Still quite cold and dry. The river men are having a good rest as there is no water for their boat. This evening our family party was entertained at Cousin Duvall's and had an excellent supper and pleasant evening. Little John Peebles is two years old today. I wrote to Grandma Ricker this afternoon. Was out a while, went to the store, up to Mrs. Tewksbury's and to Lizzie's on my way home.

Saturday, November 1, 1879. Still quite cold and dry. Spent some time this forenoon making a cake as I want if possible to have a little company on Monday evening next. Had quite a number of things to see after today and did not know that it was the time appointed for our preparatory lecture until too late to go.

Sunday, November 2, 1879. Real cold, it seems very much like snow today. I went with Jimmie and the children to church in the morning and in the afternoon we went to Communion but did not go out in the evening at all.

¹³ *Anthracite stove*: coal stove. Anthracite coal is the hottest burning fuel in comparison to the most common ones in use. Due to its low sulfur content, Anthracite coal produces virtually no smoke or particulate emissions. Of the three different types of coal, anthracite has the highest carbon content is thus the best and cleanest type of coal to use.

Monday, November 3, 1879. This is a notable day in our family calendar being our wedding anniversary, nine years of happy married life have been granted to us and in honor of the day we invited a few friends to take tea with us. I went early in the morning to ask most of them and nearly all came. Will Pursell, John Peebles, John Overturf and their wives, Ella Murray, Mollie Murray, Therza Spry, Maggie Peebles, Fannie Switzer came but Ella Greene, Mary Peebles, Huey Tracy, Joe Murray and J. W. Baunen and wife did not come. Mary Moore too was too tired and did not come though she helped me some, yes a great deal about my supper. Rich and Lizzie were here.

Tuesday, November 4, 1879. Not quite so cold. It took me most of the forenoon to sweep and dust and put things to their places again as I wanted Sarah to get through with her washing. After dinner I took a plate full of things to Mrs. Prescott and then went over home awhile.

Wednesday, November 5, 1879. Weather still dry and growing warmer. It is a remarkable kind of weather for the season. Mrs. Elden was here today to ask about our new stove but it was not in operation as the bannisters were not sufficiently protected so I let the fire go out. Have been trying to finish baby's skirt. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, November 6, 1879. Still bright and pleasant. By working industriously all day I finished the baby's flannel skirt and put it on a waist that I had all ready for it. Wrote to Clara King in answer to the letter I had from her some days ago.

Friday, November 7, 1879. Lovely day. I began planning a white dress for baby today but laid the things aside to do some errands down street and go to see Lizzie and look at some of John's clothes. Took Maggie's velvet bonnet to Mrs. Nickell's to have it made over. Saw the new organ up at Lizzie's.

Saturday, November 8, 1879. Weather warm and pleasant. Some promises of rain but none of them fulfilled so far. Was busy all day but did not have much to show for it was of a kind that does not show unless it is neglected. Sarah was out most of the afternoon and the children went up to see John Peebles after they were dressed. Brother John is 21 years old today.

Sunday, November 9, 1879. Weather still warm and dry. We are all well and spent the day as we usually do. I went to church with Jimmie and the children, in the evening he went alone.

Monday, November 10, 1879. Weather delightfully warm but quite dry, dusty and sometimes windy. Have been sewing on baby's dress today but did not get much done. Late in the afternoon I went down street to get some lace edge and thread, also got Jimmie's sleeve buttons from Mr. Zoellner's.

Tuesday, November 11, 1879. Weather still quite warm, too warm for fires, a little cloudy and several times it has sprinkled a little but no rain. Pa left on the noon train for Chicago with an excursion, I went over to see him off and devoted the rest of the day to the ruffles for baby's new dress.

Wednesday, November 12, 1879. Weather would be delightful if it were not so windy. Aunt Mary Ellen came with her knitting and sat awhile this morning. I was busy with ruffles all day but late in the evening I went up to call on the Misses Shackelford and was almost blinded by the dust which the wind was whirling in thick clouds everywhere.

Thursday, November 13, 1879. A lovely spring-like day. The doors and windows all being open to let in the glad sunshine. Ella Smith and her baby were here in the morning. After dinner I took my work over home and while there received a call from Mrs. Elden and Mrs. Miller who had called on me at home. Later Miss Fannie Switzer came to see me. We are all on the *qui vive*¹⁴ to see the stars fall tonight. Cards for the Scudder-Damarin wedding rec'd.

Friday, November 14, 1879. Very pleasant. The meteors failed to display last night as per programme laid down by Prof Tice but the Moon changed and perhaps it will bring a new kind of weather which will open the rivets, start the boats and make coal more plenty and cheap. Pa returned from Chicago tonight.

Saturday, November 15, 1879. A beautiful day, not cold nor too warm for comfort. I was at home all day and busy as usual. It rained a little in the morning and I set out some rose slips under glass jars, also put some in the pit. Pa, Ma and Mary were up to Lizzie's to dinner. After the children were in bed Jimmie and I went up to Uncle Enos' to make a call.

Sunday, November 16, 1879. Rather cooler than it has been for some days. Jimmie and the children went to S. S. as usual then we all went to church, Dr. Pratt preached. In the evening Jimmie went alone and heard Rev. Mr. Rossiter the Tract Agent.

¹⁴ *Qui vive*: on the alert or lookout.

Monday, November 17, 1879. A dark rainy afternoon and evening followed by a very pleasant morning. In the morning I did some mending and planned to go out in the afternoon but as it rained, I sewed instead. Prepared another flannel skirt all ready to embroider for the baby. Wrote to Aunt Betsey this evening.

Tuesday, November 18, 1879. Cloudy and gloomy besides being cold. I went down street this morning to get some canton flannel¹⁵ and thread and while out met Emma Miller who asked me to call upon Miss Scudder who is visiting her while waiting for the wedding. So Mary and I went up there in the afternoon. Found her very agreeable. I got some Germantown wool to make a hood for Maggie.

Wednesday, November 19, 1879. Quite cold today. Lizzie was sick and sent down for Ma this morning who was up there nearly all day. I sewed a little today but not as much as I should have done. Went up to see Lizzie in the afternoon and took Carl with me. We went to church in the evening and called to see Lizzie on our way home. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, November 20, 1879. Cold and windy with a little snow the first of the season. The event of the day was the wedding, rather of the evening, but the day was spent in preparation for it. Jimmie and I went and Mary went with Rich and Lizzie who managed to get there though not able to be up really. The large house was full of people dressed in their best making quite a gay assembly but the bridal party consisting of Mr. Scutter and Haddie Damarin as principals, his sister with Walter Cissna his brother with Maggie Shackelford, John and Emma Miller and two little girls, Bessie Dunlap and Jessie Damarin. It was a nice wedding and Hattie's dress and presents were very handsome. She has been the life of that house and they will miss her sadly as she goes to Trenton to live.

Friday, November 21, 1879. Quite cold and frosty, such days make me feel very much hurried to get the warm clothes all done for the children though today I have been making a pair of drawers for Jimmie as he doesn't like the ones he brought home from the store. I can make better ones for much less money, three prs of the home made costing less than one of the bought kind.

Saturday, November 22, 1879. Spent the forenoon and part of the afternoon cutting out Canton flannel sewing to be done next week. Was very tired when it was all done. I also did something to Maggie's hood but it is far from finished yet.

¹⁵ *Canton flannel*: a plain-weave or twill-weave cotton fabric with a long, fleecy nap usually on one side only, used for sportswear, undergarments, backings and linings, etc.

Sunday, November 23, 1879. Quite sharp. The folks went to S. S. as usual but Maggie was not well and when she came home she laid down and remained in bed the rest of the day. Jimmie and I went to church in the morning and after dinner he saw the doctor who came and prescribed for Maggie who is sick with cold and has fever.

Monday, November 24, 1879. Weather moderating considerably. Began this morning on the work I cut out Saturday and made a good day's work of it. Did not even stop to go over home. Mary is getting ready for a visit to New York and is quite busy of course. Mrs. E. B. Greene was here a few minutes, also Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Helfenstein after my yearly contribution to the Reading Rooms.

Tuesday, November 25, 1879. Lovely day, the sun shining warm and bright seems more like spring than winter. Have sewed steadily all day and am very tired tonight, unusually so. Mrs. Lettie Kinney and sister Lillie Yoakley called this afternoon. Sister Lizzie was here also and Carrie Jones came to tell me of the death of her friend Chircy Thomas.

Wednesday, November 26, 1879. Weather delightful, so mild that we allowed the fires to almost die out. I sewed very busily all day when I could but did not accomplish much as Lizzie came to spend the afternoon and trim over my velvet bonnet. Rich came to tea and soon after they all went home. I was so late getting the little folks to bed that we did not get off to church.

Thursday, November 27, 1879. Thanksgiving day was lovely as regards weather and we spent it quietly at home with only Pa, Ma, Mary and Uncle Jimmie Wood as guests at dinner. Ma and I visited and made button holes in the after noon. I had a letter from Mother Ricker today containing a check for \$50.00 as her Christmas gift. She fairly overwhelms me with kindness.

Friday, November 28, 1879. Beautiful day. Cut out a number of canton flannel garments this forenoon and after dinner took Maggie's hood up to Lizzie's to get her to show me about the border, saw Hattie and her boy there, on my way home I called on Mrs. Glover who was not in, and upon Grandma who was. Lucy Moore is about sick with cold.

Saturday, November 29, 1879. Cold and cloudy with a few flakes of snow falling. Went to inquire about Lucy Moore who is better then to see Mary Peebles and Maggie Meredith, she and her two children took tea with us. In the afternoon I went

to call at Mrs. Damarin's, Mrs. Elden's and Mrs. Miller's so I've been out a good deal today. Had a letter from Enos.

Sunday, November 30, 1879. Beautiful day, rather cold. The folks went to S. S. as usual then we went to church. Dr. Pratt preached upon Africa. Mr. Chester preached in the evening but I was not there. Mr. Molster was buried this afternoon.

Monday, December 1, 1879. Very pleasant weather, frost this morning. Have been at home all day sewing. Mary was here after breakfast and Ma after dinner, she made some button holes for me. Baby and I have severe colds which are not very pleasant. I wrote to Jennie tonight and Jimmie had a letter from Enos.

Tuesday, December 2, 1879. Lovely day and quite warm for the season. Have had a number of calls, Mrs. Hamilton and Maggie Shackelford called in the morning, Fannie Moore was here after dinner, also Mrs. J. B. Nichols and then Dr. Kline came to vaccinate the baby. Ma and Mary were here later. Our grates were fixed also and I regretted that such work was going on while company was here.

Wednesday, December 3, 1879. Rainy all day and not very cold. Have been in the house all day sewing, finished off the eighth and last pair of Carl's drawers excepting button holes which I'll do at odd times. Ma and Mary were here today. Wrote to Grandma Ricker and Aunt Betsy this evening.

Thursday, December 4, 1879. Weather very pleasant. Was down street today to return a feather to Mrs. Nickells get a crochet needle to put the border on Maggie's hood and see Fannie Moore. She is keeping house for her mother who has gone to Cin.

Friday, December 5, 1879. Bright and mild, we are having a very mild winter so far. While we were at tea Misses Mary Damarin and Mary Shackelford called. Willie has taken cold and must be put under treatment tonight as there is a great deal of sickness among children now. Sewed on the machine all day altering nightshirts.

Saturday, December 6, 1879. Bright and pleasant. Mary has been very busy all day getting her things all together and packing for an early start Monday. Lizzie was here a few minutes before noon today, she is spending the day over home. I am still at work on Maggie's hood and do not get along as fast as I should. Went to see Fannie Kerr about going out to Kirkwood to Aunt Jennie Ricker.

Sunday, December 7, 1879. Very pleasant day. Willie is not at all well and did not go to S. S. or church. The rest of us went as usual. Late in the afternoon we went over the see Mary as possibly she might leave in the morning before we get over.

Monday, December 8, 1879. Bright early in the morning but cloudy later in the day. Mary left on the 7 o'clock train for New York, going alone and we shall miss her very much but the time will soon slip by and we will have her back again to tell us all about the friends whom we should be glad to see ourselves. I worked on Maggie's hood all day trying to get it done. Dr. K. revaccinated the baby today. Willie is not well enough to go to school.

Tuesday, December 9, 1879. Rained nearly all the forenoon but was bright after dinner. Finished Maggie's hood in time for her to wear in the afternoon. Spent the afternoon straightening up. Rec'd and answered a letter from Aunt Betsey. Enos sent a telegram announcing Mary's safe arrival at Mr. Jordan's. Willie is almost well today.

Wednesday, December 10, 1879. Rained nearly all day. About school time it cleared up and I allowed Willie to go to school but had to go after him at noon as it rained hard. Pa and Ma went up on the new Bostona this morning, with a large number of guests to attend Gus Henshell's wedding at Huntington, Miss Stoddard being the bride. Frances Kerr was here this evening to get her tickets for St. Louis and leaves on the evening boat to go to Aunt Jennie Ricker who is sick. Wrote to Mother R. as usual.

Thursday, December 11, 1879. Cloudy and bright by turns. I did not do much work of any kind and finally when the clouds scattered and the sun shone out bright and strong I decided to take the baby up to see Mary Peebles before she goes away. Our visit was ill-times however as Mary was occupied with a prayer meeting and we had to leave before she was through.

Friday, December 12, 1879. Cold, cloudy and very unpleasant. Mrs. Sherman Johnson had another boy added to her family this morning making four that she has had and no girls. Have sewed a little but do not expect to do much more in that line until after Christmas. Sarah and I put down my old bedroom carpet in Maggie's room today and it improves the room very much.

Saturday, December 13, 1879. Bright during most of the day but towards evening it grew quite cold. A few flakes of snow straggled down but melted upon the ground. Ma and I went down street together and stopped at Mrs. Peebles' a few minutes to

see Mary, Mrs. Peebles was not there, at least we did not see her. Two letters from Mary today, she is at Elizabeth.

Sunday, December 14, 1879. A very rainy gloomy day. We went to church and came home in the rain which continued without any intermission all day. Pa is not well and did not get up today so I went over to see him after the children had finished their lessons.

Monday, December 15, 1879. Rather cloudy and turning much colder. Have been mending and cleaning up most of the day, late in the afternoon I left Maggie and Willie with the baby and took Carl down street with me to do some errands. We went up to see Lizzie before coming home.

Tuesday, December 16, 1879. Bright and quite pleasant. Carl and I made another tour of the stores this morning in company with Lizzie and after dinner I did a little carpenter work, began a writing desk for the playroom, was interrupted by a call from Miss Phoebe Gould and after she left Carl and I went to get a pair of slippers for Jimmie and also get a bill or two.

Wednesday, December 17, 1879. Bright and pleasant. Carl and I went out again this morning and got a few things. He is delighted with all he sees as he has never been down street much and it all seems new to him. I put in the day doing little things towards getting ready for Christmas. The holes were plastered in the playroom and I want to paper it this week. Read a letter from Mary who is having a pleasant time at Mr. Jordan's.

Thursday, December 18, 1879. Not very pleasant, cloudy and cold. Mr. Reilly brought the paper for the playroom today and after dinner Ma kept the children downstairs while I cut it ready to hang tomorrow. I want to surprise the children and find it rather difficult to prevent their finding out what I'm doing. In the evening I cut and fitted the new suit for Maggie's doll.

Friday, December 19, 1879. Rained last night and was dark and cloudy all day. We hurriedly finished the morning work and by 9 o'clock were ready to begin the papering. Having sent Carl to school with Maggie we had only the baby to look after but she was very much in the way until she went to sleep. By hard work we finished the room before supper time, without the children knowing what we had done. Made a desk this evening or rather covered the one made the other day.

Saturday, December 20, 1879. Rained slowly all day. I have taken a severe cold and am almost sick with it. Managed to get the matting down and the room ready

for furnishing and as yet the children do not know of it at all. Lizzie, Rich and John have come down to stay awhile with Pa and Ma for company. Ma's girl left again yesterday with two sore fingers. Got the picture of Maggie ready to send to Grandma Ricker.

Sunday, December 21, 1879. Rained all day. This is the shortest day of the year according to the almanac but when I stay at home from church it does not seem very short. I have a bad cold and add to it if I go and sit with cold feet and damp clothes through service so did not go.

Monday, December 22, 1879. Rainy, cloudy, gloomy but still Lizzie and I made a round of the stores both up and down street and laid in a number of Christmas presents, I got napkins for Jennie and salt boutes for Ma, a fruit stand for Carrie Jones and several other things, among them a silver thimble for Sarah. The weather is such that it does not seem at all like Christmas.

Tuesday, December 23, 1879. Rained all day or nearly all day and was very gloomy. After dinner Ma and I went up to Mr. Williams to see Carrie Jones married to a Mr. Pritchard. I'm afraid she has not done well. We then went up to Connolley's and I bought a doz napkins for Lizzie just like Jennie's also some hd'kfs for Uncle Jimmie and Davy Edwards.

Wednesday, December 24, 1879. Rainy and dismal but not cold. I've been very busy all day making some red lambrequins¹⁶ for the playroom but succeeded in getting them finished and hung before supper though after it was all done I was so tired that I lay down on the bed until Jimmie came a thing I very seldom do. After the children were asleep we fixed the Tree in the playroom with Ma and Lizzie to help.

Thursday, December 25, 1879. Weather in the morning was not at all like Christmas but was cloudy and turned colder all day. In the afternoon it was windy and some snow fell. Our plans for the children all worked out satisfactorily. Although all the work in their playroom has been done within a week and they at home the whole time except two half sessions of school Friday, they never suspected that anything was being done and after searching our parlor and the rooms over home in vain for their annual tree, they gave it up until we sent them up to the playroom on an errand and then their surprise and delight fully repaid us for all our trouble. Maggie Peebles, Mattie Meredith and Chas Krotzenberger happened in just

¹⁶ *Lambrequins*: a short piece of decorative drapery hung over the top of a door or window or draped from a shelf or mantelpiece.

in time to go up stairs with us and they contributed two presents to Maggie's share. We all went over home to dinner and enjoyed it very much, even though we missed Mary, Jennie and the two boys all the while.

Friday, December 26, 1879. Weather severely cold today, it has been more than I could do to keep warm while sitting by the fire sewing. The children could not go up to their playroom at all and made a great deal of noise playing in my room. I wrote a long letter to Jennie this evening.

Saturday, December 27, 1879. Weather still cold but not nearly so cold as yesterday. The children have spent the day in the playroom and have given me very little trouble. I sewed busily all day. In the afternoon, Mary Kehoe and Carrie Durham, also Carrie Stearnes called. We had letters today from Mary and Jennie, 3 from the latter expressing thanks for the Christmas box we sent.

Sunday, December 28, 1879. Weather much warmer than yesterday but the ground is still frozen in the shade. Jimmie and the children went to Sabbath school as usual and afterwards Maggie and her father went to church but I did not go out owing to my severe cold. The doctor came and prescribed for me in the morning.

Monday, December 29, 1879. Warm, cloudy, muddy and very disagreeable. The doctor came in this morning and treated my throat. I am some better today. He advised me to go out every day so after dinner I went and gathered up some bills, called to see Maggie Coles at Maggie Peebles' and also went up stairs to see Mrs. Hamilton, then I stopped to see Grandma.

Tuesday, December 30, 1879. Still muddy and cloudy. I sewed some this morning on pillow cases. The doctor came and treated my throat again and I am taking medicine. After dinner Ma and I took three of the children to see the Strasburg Clock as it is called being a facsimile of the great clock at Strasburg¹⁷. It is quite wonderful.

Wednesday, December 31, 1879. Rained nearly all day and was dreary enough out of doors. My cold is better but not well. The doctor used more severe treatment on

¹⁷ *Strasbourg Clock*: The Strasbourg astronomical clock is located in the Cathédrale Notre-Dame of Strasbourg, Alsace, France. It is the third clock on that spot and dates from the time of the first French possession of the city (1681–1870). The first clock had been built in the 14th century, the second in the 16th century, when Strasbourg was a Free imperial city of the Holy Roman Empire. The current, third clock dates from 1843. Its main features, besides the automata, are a perpetual calendar (including a computus), an orrery (planetary dial), a display of the real position of the Sun and the Moon, and solar and lunar eclipses. The main attraction is the procession of the 18 inch high figures of Christ and the Apostles, which occurs every day at solar noon, while the life-size cock crows thrice.

my throat today. I finished 4 prs. pillow cases. Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual. Today closes what has been a very happy year for us not having had any serious illnesses or trouble of any kind for which we are very thankful.