

Friday, January 1, 1869-As far as regards the weather this has been very much like last New Year's day. It has been raining nearly all day. We were all at home not doing very much and the day seemed very long. In the evening Misses Anna Keyte and Lida Gilfillan of Moscow called. I spent the most of the afternoon at Ella Overturf's. On my way home stopped at Mr. Jno Nichol's. Mr. Collins was there. Just as I was starting home Enos came to tell me that there were some callers waiting to see me. On my arrival I found Mrssrs H.R. Tracy, Davy L. Jones, Jas W. Ricker, Sherman G. Johnson and Jno Peebles. It has been raining for nearly a week and there is no prospect as yet of a cessation for some time.

Saturday, January 2, 1869-Another dull day. It has seemed as though nearly every day this week was Saturday. I was at home until tea time when I went up to show Mr. Nichols a new piece of sacred music by Doane " The Rolling River" After tea Emma Voorheis and Johnny Miller came in for a short visit. Then Proff. Smith who finished the evening. Received three pieces of music by mail.

Sunday, January 3, 1869-This has been a lovely day. Bright sunny and spring like. Decidedly too pleasant for the season. We had three services beside S.S. today. Morning service as usual baptisms in the afternoon. Prayer M. at night. Robt. Bell Rifenberick and Albert Lynn Murray were baptized with water from the Jordan.

Monday, January 4, 1869-Another beautiful day far too pleasant for the season of the year. It took me all the forenoon to do the sweeping and dusting. After dinner I took my work and went up to see Sallie Tewksbury. Mary Peebles came with her mittens while I was there. I went in to see Mrs. Lloyd a few minutes. Mary and I went down street together and afterwards made Ella Greene a short visit. I stopped on my way home at Miss Han Rumsey's to see her and Lizzie Cochrane. In the evening Mary and I went to Prayer in a drenching rain.

Tuesday, January 5, 1869-It has turned a little cooler since the rain but not much. I did house work all the forenoon and in the afternoon I copied a Geological Chart for Pa. It took all the afternoon to do it. Miss Han Rumsey and Miss Eliza Gaffy called. I got a new piece of music. "Flick and Flack Gallop". Prayer meeting in the evening.

Wednesday, January 6, 1869-It continues to grow a little colder but the prospect for skating is not very flattering yet. Before I was ready to go to the parlor Uncle Sam and Cousin Duvall Young came to make us a short call. I was up to see Sallie Tewksbury a short time before dinner. In the afternoon Mrs. Peebles called to see Ma but she was out. Mrs. P sat nearly an hour (?) I acknowledged the receipt of that roll of music. Was up to see Mary & Maggie but they were not at home. Went to see Maggie Jones and in the evening went to Prayer meeting.

Thursday, January 7, 1869-After doing the housework this morning I cut out the lining of my velvet sacque and after dinner I nearly finished quilting it. Mrs. Hamilton, Aunt Mary, Miss Adams, Emma Voorheis and Sallie Tewksbury were here in the afternoon. In the evening we went to prayer meeting. The weather is still as mild as May. Maggie Jones was here in the morning.

Friday, January 8, 1869-The sun shone brightly this morning but the sky soon clouded up and after dinner a slow but steady rain set in. I finished the lining for my sacque and then went up to see why Maggie and Mary were not at church last evening. Went to prayer meeting in spite of the bad weather. Libbie Lloyd Field came home

Saturday, January 9, 1869-It has rained about all day. I gave Jennie and Lizzie their music lessons and after doing the house work there was not much time for anything else. After dinner Mary and I went to the kitchen to make the bread for Sunday. We had a real play over it. When Mary got through she went down street but I did not leave home at all.

Sunday, January 10, 1869-A very pleasant day notwithstanding the dismal prospect of yesterday. Proff. Mills of Marietta preached both morning and evening

Monday, January 11, 1869-This morning before daylight I asked Pa if I had'nt better go to the City today and get the trimmings for our sacques. He said yes. Upon looking out I saw the ground covered with snow. I thought it would be disagreeable but did not change my mind on that account. Went down to see if Maggie Jones would not go, finding she wouldn't I called to see Mary and Maggie but neither of them would go. So I came home and finished my preparations making up my mind to a very lonely trip. Mary was in school and could not leave. When I went to the boat it was raining and the streets were very muddy. I found that Kate Moore was going and afterwards Mr. Robt Bell came on board with his satchel. It dispelled all my fears of an unpleasant trip. He is as much company as two or three ordinary travelers would be. In the evening he entertained me for three or four hours with accounts of his travels in Europe. The principal theme being the public buildings of Europe. It rained very hard all day and all the way passengers who came on board were almost dripping wet. I found Kate much more agreeable than I had ever supposed she was. Among the passengers there was a species of Baptist preachers a regular gravel grinder as they are called. He came back and got into a very loud argument with a real loud talking Methodist and I was glad when the porter called out Aberdeen his destination.

Tuesday, January 12, 1869-Mr. Bell waited for me this morning and insisted that I should go with him right up to Lucy's and have her go shopping with me. After breakfast we went. I found her boarding exactly opposite Mrs. L.G. Gaylord's where

Mary Peebles and I made such an unfashionable visit last spring when Hattie Hempstead was married. I then sat at the window up stairs waiting until 9 O'clock breakfast time and watched the boarder opposite for pastime. Singular that I should ever occupy the boarder's place and amuse myself by watching the opposite party. When Lucy was ready we went down to Shillito's and looked at the velvet sacques then went down stairs and got the lace for trimmings. After getting the grip and buttons at other places we gave Mr. Rifenberick a call at his office. A very bright cheerful room. Lucy then took me to Hepler's new Saloon where we had some delicious cream. From there we made Allie Gaffy a call at the Merchant's Hotel. Then back to Lucy's. Her baby, Robbie is such a dear little fellow. A few minutes after 12 O'clock I started off to the boat by myself. Lucy wanted me to wait for Mr. R. but I was afraid of being left. They invited me very cordially to remain over a trip but I could'nt. On reaching the boat they informed me that they had been waiting for me a few minutes. I found Mattie Lewis and Eunice Hall and her brother going up. Eunice is just returning from a trip to New Orleans. We had a much pleasanter trip up than I anticipated. I had made up my mind to return very soon after supper but it was after ten before I went to my room.

Wednesday, January 13, 1869-Pa came down for me while I was at breakfast. When I got home I talked all the forenoon. In the afternoon I went down street for some thread. In the evening Ma, Mary and I went to church. Saw Mary Peebles but not Maggie. Libbie Field was here this morning to see me.

Thursday, January 14, 1869-Was in the house all day, only went to church in the evening. Mary Peebles spent the greater part of the afternoon with me. Ma was putting the trimming on my sacque and when she got it all basted on she called me to put it on and show Mary. Ma, Mary and I went to church. No we did not. I was thinking it was Wednesday. We spent the evening at home.

Friday, January 15, 1869-Another very wet disagreeable day. I fear we are not to have much skating if any at this winter. Half the winter months gone and only one day of good skating. I am not partial to winter but would prefer cold weather in it's season to rain and mud. I actually finished my velvet sacque and then went up to see Maggie and Mary. To Prayer Meeting in the Eve. I commenced "Goldsmith's Love" by Loring.

Saturday, January 16, 1869-The rain has ceased for the present but every thing is dismal as can be. Have just finished my morning work which consists of sweeping, dusting, bed making and giving Jennie and Lizzie their music lesson. Mary wanted me to go with her to see Mary Gaylord who is very low, but I was afraid of intruding and did not go. After dinner Mary went to see Miss Adams but I did not go any where.

Sunday, January 17, 1869-This has been one of the most solemn Sabbaths I ever spent. We knew when we went to S.S. that Mary must be worse as none of the Gaylord family were there and the Peebles girls were crying. Miss Adams went up from S.S. My feelings were quite beyond my control all this afternoon in apprehension of the worst. In the afternoon Mrs. Rumsey called and said that Mary was gone. She fell asleep in Jesus a few minutes after noon, sitting in her chair leaning her head on her father's breast. She was perfectly conscious to the last, left a message for the class of which she was a member. Although Mary was a very lively and apparently thoughtless girl when informed that she could not recover she became perfectly resigned to God's will whatever it might be. Remembered all the little kindnesses shown her by her friends. Our Mary was up there three times last week but did not see her after Monday. She had at one time expressed a desire to not have persons know she was sick consequently, in consideration of that request I did not go, though now I regret it very much. Her death was so sudden she failed so rapidly after she began to grow worse that every one was shocked to hear of it. Poor Mattie! I have sympathized with her very deeply ever since hearing of Mary's danger.

Monday, January 18, 1869-Mary and I went up to Mrs. Gaylord's this forenoon and as Mattie wished Mary to remain with her she did not come home until night. It is such a comfort to go there and see Mary and hear of her happy death. They all bear it as true Christians only can. After dinner I went up again with Ma and Jennie, on the way home Ma and I stopped to see Emma Spry. She is looking very badly. Ma persuaded her folks to let her spend a few days with us and as soon as she is able to come she will. While at tea I received a note from Mary P. saying that Mrs. Gaylord would be glad to have me sit up there tonight and assist in watching Mary. She feels that Mary loved me which was very gratifying to me. Jas, the driver took Miss Phoebe Gould & myself up. Mr. Sherman Johnson sat up until 12 then slept on the sofa. About 11 O'clock Mr. & Mrs. Wm Gaylord & Miss Lide Miller came from Ashland. I took the ladies in to see Mamie (Mary). She looks so well, is dressed in a white alpacca dress which I have often seen her wear. Little did we think she was wearing her burial dress. Her hands are perfect I felt so happy in doing what little I could for her. Truly "blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord".

Tuesday, January 19, 1869-I kept awake all night and did not feel sleepy when Mary Peebles came this morning. She was there all day yesterday but could not stay at night. She was back early this morning. I waited until breakfast was over and some of the friends had come up. Mrs. Coles and Ella, Mr. Peebles, Maggie & Rick. Mr. Bell called very early to know what kind of flowers they would like to have and then went and telegraphed to Cin. for them to be sent on the Bostona. I came home, slept from recess until noon, after which time I dressed and wrote up my book from

Sunday morning. Emma was not well enough to come today. Was down to Maggie Jones' in the afternoon.

Wednesday, January 20, 1869-This has been a sad, sad day. While I was dressing to go to Mary Gaylord's funeral Ma came and told me that little Willie was gone. He died about 8½ O'clock of that terrible disease small pox. It makes it harder for us all because none of us dare go about the house to assist or comfort them. We can only regard his death as a blessing when we think that in all probability he would have been blind had he lived. At 10 O'clock Mary's funeral took place at the Pres. Church. The house was crowded and the sermon was very impressive. The text was Eccl. 12.1st " Remember thy Creator ect." The pall bearers were selected from her friends those whom she esteemed in life. Sherman Johnson, Davie L Jones, David Lawrence, George Watkins, Ed. Draper, Louis Miller, Charlie Martin, and Will Bonsall. Every carriage in town was hired and nearly every private conveyance was out. These were followed by nearly 200 mill hands walking. I was very much disappointed in not having an opportunity to go to the grave. After dinner the funeral of a Mr. Loomis was preached in our church. I would have gone only our Willie was to be buried at 4 P.M. and I was afraid I would not get back in time. At the appointed time a few of us went up to Uncle Enos' to go to Willie's funeral, but could not go in the house. Poor Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary seemed nearly heart broken. Three funerals in one day is very sad. In the evening Mary and I went to church. Dr Pratt has preached two funeral sermons and made one lecture today.

Thursday, January 21, 1869-It is all over and Mary is gone I can't realize that I will never see her cheerful face or hear her merry laugh again. I think of her nearly all day and dream of her at night. Mattie is bearing up wonderfully under the affliction. I believe she is a true christian. In the afternoon Mary and I went down street to get some shoes then we made Emma Voorheis a visit.

Friday, January 22, 1869-I was up early and at the breakfast table with Pa but as I did not feel like eating I got my book, "Irving's Goldsmith" and read aloud to him while he ate. I have not felt well all day. All the forenoon I was in bed. Mary has gone up to see Mattie Gaylord. I wanted to go but could'nt. Did not go to prayer meeting the first time I missed this year.

Saturday, January 23, 1869-Did not feel well at all in the forenoon but after dinner Mary and I went out and made a few calls. Went to Libbie Fields' and then to see after Sarah Ball, then made a call at Neal and Luc Lloyd's. Gen'l Thomas, Charlie Greene & Sol Churchill are in town, but I have not seen them.

Sunday, January 24, 1869-A beautiful day. I felt much better this morning. The attendance at S.S. was very good this morning, 500 scholars 61 teachers and officers.

Monday, January 25, 1869-Emma Spry was to have been here this morning but she did not come. In the forenoon I went down to Mrs. Pratt's a few moments then to see why Em was missing and afterward to see Maggie & Mary. Found Maggie Jones there and during the conversation the lecture of the Y.M.C.A. tonight was mentioned. As usual we got started and had a great deal of fun in making our arrangements to go provided we had company. After dinner Mrs. Drouillard, Mrs. Elden, Mrs. Dennis, and Mrs. Maggie Bell called. After they had gone the "Hamanites" Gen'l Thomas, Charlie Greene & Mr. Sol Churchill called and made quite a visit. The latter invited me to go the lecture tonight and I accepted the invitation. The time came and passed but (?) (?) came. Finally he came and said the lecture was postponed but an arrangement had been made for an impromptu party at Mr. Peebles, so thither we bent our steps. The members were all present but Hattie Norton and Jim Ricker. We came home a little before morning. Emma came in the evening. Pa went to Cin.

Tuesday, January 26, 1869-We were up early this morning and I worked on Mary's saque all the forenoon. After dinner Mrs. Hamilton came to see Ma, Emma went to see Lucy Yoakley and I went to get one of the Peebles' girls to go up to Mrs. Gaylord's with me but found that they had both gone to see me. I told them yesterday that as I had company they might expect to find me at home. After my visit to Mattie Gaylord & Miss Lida Miller I went to Maggie Jones and found the girl's there. We laughed until we were scarcely able to get home. Mary Peebles, Mary Murray and Ella Greene have no company for the lecture. Gen'l takes Maggie Peebles Charlie goes with Maggie Jones & Sol with Maggie Moore & myself. The Maggie's seem to be at a premium at the hour. Mr. C came and we went and heard (continued)

Written across the page: Rev. C.L. Thompson deliver his lecture on the "Untitled Heros of the War". Maggie P. was with a Gen'l, Maggie Jones with a Capt. and I had a high private. The lecture was beautiful I thought. After we returned Mr. C came in and stayed about 2 hours. Making it after eleven when I got upstairs.

Wednesday, January 27, 1869-Pa came home this morning early and brought some stereoscope pictures. Did not go to see any of the girls today I believe. Worked patiently at Mary's saque in the forenoon and soon after dinner Emma and I started out for a walk. We went out and made Nannie Lampton a visit then walked home by way of Chillicothe and 2nd St. Met Jim Ricker on 2nd he just came today too late for the "Hamanite" meeting. In the evening Ma, Mary and I went to church after which we retired early.

Thursday, January 28, 1869-Finished the last velvet sacque this forenoon. We are all rejoicing over it. After dinner I went up to Ella Greene's a few minutes, then to Mr. Peebles but the girls were out. Started down to Miss Han Rumsey's but stopped at Emma Johnson's on the way. Finally reached Miss Rumsey's where I found Maggie Peebles and Ella G. Emma Spry met me there and we went to walk. Met Nannie Lampton, Bertha Glidden and Kate Crichton so we all went together. Made a call "en masse" at Clara Waller's but she was out.

Friday, January 29, 1869-We have had beautiful weather nearly all this month, yesterday was like spring, but today is cloudy and there is some prospect of a change. Went to prayer meeting as usual.

Saturday, January 30, 1869-We have nothing particular to do and consequently do nothing. I read Goldsmith talk, practice a little and so fill up the day. In the afternoon Mary went to see Allie Gaffy and Emma went home to get some things. I dressed and started down to sit awhile with Maggie Jones. I met her and Mary Peebles coming to our house and of course returned. About 4 O'clock Ma, Miss Jackson and me went to the shop to see the casting done. In the evening Davy Jones and Jas Ricker came in and spent the evening.

Sunday, January 31, 1869-Sabbath School and church passed off much the same as usual. After dinner we learned our lessons and then read until church time.

Monday, February 1, 1869-Another lovely day, we have had beautiful weather ever since Christmas with the exception of a few days. I stayed at home all day and did nothing but answer the door bell it seemed to me. Sometimes it would be someone I cared to see but often it was not. Maggie Jones made me a nice little visit. After dinner Sallie Tewksbury came and spent the afternoon with me. Emma was down street. Miss Adams called to see Mary but as she had not returned from school, she, (Miss A) did not come in. After tea we sat down stairs until about 8 O'clock when all the family but myself had gone up stairs. I was preparing to follow when the door bell rang and Mr. C came to say that there would be an impromptu meeting of the "H.C's" at Ella's and I was wanted. I dressed and went. I had been feeling so badly all that that Ma & I thought it would do no good. Maggie & Mary Peebles, Maggie Jones, Mollie Murray, Miss Han and myself were the ladies Jas Ricker, Davie Jones & Mr. Churchill being the gentlemen. We had a fine time as usual and didn't come home until midnight.

Tuesday, February 2, 1869-I was very much surprised this morning to find it raining when I woke up. I was up at 6 O'clock notwithstanding my late evening's dissipation. In the forenoon I went down to invite Mr. & Mrs. Greene & Mrs. Churchill up to tea with Ella and Mr. C. Before I left Maggie Jones came in and then we went down street together. I afterwards called at Mr. Spry's to do an errand for Emma and also at Mr. Miller's to take a message from Ella G. to Emma V. In the evening the guests all came and after tea they visited until 9 O'. The weather outside was very dreary but that only made the parlors seem more pleasant.

Wednesday, February 3, 1869-This morning I started out in the sunshine and came back at noon in the rain. In the first place I went to see Allie Gaffy who has just returned from a six weeks stay in Cincinnati. Then to see Ella Greene, found Maggie Peebles there and we visited together nearly all the forenoon while Ella was getting ready to go to Cin. When the time came, we walked down as far as Elden's with Ella & Sol then Maggie went up to Mrs. Tewksbury's with me. We stayed there until dinner time. Sallie asked me to go to Madison Furnace with her and I said I would. After dinner I went up to Mrs. Murrill's a few minutes. Came home and began to iron a skirt. Sallie came to get my final answer in regard to the trip. That was the last of my ironing. It rained all the afternoon and Sallie stayed until nearly tea time. After tea Mary went to church, stopping at Mrs. Rumsey's to do an errand.

Thursday, February 4, 1869-Oh! such a dreary day. Just enough snow to give every thing a dismal appearance. Ma has been in bed nearly all day. Jennie and I have colds, Milton & Enos do the coughing for the family. Our cook left this morning. The (c bers) came for Em after dinner as she expects to play at the concert tonight. I fear it will be her last appearance. She's fearfully imprudent. Mary Peebles, Therza Spry were here this forenoon. Pa, Mary and Lizzie went to the Concert, but I went to bed.

Friday, February 5, 1869-Emma and I did not get up this morning until nearly 9 O'clock. After we had our breakfast we went down street and were gone until noon. After dinner we went up to the High School. I went to Mrs. Gaylord's then home. Mary & Emma went

***Written across the page:** to the concert again. Jennie, Lizzie and I to prayer meeting. Maggie and Mary Peebles and Miss Lide Miller were here while I was gone.*

Saturday, February 6, 1869-After breakfast I sewed until Maggie and Mary Peebles came in, after they left I finished my sewing and then took up a pen. Expect to write to Ella G now. Wrote part of the letter and after dinner went down street. Maggie Peebles went with me to do a little shopping. I got a yoke for a night dress which I expect to begin next week, time for finishing it, not set. After I went home Jennie and Maggie Stewart called.

Sunday, February 7, 1869-Sabbath school and church as usual today nothing out of the ordinary routine at all.

Monday, February 8, 1869-Up bright and early as I had all my preparations for our trip to make before train time. This was soon done. Maggie and Mary came down to see me before I left just about time to start Jimmie Ricker and Sallie Tewksbury came, and the girls walked down to the depot with us. Mr. & Mrs. Greene were on their way to Keystone and they had a great deal of sport at our expense about the "carriage" which would be waiting for us at the station. The roads were very muddy but in due time we reached Madison Furnace where we found Charlie Jones waiting to welcome us. He had been over since Saturday. He said that there was nothing at the Station to take his father and mother over. I would have given something to have seen them and tease them a little. This is a good place to write a story about. The house is low and long. Porch the whole length of the house. Situated on the side of a hill and in summer the frames in the yard are covered with vines and flowers. White paling fence. Windows, and doors with windows in them. The latter shaded by snowy curtains. In side the house is plain but comfortable. Now we come to the inmates of the house. First there is Mr. Jacob Ricker the head of the family, a large pleasant person and he is just as good as he is large. Then Mrs. R a dear little creature whom Mr. R calls Mary and looks as though he thought there were no more like her. The pet of this little family is Jimmie for he is the only child. Though he is a man and can speak for himself. I will make no comments further than that he seems to be worthy of the love which they bestow on him. He certainly is not lacking in good sense and fine sensibilities. There is a lady relative of the family here from the east a good specimen of a real wholesouled Yankee as they are called. Sallie and I complete the circle around the fire side and table at present. After tea we sat and talked and Jimmie and I played checkers, dominoes ect. When the time came for retiring, Mr. R took the bible and read the evening chapter. He is such a good man.

Written across the page: *Charlie had to go home this afternoon.*

Tuesday, February 9, 1869-It was raining a little when we got up this morning and the prospect is for a dreary day in the outside world. But it will make little difference while we have such resources within for amusement. Sallie and I worked on our embroidery all day. Jimmie read "Ragged Dick" to us all afternoon. I accomplished a good deal. In the evening he finished the book during which time I knit for Mrs. R the work in hand being a sock for her bachelor brother Mr. Jimmie Wood. After the reading was done we had our fortunes told by Mrs. R. The initials which fell to me were J.C. by first choice of number and H.C. by second. We are having a very pleasant time in spite of the weather.

Wednesday, February 10, 1869-Still cloudy I wrote two letters this morning one to Mary and one to cousin Julia Young. The order of the day has been some work and

much play. Mrs. Drew Ricker was over today with her baby and two little girls. After tea Jimmie and I took a walk up on the hill in the mud. After I came back Sallie and I walked up and down the porch for nearly an hour and sung. I wish somebody could send me a letter from somewhere. I lost my little pad lock today off my chain.

Written across the page: *What would you do with that letter?*

Thursday, February 11, 1869-It has cleared off beautifully this morning the sun is perfectly dazzling and every thing out of doors is covered with white frost. The diamond dew drops are sparkling on every side. The day has been very like summer, so warm, so nice. The past 11 words were written by Mary, I did not write after Thursday morn until I got home. We spent the time much the same as usual. Although the ground was damp Jimmie and I took a walk up on the hill by the school house. There was church in the evening and we all went. Before service was over Charlie Greene came walking in. It was nearly midnight when we retired. Jimmie read "Fame and Fortune" to us.

Friday, February 12, 1869-Our last whole day at Madison. We worked in the forenoon. Immediately after dinner all four of us went out to walk. We went in sight of Limestone. Our walk was very pleasant notwithstanding the moist condition of the ground we got very tired and sat on a log resting for nearly half hour. We are having a very delightful time. Before dinner we all walked down to see the Furnace. Oh! dear I wish I had a book twice as large I can't write half as much as I want.

Saturday, February 13, 1869-We were up early in order to be ready for the train. Made a morning call at the office to get weighed. I weigh 129 ½ and Sallie 133. Jimmie cut off a calico dress for Sallie and charged it to himself. At 8 O'clock we all got into the wagon and started homeward. The roads were very muddy but we reached the station in safty after many up and downs. Charlie and Jimmie came half way home with us. That is as far as Webster. We reached home at noon and found Pa waiting for me at the depot. Emma went home tonight. Beautiful day, nearly every one is on the street. Sallie came down after dinner. Note from L. Ky. Hyacinths in bloom in the house.

Sunday, February 14, 1869-Cloudy and rather warm 503 scholars present. Service twice, S.S. Union meeting 29th anniversary in afternoon. Pa was sick all day.

Monday, February 15, 1869-It has turned colder today. I am glad we came home Saturday. It was the last pleasant day we may look for until spring. Yesterday we heard that there was a new applicant for admission to our H.C. whom I suppose will be admitted on account of his mother Hattie Hempstead Norton. Our little Hamanite, Long life and prosperity to him. Ma and I were down street this morning and she bought me a black silk dress to be made "ero panier". Mary and Maggie

Peebles were here this afternoon. Golden rod in bloom in the yard flowers coming up just in time to be frosted.

Tuesday, February 16, 1869-I am going to work at my dress this morning. Pa is better today but Mary's in bed with a cold. Before noon Pa came home and went to bed again but after dinner he went to the shop. Mrs. Spry and Emma were here.

Wednesday, February 17, 1869-It was gloomy all the forenoon and after dinner it rained hard, I was down to Lodwick's on Front twice this morning. Worked at my dress. Mary P invited me there to spend the afternoon and take tea but Ma now feeling so badly I could'nt leave her. Did not go to church.

Thursday, February 18, 1869-Finished my silk "panier" this forenoon. In the afternoon I went down street. Sallie Tewksbury was here and after much deliberation I went with her. It is windy and unpleasant.

Friday, February 19, 1869-Have been sewing on one of Mary's dresses today. A week ago this afternoon Sallie, Charlie, Jimmie and I were strolling over the hills. Mary Peebles here a few minutes and Maggie Jones came soon after she left and stayed until dinner. Emma Spry was here to dinner. I answered the note which I rec'd from L. Saturday. After dinner Mary and I went down street together.

Saturday, February 20, 1869-Noon these (?) (?) (?) that one week since brought me home. This is a lovely day. I am not doing anything particular today. Read, (?) practice.

Written across page: *Mattie Gaylord, Ella Greene, Libbie Field, Therza Spry & Han Rumsey were here this afternoon. I worked at my embroidery all the afternoon. Did not go anywhere.*

Sunday, February 21, 1869-Lovely day shower in afternoon. Large S.S. Lizzie in bed all day. Church twice. Letter from cousin Julia Young and an old one that had been lost, (?) Ella Greene.

Writing across page: *Uncle Sam Aunt Mary and Raff were down.*

Monday, February 22, 1869-The pleasant weather is over at least for a time. I began the day's work by writing to Cousin Julia. Then sewed the rest of the time. Mary P and Maggie Jones were here. Therza Spry spent nearly all the afternoon with me. Mary went down there to stay all night.

Tuesday, February 23, 1869-Rain, snow, sleet, hail and ice are part of today's programme. Occasional beams of sunshine light up the scene. Mary Peebles was in

a while this morning. I believe she is the best working christian girl I ever knew. She is now teaching a sick man to read and write. I am going to write to Alice Chandler. Well I did write to her. Went down to put the letter in and then stopped in to see Ella Greene. Bart is at home. They walked up home with me.

Wednesday, February 24, 1869-Mary Peebles stopped at the door a few minutes this morning they are to entertain the ladies of the Concert and she was hurried. In the evening we all went to the Concert. I was sorry to miss church but as the concert was for the benefit of the Y.M.C.A. thought we ought to go there.

Thursday, February 25, 1869-Worked very hard while I did work today but had promised to spend the afternoon and evening at Therza's so I went. Lib and Dr Field, Ella & Bart Greene, Miss Han Rumsey, Louis Miller, Mrs. Cadot, Prof. Schaeffer constituted the invited guests. Mary was already there. There was prayer meeting in the evening and I wanted to go but the bells rang while we were at table so I could'nt.

Friday, February 26, 1869-Commenced the day's work by writing to Mrs. Singleton. Sewed on my dress until there was enough of it to finished to wear and after dinner I dressed and went out to collect the bills together. Oh! but it is cold. I called at Mr. Peebles but the girls and the strangers were all out. Maggie Jones was out also. Ella Greene & I went to call on Lizzie Burr. I went back to Mr. P's but they were just going to tea so I did not stay.

Written across page: Came home and after did not to prayer meeting. Mr. Cadot who was going with me to the concert could not go with me to church but met me there. Barton Greene wanted me to go with him & Ella but Mr. C. had asked me the evening before.

Saturday, February 27, 1869-Cold very cold. I had to go to the shop this morning. After dinner I went out to pay the bills. Maggie Jones went with me. We went to see Mary and Maggie Peebles a few minutes. I came home and got ready to go down to Ella Greene's to spend the evening. Mary came home from Mr. Spry's tonight. Bart came for me but before we were ready Pa got him engaged in chess and it was late before we started. We spent a delightful evening. It was 11 O'clock before we came home. I received a note from Jas. H. today. I have had quite a busy week. My black silk waist dress is finished also the upper skirt.

Sunday, February 28, 1869-Cold and clear. Live services today and Sabbath School as usual. Maggie Bell was home again. She has been gone two Sabbaths.

Monday, March 1, 1869-Ma went to Cin. this morning or rather to Moscow and took Lizzie and Emma Spry with her. Therza came up (into Em?) Mary and Jennie

have a half holiday. Maggie Stewart was here a little while. She said perhaps she would stay with us tomorrow night. After I had sewed up the seams of my skirt, I went to see Annie Holmes who has been absent two Sabbaths. I did not sew any either I made a mistake. On my way home I called to see Ella Overturf and it was nearly dark when I left. They asked me to stay to tea. I could'nt however. Wrote to Clara Swain.

Tuesday, March 2, 1869-I cut out the lining of my silk skirt but before I had done much Mary Peebles, one of my treasures came. I am always glad to see her coming. After she was gone I worked away until I got the seams all sewed up then I went to practicing. I got some new music today, nine pieces. Maggie S. came to dinner. In the evening Kate Glover, Louis Miller & Rich Peebles came to spend a very pleasant evening. Jennie had the kitchen full of little girls making candy.

Wednesday, March 3, 1869-Ma and Lizzie came home this morning before we were up. Ma brought me a letter from Julia which I answered inviting her to make us a visit. Maggie Peebles came in a little while before dinner and finally was persuaded to remain A while after dinner Mary came down, not knowing Maggie was here before they left Mrs. Hamilton came and she stayed to tea and went to Prayer meeting. The girls and I went out to walk but just as we were leaving Mrs. J, Nichols it began to snow a little which made it rather unpleasant out of doors. We made Maggie Jones a call, I went home with the girls but came back to tea.

Thursday, March 4, 1869-Today U.S. Grant was inaugurated as Pre't of the United States. It is quite cold and not at all pleasant. In the afternoon I went to see Laura Loughry who has just returned from Cin. after an absence of 7 months. Made a call at Emma Voorheis, Miss Rumsey's and lastly at Ella Greene's but she was just going out so I did not stay. Pa & Ma were invited up to Mr. Robinson's but did not go.

Friday, March 5, 1869-It is growing colder. So far March has been very lion like. Ma and I stayed at home all day and sewed on the boy's pants. No one came in except Mrs. Lowne who came to bring a pattern. In the evening we went to prayer meeting and were nearly frozen.

Saturday, March 6, 1869-How the wind howled and moaned last night. This morning every thing is powdered with fine snow. There might be some skating if there was not so much wind and snow. Uncle Enos was here and spent the evening with us. A real treat as he very seldom stays off the boat. Preparation lecture in the afternoon. After church I hurried home as fast as I could it was so very cold.

Sunday, March 7, 1869-Cold very cold this morning. Went to S.S. and church as usual. Communion in afternoon seven united with the church, among them Dr and Mrs. Shackelford and Mr. & Mrs. S.B. Drouillard. Weather moderated in the evening.

J.P. walked up from Missionary Meeting in evening with us. It is the first time he has been in the house since New Year's day.

Monday, March 8, 1869-The last traces of the last snow were not all gone and this morning it began again. A soft feathery but damp snow which leaves the trees dripping and the pavements in a very unpleasant condition. Ma and I have been making a dress for her today. I had to go up to Connelley's after some articles which were needed.

Tuesday, March 9, 1869-The snow was two or three inches deep this morning but it soon passed away. I believe the walking is worse than it has been before this winter. We worked and sewed all day. I had to go up to the store once.

Wednesday, March 10, 1869-It cleared off beautifully this morning but has rained two or three times since. It seems quite like spring I got a letter from Julia this morning. Took a long walk after breakfast in search of a washer woman but was unsuccessful after all. I did the housework and Ma undertook the washing but at noon a girl came to get a place. I hope she will stay awhile any way. Wrote a note to Maggie Bell, also a letter. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Written across page: *Got a letter charm which I intend giving to Jennie on her birthday. It is a long time to keep it until July 29th.*

Thursday, March 11, 1869-Worked busily all the forenoon after dinner dressed and waited until Maggie came. She is such a lovely person. We spent a very pleasant afternoon together. About 6 O'clock George came up and soon after, Pa. Immediately after tea, Ma Mary and I went to teachers' meeting with George and Maggie. It was snowing quite hard when we were out.

Friday, March 12, 1869-Snow about two inches deep this morning. It is four years today since Annie died. Since morning it has commenced thawing and now we will have mud. Mary and I are invited up to Ella Murray's to spend the afternoon and take tea. After dinner I got ready and went up to Mrs. Peebles'. Mary was up to Mr. G's Maggie & I went up to Ella's together.

Written across page: *Mary Murray, Lillie Ball, Sallie Tewksbury, Mary and Maggie Peebles, Mary & I were the invited guests. We had a superb supper but had to get up from the table and go to Prayer meeting.*

Saturday, March 13, 1869-I made two or three trips down street this morning after which I settled down for the day. Mattie Gaylord was here in the forenoon, Mary Peebles & Sallie Tewksbury & Mrs. Hamilton in the afternoon. Also Frank Cunningham and Emma Spry.

Sunday, March 14, 1869-A pleasant day but after church in the evening it stormed very hard. We had rain, snow, hail, sleet, thunder, lightning and so on. We had such a good sermon or rather lecture in the evening. Dr Pratt read his text and in a few minutes closed the Bible and proceeded with his lecture without notes. I enjoyed it very much.

Monday, March 15, 1869-This morning the ground was covered with snow again. I hope it is positively the last appearance for this season. I went up to Uncle Enos' this morning to see Aunt Maria then came home and sewed all day.

Tuesday, March 16, 1869-Sent a note to Sallie Ball by Jennie. Sewed all the forenoon, After dinner I went to make a few short calls. Found Maggie & Mary Peebles away from home, saw Maggie Jones. Mollie Murray and Lillie Ball were out saw Mrs. G and Mattie Gaylord. Sallie Tewksbury was out but I met her and she went down street with me. Made what will be my last call on Miss Han I suppose as she is to be married soon.

Wednesday, March 17, 1869-Sewing has been the order of today, varied a little by cutting a waist and two skirts for Ma, her walking dress. In the evening we went to church, five of us. After church Sallie Tewksbury and Jimmie Ricker called and stayed until 10 O'clock.

Thursday, March 18, 1869-Sewing varied by a few calls was the programme for today. Mary Peebles came in and visited about an hour. As soon as she was out of sight Maggie came and made a shirt call. After she left I went down to the Foundry to see Pa and the new iron fence. He gave me a silver five cent piece and a letter from Clara Swain. The stone masons commenced on the stone for the fence today. In the eve Mr. (Brown Brame??) came to play chess with Pa but as he was gone out a little while I played with Mr. B. until his return.

Friday, March 19, 1869-At home all day I believe. Mary did not come home to dinner and immediately after school she went up to see Mattie Gaylord and did not get home until just before our return from church. Ma and I were the only representatives of the family. I had forgotten that I went down to the church in the afternoon to practice on the organ. Letter from Debbie which I answered after church.

Saturday, March 20, 1869-Finished Debbie's letter & wrote to Julia Young this morning then Jennie and I devoted the remainder of the forenoon to play. Music and marbles. In the afternoon we went to the church and I practised an hour. Took my work up to Maggie Peebles' and spent the rest of the day and took tea. Played chess instead of working however. The girls walked home with me.

Sunday, March 21, 1869-Two circumstances not in the regular routine took place today. I attended S.S. and church as usual in the forenoon. Not quite as usual either I played the organ in S.S. in Miss Adams' place. My first attempt. I went down to Mission after dinner and took a class of boys. The second class I ever taught never having been a substitute in all my sabbath school experience and always having the same class. I became quite interested in my new class. In the evening Ma Jennie and I went to the lower Episcopal church to see Pa confirmed. Mary & Lizzie went to our own church how I longed to be with them.

Monday, March 22, 1869-Yesterday was a beautiful day but we awoke up to rain and dreariness this morning I did not leave the house all day. Oh! it was so gloomy.

Tuesday, March 23, 1869-The sun reigns again today but not in all its power. It is cold if it is bright. The workmen are busily engaged on the stones again this morning. We have not had an opportunity to do much beside entertain callers today. In the forenoon Sallie Tewksbury, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Helfenstein and Grace were here. After dinner, Mrs. Elden, Mrs. Nichols, Mary Murray, Tillie Ball, Ella Greene and Emma Spry were here. Pa had the grape vines trimmed. I made a pair of slippers for myself.

Wednesday, March 24, 1869-Wrote to Laura Hennes for Ma. Am taking a severe cold and don't feel very well. After dinner took my work down to Maggie J's and spent part of the afternoon. Went up to get Maggie P. to show me about a hard stitch and they made me stay to tea and go to church with them.

Thursday, March 25, 1869-Rain, all day. I have been sewing but did not feel like it was preparing to retire very early when Davie Jones came in and soon afterward Jno Peebles to spend the evening. The latter had a severe headache and I fear did not enjoy his evening very much. Lizzie brought me a paper from the office this morning.

Friday, March 26, 1869-The rain seems to be over for the present and sunshine, clouds and wind reign by turns. My cold seems to grow worse rather than better. I went to church however with Ma. Mary went up to stay all night with Mattie Gaylord. After coming home I did not lose much time before retiring.

Saturday, March 27, 1869-I was out nearly all the forenoon. Went up to Mr. Peebles'. Maggie was out but I made Mary a long visit. Went up to see Sallie Tewksbury she was not at home but I saw Mrs. Ricker. After dinner I went to see Maggie Jones a little while. Poor darling, she has a very severe headache and is nearly sick. After leaving there I spent the rest of the afternoon with Ella Greene in her new home.

Sunday, March 28, 1869-Sabbath School and church as usual in the morning. Mission School after dinner and church in evening. Rex Mr. Northrup (I believe) preached two excellent and very interesting sermons today. Hi is soliciting funds for the Church Erection cause. I hope he will do well. Only three of my group present. I will have to call on the absentees this week.

Monday, March 29, 1869-After a beautiful day yesterday, it rained last night but cleared off again today. Pa went to Cin. I have been making a handkerchief box for a bridal present to Miss Han Rumsey. After dinner Dr P. and Mr. N. called for our contribution. Ma gave him \$26.00 five a per each of us. I went down street and gathered up some bills. Sallie T. went with me.

Tuesday, March 30, 1869-Finished Han's box and sent it to her. Pa came home this evening while we were dressing for the wedding. We did not go to the church to see the ceremony. Miss Han Rumsey & Mr. S.L.J. Miller were the bride & groom. Misses Maggie Peebles, Eliza Gaffy, Ella Greene and Kate Moore the attendants no groomsmen. There were a great many present. Over 400 invitations were issued. Mary Crees was married in our church this morning.

Written across page: *Letter from Mrs. Singleton.*

Wednesday, March 31, 1869-This has been a busy day with me and I am tired, oh so tired tonight. The morning was beautiful Mary & I went up to Mary Peebles and then we called for Maggie Jones to go to our church to see Lake Erie Hoomes and J.W. Lewis married. Chat Lewis & Robt Spry being the attendants. From there we went to Mr. Rumsey's to tell Han good bye. A large crowd of friends followed her to the depot. I am sorry to lose her we shall miss her very much. Mary Peebles then went with me to pay the bills which was a long walk. After dinner Mary P. & I went up to play croquet at Mollie's. Lillie Ball, Will Stephenson & Jas Ricker made up the game. Jimmie walked down home with me. In the evening Mary Jennie and I went to church. Lucy Yoakley and Mr. Cameron were married at all saints tonight.

Thursday, April 1, 1869-We have had more snow today, not by way of variety however. It was Ex. Day at the Gram. School but I did not go. Mary brought Maggie Jones home to dinner, just dripping wet. They went back in the afternoon. In the evening Davy Jones & Jimmie Ricker came to call. It was nearly midnight when Jas. looked at his watch in evidence that time did not drag heavily with them.

Friday, April 2, 1869-The weather is turning cold again. I went up to the High School examinations this afternoon and, as usual, was very much delighted with everything I heard. The speaking & singing are very good. The room was full. Mary Peebles and Maggie Jones were with me. In the evening I went to prayer meeting.

Written across page: *Wrote to Mrs. Singleton.*

Saturday, April 3, 1869-Spent the forenoon at home, after dinner went up to get Mary Peebles to go down to the "Point" with me to look up some boys. Found Mollie Murray and Tillie Ball there and after they left we went. After a little searching the two Smith boys were found then we had to go out to the Corner of Chillicothe and 9th for two more. It was not a very pleasant walk owing to the cold wind. When I came home I wrote to H.

Sunday, April 4, 1869-Attended Sabbath School and church as usual. The boys did not come as their mother promised they should. Mr. J. Young occupied Dr Pratt's place today. It was Missionary Sunday in our school. The number of names called is something over 580. At Mission, Mary Murray & I were appointed to visit the district. I played the (enclodion?).

Monday, April 5, 1869-Ma went to Cin. this morning with Mrs. Hamilton and the girls went to take a trip also. They will only go to Buena Vista or Moscow. After dinner Mary and I went to call on the stranger's in town. Lillie & Florrie Johnson at Ella Greene's, Sallie Chester at Dr Pratt's and Miss Nettie Cotton & Laura Fitzhugh at Dr Cotton's. In the evening Mr. Brown came to play chess with Pa and we went to bed early.

Tuesday, April 6, 1869-Stayed at home all day. Sallie Tewksbury spent nearly all the forenoon with us. After dinner I rec'd a note from Jno Peebles saying he would call for us to spend the evening at their house. There were about 18 of us. Mr. Lacy & the young ladies from Dr Cotton's, Davy Jones & Lillie Johnson, & Mollie Murray, Jas Ricker, Ella Greene & Florrie Johnson, Charlie Greene, Sallie Tewksbury & Maggie Jones, John P. Mary & myself. Mary & Maggie Peebles. We had a delightful time.

Wednesday, April 7, 1869-We are having lovely weather. Mollie Murray visited the district this forenoon for Mission School. We came home very tired. I laid down and slept until dinner. After dinner I sewed on a dress I am making for Ellen. I rec'd a not from Jimmie Ricker asking to go to the Luc' wedding at Mrs. McCall's this evening. Mary did not go but I did. It was a reception and we went after church and returned at 10½ O'clk. Everything passed off very pleasantly. Mary & Maggie Peebles were sick and could not go, Jno was not there either we missed them very much. Such a quantity of tin ware I never saw in one house before. There were three tables, mantlepiece, and three strings stretched on the walls full and some on the floor.

Written across page: *I finished the piece of embroidery which I commenced two months ago tomorrow.*

Thursday, April 8, 1869-Pa went away on the cars this morning and as he left the house before we went down, after breakfast Mary and I went to the office to see him. Afterward we went up to see Maggie and Mary Peebles then made Sallie a short visit. Called at Maggie Jones and then came home. In the afternoon I sewed until I was tired then commenced embroidering one of my stand covers. Belle Whitney & Jennie, Ella Greene & Lillie & Florrie Johnson, Belle & Gussie Connolley were here to call.

Friday, April 9, 1869-Ma and the girls came home this morning & Pa at noon I have done nothing but emb all the forenoon took a sleep before dinner. After dinner Laura Loughry and Miss Sallie Chester called. They wanted Mary & me to go there after church and spend the evening. Mary & I went down to Maggie Jones a little while. It rained very hard all the evening prevented our going either to church or Dr Pratt's.

Written across page: *Laura sent Jimmie R. for us but we could not go and he would not go back without us so he stayed here.*

Saturday, April 10, 1869-I worked on my stand cover all the forenoon. After dinner Mary and I dressed and went down to see Miss Eliza Gaffy who is going home Monday. Then over to see Laura & Sallie C. but Laura was not at home. We went down to the Post Office and on our way to Maggie Jones we were caught in the rain. So we borrowed an umbrella & came home.

Written across page: *Letter from Julia which I answered.*

Sunday, April 11, 1869-I have been busy all day. Attended our S.S. and church in the forenoon and immediately after dinner went down to Mission, went directly up to the Bi-monthly S.S. meeting at 6th Street from Missions and got home about two hours before service in the evening at our church. Dr Pratt preached an excellent sermon on the "Recognition of friends in Heaven" from 1st Cor 13th 12th.

Monday, April 12, 1869-This morning just as I was ready to go down to Laura Loughry's, Mary and Maggie P. came in. When they left I went with them but found Laura & Sallie Chester gone to the boat. I then went down with Uncle Enos. Found Mollie Murray, Laura, Davy Jones, Will Stephenson, Will Bonsall & Jim Ricker there. After the boat left Laura, Mollie, Davy, Jim & I walked up to Dr Pratt's and I went in there & stayed until dinner time. In the evening Jim & Sallie Tewksbury came for Mary and me to go to the Y.M.C.A. Prayer M. When we came home they stayed about & hour.

Written across page: *Mrs. Maggie Bell came for me to go to the shop with her. We just visited the shoe store & saw them make shoes, then I took her to the foundry to see them cast.*

Tuesday, April 13, 1869-Ma and I went out to get something to make suits for the girls. There was a Teacher's meeting at Mr. Tewksbury's this evening. Jimmie came and took us up. We had a real good meeting. I was out this afternoon to see Annie Holmes who was absent Sunday.

Written across page: *Wrote to Laura H.*

Wednesday, April 14, 1869-Three years today since Lincoln was assassinated. I went up to Mr. C's this morning and got a bolt of black lustre, came home and spent the forenoon cutting out suits for Jennie and Lizzie. (A Live) letters came for me today, one from Clara Swain the other from Debbie Chandler. After dinner I hemmed some bias strips for trimming for the suits. Went to church in the evening. Emma Spry was here.

Written across page: *Wrote to Clara Swain.*

Thursday, April 15, 1869-I sewed all the morning Laura sent an invitation for Mary & I to go there to tea. Before I began to dress Sallie sent me word that they were ready to go to the Hub Factory. Mary P. was here at the time & I could not get ready before she left Mrs. Robinson, Grahame & Hutchins came. Before I was ready Jimmie came after me, on our way we met the rest of the party Maggie Jones, Nannie Lampton & Sallie Tewksbury. It was very interesting sight to me. Got a letter from my Ky friend.

Written across page: *Took tea and spent part of the evening with Laura her friends Nettie Cotton and Laura Fitzhugh.*

Friday, April 16, 1869- I have sewed a good deal today did not stop until rather late. Went up after Sallie Tewksbury but she was out. Then to Mrs. Peebles' found the girls at home & Maggie Jones there. After she left Maggie and I went down street. Mary and I went to prayer meeting in the evening and then early to bed as I was very tired.

Saturday, April 17, 1869- The weather is lovely now I believe winter is gone at last. I went down street this morning and after doing my errands, went to Mr. Peebles', little Hattie Crossley, who is visiting there with her mother, was so sweet & cunning that I could not leave her until nearly noon. After dinner I stayed at home and worked on the girls suits until they were done all but sewing the sleeves in which Lettie did.

Sunday, April 18, 1869-A real April day three or four showers with sunshine between. Dr Pratt is still at Ironton and Mr. Young came to fill his place again. In the afternoon Jennie went down to Missions with me.

Monday, April 19, 1869-This morning there is a soft rain falling which is coaxing the leaves & buds out quite rapidly. Went up to see little Hattie Crossley, she is such a

darling little creature. Wanted to go to Y.M.C.A. meeting in the evening but Mary would not go & I could not go alone. Jimmie & Davie called for us to go up to call on Ella Greene, we stopped for Sallie Tewksbury and she would'nt let us go again. Nannie & Will Lampton & Ed Carson were there so we spent a lively evening.

Tuesday, April 20, 1869-Yesterday and today I have spent in making collars and cuffs. I made 13 collars and 10 pairs of cuffs, for us girls. Pa went away on the Fleetwodd this evening and will be gone several days.

Wednesday, April 21, 1869-Early this morning the doorbell rang announcing the arrival of Julia Young and Little Lulu. We were delighted to see them. Soon after the doorbell rang again and our friend Win Fuller was admitted. I have not seen him for years until today. We have had a stirring time since they all came. I took Luc out to see some of the girls & she would'nt let me bring her home. Sallie Tewksbury had to dress and carry her for me. Did not go to church this evening on account of our company who do not expect to remain long.

Thursday, April 22, 1869-I have been at home all day and the greater part of the time was alone. Mrs. Murray came & took Ma & Julia out riding all the afternoon. Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Peebles, Mrs. Crossley and Emma Spry called while they were gone. They were up to Aunt Mary's to tea. Mrs. Towne called in the evening. The parlors were both opened for spring today and it seems as though we could breathe quite freely again

Friday, April 23, 1869-I went out early this evening to do a little shopping for Julia and after my first trip had Mary Peebles for company. I was going all the forenoon and noon found me very tired and I am afraid a little cross. Perhaps on account of my wisdom teeth which I am cutting. We went to the boat and saw our friends off. Sewed all the afternoon on the girl's suits. Went to church in the evening

Saturday, April 24, 1869-A real lovely summer day. The cherry tree by our window looks like a popcorn tree. The flowers & leaves have all come out since Sunday. We finished Jennie & Lizzie's dresses rather skirts this forenoon. Winn has just returned from the country but I have'nt seen him yet. After dinner Maggie and Mary Peebles came to see us. After their visit was out, they went to the store with me and then Maggie and I went and made several calls. Stopped at Ella Murray's to see Miss Roebrick, then to see Miss Drouillard, Ella Greene, Mollie Murray, Libbie Field and Maggie Jones there we met Mary again and all went down street together after meeting Ella G. at the corner. We got a suit finished for each of the girls today and got their hats.

Sunday, April 25, 1869-This has been a very busy and pleasant day. I hope it will prove a profitable one to many. In the morning, went to S.S. and church heard Rev B.F. Chidlaw speak in both meetings. After dinner went down to Mission where he spoke again. One of my boys came back today, Wm Stahl. From M.S.S. we went to a Union Mass meeting of the Sunday Schools held in our church. In the evening went to church again and heard Dr Pratt preach. He has been gone so much lately that it was quite a treat to hear him once more.

Monday, April 26, 1869- As Winn was going away this morning we did not begin work regularly. He has spent several days with us which we enjoy very much and hope he did. After he was gone Ma and I went out to see Mrs. Ricker, came home just as it was beginning to rain. After dinner cut out the upper part of the girls blue suits and began to make them. Sewed all the afternoon. Dressed to go to Y.M.C.A. meeting but Mary would'nt go and I had to stay. Heard from Pa.

Tuesday, April 27, 1869-Another day of busy work, finished the girl's dresses and then took up my embroidery. I did not go any where today and no person was here so I have'nt much to say. Ella Murray and Miss Roebrick were here this forenoon.

Wednesday, April 28, 1869-Home again all day. Laura Loughry came in a few moments this forenoon. We are having a fine opportunity to sew this week, and are embroidering it to the best of our ability. Mary and I went to church in the evening and heard a good lecture from Dr Pratt.

Thursday, April 29, 1869-A lovely day but the temptation has not been strong enough yet to draw me out of doors. I am determined to make the most of my time this week. We are getting along famously. Davie Jones and Jimmie Ricker came up and spent the evening with us.

Friday, April 30, 1869-This afternoon it began to rain the first disagreeable day this week still it is a good time to sew. We have finished off six dresses this week besides other odd little jobs. That is a more expressive than elegant word. I sha'nt use it again. This evening when the cars came in the whole family assembled at the door to meet Pa and happily he came. He has been up the Hudson above W. Point since he left home and we only expected him to be gone two or three days.

Saturday, May 1, 1869-A Rainy may day! There are a great many disappointed boys & girls in town today. We did not begin any new work today. Maggie Peebles, Sallie T. & Maggie G. were here. I spent the afternoon at Mrs. Peebles took a walk with Sallie, came home & am going to bed as soon as possible.

Sunday, May 2, 1869-Went through the usual routine this morning and afternoon. When I got to S.S. this morning I found my seat occupied by Mrs. Bell's brother so I

went back to my place by Maggie Peebles as one of her scholars was absent. It is quite cold today, furs would not be uncomfortable. I had an addition of one to my Mission class today another Wm. I now have four Wm's on my class book. Am very, very tired tonight.

Monday, May 3, 1869-Have spent an idle day trying to get rested from last week's work. In the fore noon I went down to see Maggie Jones & the Peebles' then to the drug store & home again. After dinner Mr. C. came in and spent nearly all the afternoon. He leaves for Kanawha tomorrow morning. About 9 O'clock at night Annie Hull arrived from Aberdeen, to make us a visit I never saw her before.

Tuesday, May 4, 1869-Yesterday was almost too cool for comfort and also this morning but in the afternoon it was warm enough. Annie and I were down street twice in the morning and after dinner we went out to see Annie Holmes. Ma went to Dr Pratt's to tea. Maggie Jones was here in the afternoon and Maggie Bell in the morning. She feels quite blue and it is'nt much wonder. She expects to go to Cin. tomorrow to stay with Lucy until the folks return from their trip. I commenced the other half of the night dress yoke I am embroidering.

Wednesday, May 5, 1869-Pa went up the railroad again today and as soon as we were ready, Ma, Annie and I went to the office to see him and take him a lunch. Got some silk to make a cape to my black suit and began work again. I am making an under skirt of blk. silk also. We did not go to prayer meeting this evening on account of the rain which just poured down.

Thursday, May 6, 1869-Stayed at home and sewed all day. Monday and Tuesday I did not attempt to see and time hung very heavily on my hands but since I have to work again I am better satisfied. No one came in today. No one came in until quite late then Belle and Gussie called socially. Afterward Jno Peebles, Jim Ricker and Davie Jones came and spent the evening. Pa came home on the train and Mr. Brown came over to play chess, Lillie and Mary were here also and together with our family we had quite a little party.

Friday, May 7, 1869-A cold gray, morning, we have had no gleams of sunlight this morning but it looks as if it was to be the last. Maggie Peebles was here this morning. After dinner Laura Loughry, Mrs. Pratt and Ella G. were here. Ella came to see if I would not go to Cin on Wed. & Maggie asked me to go Monday. Maggie Bell expects me down Wednesday I think. We did not get my dress finished but hope to tomorrow. We went to prayer meeting in the rain.

Saturday, May 8, 1869-This forenoon Annie and I went to see Laura L. Maggie Jones & the Peebles girls. In the afternoon I called on Alice Ross & Nannie Lampton. In the evening Pa & Ma went up to Mr. Greene's. Mary & I went out to spend the evening with Mr. & Mrs. Ricker, with Mary Maggie < Jas Peebles Sallie Tewksbury & Davy Jones. Annie went up to see a friend on 3rd street.

Sunday, May 9, 1869-The usual routine was varied a little by our not having service in the eve. Mass meeting at 6th but I did not go.

Monday, May 10, 1869-Annie Hull went up the river this morning and I went on the Bostona when I was ready. Maggie & Mary Peebles were going & I had promised to go with them. There were a good many Portsmouth people on board. We had a very pleasant trip down. Mattie Gaylord & Maggie Hempstead were going down to (LawSum?) and Maggie roomed with me. The rooms were all full of passengers. I became quite well acquainted with Mr. Martindale of the Bible Society and like him very much. Lucy Rifenberick's baby was in the boat. It has been to Portsmouth visiting its grandparents for a week. He is a dear little fellow, just beginning to walk. His name is Robbie, R.B.R.

Tuesday, May 11, 1869-Uncle Sam and I took an early start and got my bonnet box and ordered the papers stamped for Mary. Met the girls at the Burnet House where they intended stopping until Thursday. Called to see Duvall & Will Young at their business house. The girls & I spent the forenoon in looking at suits ect. Went to Kepler's for ice cream. Called to see Lucy Rifenberick & Maggie Bell then at Pike's for more cream. I went from there to the boat and up to Moscow with the intention of staying until the boat went down again. Stopped a few minutes at Anna Young's & then went down to stay all night with Julia. Took them quite by surprise but it seemed pleasant rather than otherwise. Little Jimmie is as much like John used to be as two persons can be. I just stopped and looked at him when I first saw him.

Wednesday, May 12, 1869-After breakfast this morning I took Luc up to play with Jimmie as Julia was too sick to sit up. When she got sleepy I took her home and went back not with the intention of staying to dinner which I did however on acc't of the rain which came up. After dinner Aunt Sallie and I went back to Julia's & stayed to tea after which I took my baggage and went to Anna's to wait for the boat. Knowing it would be late Anna & I went over & sat about an hour & a half with Anna Keyte Then went back to wait. The boat came about 10½ O'clk but I was waiting at the house for someone to come for me according to promise I thought and they did not come. Just touched and backed out again. I never felt so astonished and blank in my life. Had the boat tied up and stayed all night I would not have been more surprised. I slept with Aunt Sallie. **Margin Note:** *It reminded me of the time I slept with her when a little child.*

Thursday, May 13, 1869-This morning I had recovered a little from my disappointment and was prepared to enjoy the day which I did very much. I was back & forth between the two places all day nearly. In the afternoon the boat came up so suddenly that I came near being left again and rushed down in such haste that I scarcely knew what I was about. There was no one whom I knew on board except Maggie & Mary & Miss Lida Wicke. The afternoon seemed a long one to me and I was glad to get to bed. Miss W. wanted a room mate & persuaded Mary to room with her so Maggie came to my room. Miss Ophelia Murfin came on board at Marysville. I did not get every thing I wanted so I did not get to the city this morning

Friday, May 14, 1869-Home again and I am glad of it I gave Mary the trunk and a large quantity of paper & envelopes which I had stamped. I only got a parasol for myself. For the children I had a package of nuts & candy. After dinner I went up to see Maggie and Mary a while as they are going to Ironton tomorrow. They showed me their hats which I had not seen. I went with Maggie to find a substitute to teach her class Sunday. It was nearly tea time when I got home. We had no service at our church this evening. I found a letter from Mrs. Singleton when I got home this morning. Wrote a note to Anna about Mary's scissors which I left at Moscow.

Saturday, May 15, 1869-I put in this whole day in embroidering on a yoke for a night dress. Did not leave the house until after tea. Mary and I went down street a few minutes. Middle of May and cold enough for fires. It seems as though summer was not coming at all this year.

Sunday, May 16, 1869-Cool enough for velvet sacques yet Our Sabbath schools went on as usual. I was pleasantly surprised to see Maggie Bell in her place this morning, did not know she was home. There are 8 or 9 substitutes in school. Dr Pratt's brother-in-law Rev. Mr. Mills preached for us both morning and evening.

Monday, May 17, 1869-Commenced work by ripping my marseilles sack to be made over but failing in my attempt to get a pattern, I sewed on some muslin which Mary had commenced. Emma Johnson and Alice Ross called in the afternoon. In the evening Pa and Ma called at Mr. Johnson's to see Mrs. Ross & Mrs. Guthrie. I was out a little while this afternoon called to see Maggie Jones who was out and then to see Florence Vincent.

Tuesday, May 18, 1869-At home all day sewing on my white poplin putting it together again. I miss Maggie and Mary so much when they are out of town even for a few days.

Wednesday, May 19, 1869-Sewed until time to get ready for prayer meeting, with any interruption I believe. In the evening I took my place at the organ for the first time in social meeting and was disappointed in not finding the instrument in order. Played under difficulties, Mr. Nichols promised to be there to lead, but he was not.

Thursday, May 20, 1869-After Mary came home from school we dressed and went to see Alice and Emma. Then down to the "Book Store" and Mr. Pursell's. On our way home stopped at Frank's a while. By the time we got home and got the gas lighted, Jimmie R. called to take me to a concert given by the (Ameturns?) of the city for the benefit of Mr. Thornton.

Friday, May 21, 1869-Rained faithfully all day. Sallie Tewksbury came to invite us to spend the evening at their house. In the afternoon Mrs. Gregory came and sat about an hour with me, Ma was out at the time. Jimmie Ricker came to take Mary & me up to Sallie's and we went in the rain. There were about thirty persons there, perhaps a few more. Maggie and Mary came home a day sooner than I looked for them & I was quite surprised to see them.

Saturday, May 22, 1869-I got two letters this morning one from Debbie Chandler & the other from Clara Swain. I sewed on a dress for Ma all the forenoon just as I was finishing dressing in the afternoon Mr. Cragg came and stayed until tea time. He has just returned from up the river. After tea Ma, Pa, Mary & I went out to Miss Gunn's to make a call. Mary and I then went to see Annie Holmes my S.S. scholar. After that we went to see Maggie and Mary Peebles'. Stayed there and went to hear Dr Nelson lecture for the Y.M.C.A., subject on Missouri. When we got home we found a telegram from Ironton saying we will be down on Victor" not specifying the number. We made hurried preparations for one couple and about 11 ½ O'clk, the boat came bringing two gentlemen & two ladies. So we had to fly around and get room in order. We had to awake the girls and fix up their room for the second couple. I never was so perplexed before. We have scarcely room enough for our own family and when two spare rooms were to be provided I did not know where they were to come from.

Written across page: *I rec'd Clara Swain's picture.*

Sunday, May 23, 1869-The usual routine was gone through with only we had Dr Nelson of Lane Seminary in Dr Pratt's place. He is in New York. In the evening Mr. Cragg went to church with me. Mrs. Snedeker & Ma were together and Mrs. S & Pa. I enjoyed mission very much today.

Monday, May 24, 1869-We were in all in commotion this forenoon. After many deliberations & changes of opinion, Mr. Bothwell went home to Ironton & Mr. & Mrs. S. & Ma went to Cin. The whole forenoon Mr. C. was here amusing himself as best he could. I did not sit down a minute until after 10:00 O'clk. After dinner I went

down street to see Emma Johnson & the Peeble's girls. Jimmie Ricker wanted me to go out riding tomorrow morning but I have an engagement.

Tuesday, May 25, 1869-Warm weather is here at last. Today has been quite like summer. I swept and dusted the house all over this morning and then went down street and got the cake basket for Ma which Mary and I intended getting for her. After dinner Mrs. A.F. Moore called to tell me that Mary Peebles & I were appointed to decorate Walter Stewart's grave Saturday when the soldier's graves are to be decorated. After she was gone Mrs. Geo Bell & brother called. Grandma Moore came down & took dinner with us. She has not been here before since last fall I believe.

Written across page: *Mr. C came back after tea and spent the evening. He walked in and back but it was a lovely moonlight night and a delightful walk.*

Wednesday, May 26, 1869-Ma came home before we were up this morning. The others went up to Uncle Enos' to breakfast. After I had mine I went up to see Mary Peebles a little while about our appointment for Sat. found that it was Maggie instead of Mary. Hurried home and stayed here all the rest of the day. Our friend did not call as he said he would to say good-bye. He and Maggie left on the Bostona today for home. We had Aunt Mary's Grandma & the visitors to dinner. I should have added Aunt Maria. In the afternoon we had the piano tuned by Mr. Gilman of Marietta. Our visitors left on the boat at 2 P.M. for Ironton. We have enjoyed their visit very much notwithstanding commotion it made when they came. We went to Prayer meeting with Maggie & Mary who walked up here after tea. Hattie Hempstead Norton came today.

Written across page: *Wrote to Debbie Chandler. This has been such a long day.*

Thursday, May 27, 1869-I went out bright and early this morning to ask a few of our young friends in to spend the evening. I saw Davy Jones & Jim Ricker, sent word to Mr. Tracy, note to Bonsall, Beaver, and Cadot. Asked John Peebles with the girls and Will Connolly with his sister. Spoke to Jno & Frank Brown myself. The girls were Maggie & Mary Peebles Laura Loughry, Emma Johnson, Alice Ross, Ella McFarland Sallie Tewksbury, Miss Robuck. Belle & Gussie Connolly, Ella Greene. Maggie Jones & Nannie Lampton were out of town. I went up to see Hattie while I was out this morning. She is looking badly I am very sorry to see. I have been very busy today. Have scarcely had time to think. Mary & I gave Ma her cake basket this morning. It was bought for her birthday present but Sept. was to long to wait when we needed it so much.

Written across page: *Ma and I had one of our good talks today she is such a treasure, of course every one thinks their mother the best but I don't think there are many like mine.*

Friday, May 28, 1869-Every thing about the place looks like business this morning there are four men and a boy at work on the fence and yard. We had quite a rain storm about noon. I have been staying at home trying to be well rested for tomorrow's work and walk. At 6 ½ O'clk Jimmie Ricker called with a splendid little turnout and took me out riding. We had a delightful drive of two hours and a half. He wanted me to go either Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evening but I had other engagements. The rain has effectually settled the dust and it was neither too warm or too cold but just right. I received a letter from Jimmie this evening excusing himself for not calling to say good-bye. I rather half accused him of forgetting purposely because he has something which he did not want to return.

Saturday, May 29, 1869-A memorable day in our national year. Decoration Day I suppose it will be called hereafter. The Soldier's graves were decorated with flowers by the young ladies & gentlemen. It was observed all over the country. I went up to Maggie Peebles' very early in the morning. She, Will Bonsall & I were the com. app.ed to dec. (committee appointed to decorate) Walter Stewart's grave. We made a wire arch, covered with flowers, his initials of pasteboard covered with fine white spiren a wreath and five boquets. At 2 P.M. the Dec. Com. Members of Council Police & Masons formed a procession at the Court House and were followed to Cem. by a large concourse of citizens. We proceeded to the temporary Soldier's Monument where we had music, and an address from Leiut E.E.Ewing. Then we proceeded to decorate the graves in regular order. After which we rested a while and then (our party I Com.???) consisting of John Peebles, Kate Moore & Emma Johnson, Jas Ricker, Ella McFarland & Alice Ross, Will Bonsall, Maggie Peebles, & myself came home. started to walk but met the omnibus and rode the rest of the way. Henry Tracy was with Mary Peebles & Maggie Jones, Davy Jones, Ella Greene & Emma Bell. We will remember this day a long, long time. I don't think I shall ever forget it. The cemetery would have looked beautiful only the flowers were somewhat faded & withered

Sunday, May 30, 1869-Attended all the services as usual today. Rev. Mr. Martindale filled Dr Pratt's place. In the afternoon he walked down to Mission with us.

Monday, May 31, 1869-Last day of May I sewed as usual today. About 4 ½ O'clock I went to the office and got the money to pay the bills. After tea Mary went with me up to Connolly's the store was closed but they admitted us to pay the bill. We then walked up to see Sallie Tewksbury a few minutes but she was not at home. On our way down Second Street we saw Ella McFarland & Sallie T. sitting on the step with Emma Johnson & Alice Ross so we sat there a little while.

Tuesday, June 1, 1869-I have been occupied as usual today, Ma has been superintending the work in the yard for several days past. It is all (added??) and

about finished now except painting the fence. Ma and Lettie made a beautiful arches rockery today, or rather finished it.

Wednesday, June 2, 1869-This morning our visitor arrived. The Episcopal convention meets here today and they have not room enough to accomodate them consequently they called on a great many of our people. Only one of ours came Mr. Boyer of Glendale. Ma Jennie & I went out o the greenhouse and spent half the forenoon looking for flowers. After dinner I cut out the lower skirt of my green percale robe suit. In the evening when the mail was distributed I was the happy recipient of a large roll of music four songs were Mary's the remaining eight instrumental pieces mine. They are well selected too, each one being a gem. "Golden Chimes" struck my fancy more particularly however I heard a few notes from them last week.

Thursday, June 3, 1869-We don't have a chance to accomplish much any time now. It is too warm to work with any comfort and beside that we have company in the house. This after noon Mrs. Ricker came and at tea time Mr. R came. Mr. Boyce also brought a friend of his with him so we had quite a tea party. The stranger was a Mr. Badger from the northern part of the state. I was glad to find that he has met Clara King. He lived in the same place with them for a time.

Friday, June 4, 1869-Mary and I were all ready to go down street this evening but we waited supper until quite late and just as we were through he came, no I'm mistaken he did not come until after the entertainment at Mr. Kinney's which was after we retired. Mary & I went up and sat awhile with Maggie Jones & her mother.

Written across page: *Wrote to L. Henness*

Saturday, June 5, 1869-Have been sewing on a new suit but did not get in finished. Mr. B. brought Mr. Blake to dinner just as we had finished ours and that kept me from sewing for an hour or two. Maggie Peebles came in and made us a little visit. Before she left Jimmie Ricker came a self appointed committee of one to take me up to call on Ella McFarland. Will Bonsall was there and we spent a pleasant evening.

Sunday, June 6, 1869-A delightful day, quite cool for June. Rev Mr. Newton of the Convention preached for us this forenoon and in the evening Dr Pratt told us about the General Assembly meeting and the union of the branches of the Pres. church. Rev Wm Riggs then added some thing about the Dacotah Indians.

Monday, June 7, 1869-Mr. Boyer's friends Mrssrs Blake and Badger took him to the boat this forenoon and as soon as they were gone we went to work or rather I did. M. Blake stayed all night with Mr. Boyer and was here to breakfast. They are all gone

now. After tea Maggie Jones came, we sat in the house awhile and talked then she, Mary and I went to walk. I enjoyed it after being in the house all day.

Tuesday, June 8, 1869-Finished the green suit this forenoon and also another piece of work I had on hand. When Mary came home from school we went down street to attend to some errands Just before tea a poor woman came to me with a pitiful story about her sister's baby being dead and she wanted material to make a slip to bury it in. I could not get any thing for her but she told me where I could find her and after Ma came home I got white muslin enough and went to hunt her up. Followed her directions but found she had been imposing on me just as she has been on others for several weeks with the same story. Teacher's meeting was held at Mr. E.B. Greene's but I could not go. I met Mr. Rhodes on the street & hurriedly told him why I could'nt be there. The story got misconstrued and very much tangled until, in Teacher's meeting, the people were in quite a commotion about us losing one of our children some understood it as a death in the family while others thought one of the boys was last on the hills. Mary & I went over to Mr. Brown's and spent the evening. He came to get Pa to go over but he was down street and so I went to play with him. We played two games of chess. He got the first and I the second one.

Written across page: *Wrote to Paillaird and Co & sent the music box.*

Wednesday, June 9, 1869-One year today since we had the Teacher's meeting with strawberries and cream at Dr Pratt's. Ma and I were down street nearly all the forenoon trying to get the materials together to make me a hat. We called at Mrs. Peebles and met Mrs. Cotton there. Their pit dog "Harry" was poisoned Monday and they feel very badly about losing him. I missed his welcome when I got to the door. I am getting ready as fast as I can to go up the river. Dr Pratt lectured this evening the first for some time. We had quite a rain storm while church lasted but it was over when we came home.

Thursday, June 10, 1869-Had expected Will Bonsall and Ella McFarland to spend this evening with us. Will sent word that he had to leave town unexpectedly so it had to be deferred to another time. Jim Ricker came however. I have been sewing as usual today. Pa was up the railroad I got a letter from down the river.

Written across page: *Went up to see Hattie Norton.*

Friday, June 11, 1869-Sewed until about 2 P.M. Then Ma and I went down street. Took the shoe factory in our rounds. after we came home I dressed again and Mary and I went up , Oh! no, all this happened yesterday. I guess I just sewed and went to prayer meeting.

Saturday, June 12, 1869-Only sewed until time to dress for preparatory lecture this afternoon. After that I went home with Maggie and Mary Peebles. We went up to Connolly's and then they persuaded me to go home with them again. After tea at which we had splendid strawberries and cream, they showed me their new dresses which are very elegant.

Sunday, June 13, 1869-I don't remember of ever seeing such a rainy Sunday. After church we were detained nearly an hour before it slacked enough for us to venture out with umbrella's. Mission School was out of the question. We had Communion in the afternoon Mr. Geo H Bradley, Mrs. Martha Robinson, & Ed. C. Beaver visited with us from other Pres. churches. The latter is to be my substitute at Mission while I am away and Mrs. Robinson takes my Pres. class.

Monday, June 14, 1869-Having finished my sewing or nearly so I have nothing very particular to do and consequently have done nothing today. Jennie is about sick from the wetting she received yesterday. After dinner I answered the letter I got Thursday. Went down to see Maggie Jones and was on my way to Mr. Peebles' when I met Mary and went down street with her. On my way home I called to see Mrs. Cutter.

Tuesday, June 15, 1869-Did my packing today for my trip up the river. In the evening Jimmie Ricker, took Maggie Jones & myself, and Davy Jones took Maggie & Mary Peebles up to call on Ella Greene & seed cherries for her. Jennie has been feeling so badly all day that I scarcely know whether to get ready to go away or not.

Titled: Hanging Rock

Wednesday, June 16, 1869-The day has finally arrived when I am to start on the trip with the girls which I have been expecting for about a year. Jennie is much better this morning so I sent my trunk to the boat and after bidding them all good bye Mary and I went to the drugstore to await the arrival of the Telegraph. She came about 10 O'clk and Maggie & Mary Peebles, J.W. Ricker and I took passage for Hanging Rock. We reached our destination a little after 2 P.M. and were met by Miss Mattie Wood who took us to her father's house where we met a host of the girl's relatives great and small. The children I had met before and fallen in love with particularly Hattie Crossley. After tea we took a short walk, Mary & I going on the hill to get laurel blossoms but the season is a little to late for them. We all went to prayer meeting.

Written across page: Mrs. Clark & Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Willard called.

Thursday, June 17, 1869-Spent the day reading, talking, working, ect. In the evening Maggie & Mary went up to Ironton with Miss Brewsly and Jimmie took Mattie Wood and me up to Mrs. Willard's to take tea. We were introduced to ever so many strangers. all friends of the girls'. Maggie and Mary stayed in town all night but the rest of us returned about 9 ½ O'clk. The names of a great many persons here are familiar to me but I never saw but one or two before.

Written then crossed out: *Before I left here in the morning I wrote to Mary.*

Written across page: *Maggie and Mary Hempstead and Mr. Adams called this evening while we were gone.*

Friday, June 18, 1869-Lizzie is thirteen years old today. I wrote to Mary early this morning. Mattie, Jimmie and I went up to Ironton in a buggy to spend the day at Mrs. Ferguson's. The girls got there just after we did. Mrs. Ricker & Mrs. Bailey were there and Mrs. Glidden came soon after. After dinner Mary, Jimmie & I went down street and called on Mrs. Bothwell and Nannie Hempstead. The sun was fairly scorching. We had an early tea and all came home immediately after so as to be here for the school exhibition. Before we were ready to go the Fleetwood landed at the "Rock" and soon after Mrses Peebles and Gaylord came up to see the folks. After they were gone we all went to the exhibition. The scholars did very well for their grade.

Saturday, June 19, 1869-We were all here together again this morning. We went up on the Hanging Rock Hill as soon as the grass was dry enough. Jimmie and the girls, Mattie Wood, Brunot Bailey and I. Mattie and Maggie did not stay very long but Jimmie Mary and I stayed until after ten O'clk talking and scribbling. After dinner the girls went up stairs to take a nap and I had intended sewing or talking down stairs but when Brunot came from the office he brought me a long long letter from Mary. I should have enjoyed it very much but she wrote to beg me to give up my trip to Ashland and go to Marietta an arrangement which does not suit me at all. I worried over it a good while and finally wrote an answer to it. Then I dressed and , we all went down to Capt Hempstead's to tea. Mr. & Mrs. H. are away but Maggie and Mary do the honors of the house very creditably indeed. After tea Mr. Adams came down and we played croquet by moon light but our side got badly beaten.

Sunday, June 20, 1869-A year ago today came on Saturday and I was at home and had callers all the forenoon. Mary Peebles and I went to Sunday School with Mattie, Marnie & Brunot. Went directly up to church from S.S. In the afternoon all of us but Maggie P. went down to Mrs. (Crakey'?) and sung until nearly tea time. Came back and got ready for church. A **bad** shower came up and we thought we would have to give it up but we went & returned between showers.

Monday, June 21, 1869-This is the longest day of the year and no wonder for Jimmie went back to Portsmouth this morning. After breakfast I wrote to Ma and Mary Peebles wrote to her mother & all three of us girls wrote a letter to Davy Jones for Jimmie to take down. We all went down to Mrs. Crossley's and had some music but had to come back about 10 O'clk so Jimmie could go to Ironton. Such a parting when he really got his satchel in his hand. We all took out our (cambries???) and wept and wailed and made loud lamentations. We have talked of nothing else since he left. At the table in the parlor and every where. The girls have sought consolation in sleep and I think I shall pretty soon. After an attempt at a nap immediately after dinner Mary and I dressed and went down to see Mary Hempstead. She came up to Mrs. Crossley's to tea with us. There was quite a large party of us when we were all together. Mr. & Mrs. Wood Mrs. Bailey Marnie and Brunot, Mrs. Ricker Mary Hempstead Mattie Wood Mrs. Maggie Meredith, Jennie Ferguson, Mary & Maggie Peebles, Mrs. Crossley & family & myself.

Tuesday, June 22, 1869-This morning we had another parting not so noisy as yesterday and more sincerely felt as we may never see Mrs. Bailey and her children again. Brunot is a splendid boy I took quite a fancy to him and was very sorry to see him go. He took a letter to Lizzie for me and I hope he will get acquainted with our folks. This (morning/evening) I received a letter from Mary and one (enclosed from Davy Jones) for all of us I suppose but the girls would not have it because it was sent to me. In the evening we went down to Mrs. Eugene Willard's to tea Mr. & Mrs. Steel Mary Hempstead and Mr. Adams also Miss Hattie Brewster were there. We spent a most delightful evening. When the Fayette came in Mr. Willard went down and got a letter from (for) Maggie and one from (for) me. Mine had two in it one from Ma & the other from Davy to all of us. Brunie brought me a letter this morning containing one from Mary and a note from Davy which the girls would share no claim in. So I had to take it all myself.

Wednesday, June 23, 1869-After breakfast this morning Jennie Ferguson and I walked down to the P.O. and I got a letter from Lizzie the first she ever wrote I think. Mary has concluded to go to Marietta without me I believe. Just after dinner Mary and I lay down to take a nap and as soon as I got to sleep Maggie came up from Mrs. Crossley's and brought me another letter from Lizzie. In the evening we had a little tea party at home. Went to church after tea and had three calls when we returned.

Thursday, June 24, 1869-Our last day at Hanging Rock. I have enjoyed my visit very much and am sorry to leave. In the forenoon we went to call on Mrs. Jinnison and the Mean family, The girls then went to Mrs. Crossley's and I went up to Mr. Woods to get our letters to take to the office. Mary and I then took them down and gave them to Mrs. Eugene Willard to send for us. Mrs. Ferguson and her children came down from Ironton to spend the day. After dinner we took our trunks down into the hall ourselves and packed them, then took our nap and dressed to leave for Ashland. We had tea and then told Mr. & Mrs. W. Mrs. Crossley, Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Furgeson & Mrs. Hamilton good bye. We started for the boat in something of a hurry but when we heard her whistle for the landing I started and ran as hard as I could all the way to the wharf boat. I was almost exhausted, Capt. Crossley was there and I need'nt have hurried as if I had known it. We got aboard safely but did not have a chance to say good bye to Mrs. Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Willard or Mary Hempstead. We had a delightful little trip up the river. When we reached the wharf boat the girls expected their brother Robert to meet them but he was not there. It was just dark and only two men about the place. The dray man who took our trunks and another man who walked up to Capt. Coles with us. We found Maggie dressed for a large party at Mr. John Means' house. It was 8 ½ O'clk but nothing would do but we must dress & go too. We were fortunate in having our trunks with us and making a hasty toilette we went. Maggie's escort was in the parlor waiting when we came & he had to wait about an hour longer. Three beaux were finally found for our party and we started. Rob P. Frank Coles & Mr. Ruppert were the gentlemen. We got there about an hour before supper. We were glad to get home about 1 O'clk. It was after 2 O'clk when we got to sleep.

Friday, June 25, 1869-We were late to breakfast this morning of course. Spent the forenoon in reading, writing, sleeping, talking and such like employments. After dinner Maggie Coles & Mary Peebles went to the school Examinations and Maggie Peebles and I went to bed and slept nearly all the afternoon. After tea Rob Peebles & Davy Jones came Mr. Ruppert and his sister Mrs. Putnam, Dr Young and John Mean called. these with Maggie and Frank Coles and us three girls made quite a company. Davy brought each one of us a letter, Mine was from Galesburg, Debbie Chandler. We came up stairs soon after ten O'clock but did not get to sleep until ever so long afterwards. This is such a pretty place, the house I mean and not the town.

Saturday, June 26, 1869-A very warm day. Spent the forenoon as usual and as usual took a nap after dinner. Had to dress in a hurry to go down stairs to see Miss Lucie Ireland. Soon after she left, the first time, she returned with Miss Harbeson. We spent our time in doing nothing, laughing, talking eating sleeping and so on. I got a

letter from Maggie Jones. I was mistaken when I said we spent the forenoon as usual. Davy was going up to Catlettsburg on business and he took Mary Peebles and me with him. Mary & I walked about the streets while he was attending to his business. We were in nearly every store in town trying to find something to remember the place by, finally Mary bought two wooden spoons to beat cake with. It was midnight before we went to sleep.

Sunday, June 27, 1869-We did not have to get up as early as usual this morning but were ready a long time before the bell rang for Sabbath school. Mary and I went but Lide. Mr. Warm the Supt. asked me to teach Lida Hoople's class which I did. Their names are Edith Gaver, Belle Hutton, Lizzie Brussel & Lottie Castner. I wonder if I shall ever see them again. There was quite a little army of us at church. Rob & the girls Davy & myself in addition to the Capt.'s family which is large. We read talked and sung in the afternoon and in the evening went to church again. They have a very good preacher here. Mr. Condit I liked his sermons very much. Morning text was Luke 8th & 39th Eve. Hebrew 11th 31st. After our return from church we sat in the portico and sung until after 10 O'clock.

Monday, June 28, 1869-This forenoon we played croquet. Davy, Maggie & I beat Mr. Means, Belle and Mary Peebles the first game then Davy had to go to Coalton and Mr. Reppart took his place and the second game we lost. This is such a lazy life but I enjoy it this warm weather very much. I sat in the swing and read and held Lou Putnam a while. He is a very entertaining little fellow. In the afternoon we undressed but Mary and I lay and talked all the time trying to keep Maggie Coles from sleeping. I wrote two letters this forenoon, one to Jennie & one to Maggie Jones. Mary & Mag. Coles just followed me around and talked incessantly, telling interesting stories which I wanted to hear. In the evening Rob, & Davy went with us to call on Miss Ireland. Came back and spent the evening It was midnight before we came up stairs.

Tuesday, June 29, 1869-It is early in the morning but I have accomplished something already. I was up at five o'clock and began a letter to Jim which the girls finished when they got ready. Davy goes back to Portsmouth this morning if he is not left. Mr. Reppert took Mary Peebles up to Catlettsburg this morning and when they got back we were just ready to go down to see the new furnace. He took Maggie P. down & the rest of ? walked. It is a very large establishment but not yet finished they tried the machinery today for the first time. It rained before we left there and after waiting some time at Rob. Peebles' office we got a chance to run home, just escaping a very heavy rain. After dinner we rested & then dressed for the tea party at Mrs. Biggs' Mary and I were ready just so the drive took Mr. Reppert & us up first jut about the time he got back a very heavy rain set in which lasted with very little intermission until after we were asleep. It did not stop long enough for the others to come up at all. Mrs. Biggs' has two ladies visiting her, Miss Jennie Patterson of Louisville and Miss Rici. We had the gayest time imaginable. I laughed

until I was nearly sick. About 7 O'clk Frank came down with the express to take us home when the time came to make such a move. I never saw it rain harder, the water stood like a little lake over the yard. As soon as Frank came we had tea and about 9 O'clk we all packed into the express, bundled in waterproof and armed with umbrellas. It was not raining at the time and we rode around town twice after we got back serenading the public generally. On our return we found a box of candy from Davy and a letter for each of the girls, none for me. "Some fellows have asparagus and some have none."

Wednesday, June 30, 1869-When we got up at 4 ½ O'clk this morning there was every indication of a rainy dy. We had made up our minds to go to Coalton today and the clouds did not change them. Before six o'clock we were all seated in the cars bound for the coal mines. Maggie, Mary & Rob Peebles Mr. Reppert, Maggie, Lide & Frank Coles and myself. The rain came down in torrents while we were on the way but stopped in time for us to go to Mrs. Meredith's and get off to the mines. They look just as I had expected to see them. We were in there until 11 ½ when we came out to daylight again and went to Mrs. Meredith's for dinner. We had a pleasant little visit there and got in the cars for the return trip just in time to escape a drenching rain which lasted until we reached the station when it stopped just long enough again, to allow us to get home. This was prayer meeting evening but none of us went. While we were at the tea table Will Stevenson came. He stopped off the boat to stay all night in Ashland. Soon after tea Miss Litie Ireland and Sallie, Belle & Ella went to the parlor where Rob and Frank each spent a little time. Mr. Reppert was present as usual. Mrs. Putnam & he were in to take tea with us. Mrs. P. did not remain late but it was after eleven o'clock when Will and Rob left. It rained again nearly all evening. Maggie Peebles & Maggie Coles are tired out with our trip today. Belle was not here this evening I was mistaken, she has not returned from Coalton where she went yesterday. Mr. Means was in to tea with us also.

Thursday, July 1, 1869-This has been the busiest day of the season. We did not get down to breakfast until after Capt. Coles and Frank had gone and immediately after we went up stairs, Mary & I and made the bed then lay down for another nap which lasted until 9 ½ O'clk. We then began to make preparations for the match game of croquet between Ashland and Portsmouth. Exactly at eleven o'clock the first stroke was made by Mr. Jm Means leader of the Ashlanders, assisted by Mr. Reppert and Miss Lutie Ireland. Maggie Peebles led our side, followed by Mary and myself. The first game lasted one hour twenty minutes. We had our dinners and then commenced the second game which was much shorter but also won by our side. The next we lost and the last we won making three out of four for Portsmouth. Mary Peebles became so excited before the second game was finished that I had to take her mallet and she went up stairs to lie down. We rushed from the field of victory to dress for tea at Mr. Putnam's. Had a call but could not see the ladies. Dressed and

after resting a little while went over to Mr. Putnam's where we met the usual company. Maggie, Lide, Frank Coles, Maggie Mary and Rob Peebles, Mr. Means Mrs. Mrs. Reppert and myself. I got up from the tea table and went home to dress for a horse back ride with Frank. We did not start until 8 ½ . Had a very pleasant ride. On my return I dressed again and sat on the front steps a few minutes before going over to bid Mrs. Putnam good bye. We sat on the portico some time after we came back.

Friday, July 2, 1869-I got up at 4 ½ O'clk this morning and was all ready a few minutes after 5 O'clk to get my breakfast and start for home. Rob stayed all night at the Capt's and was on hand to take us to the boat. We told every body good-bye and left. Maggie walked down to the wharf where we had to wait about a half an hour. Rob came down as far as Ironton with us. We were rather a sleepy crowd and did not get waked up until nearly home. We had last a great deal of sleep and when the excitement of company was over we found it hard to keep awake. Mr. Warner a gentleman from Chillicothe whom we met at the party was on the boat but we did not see him until we were nearly home. The boat was late and reached Portsmouth just in time to catch the Bostona. Davy and Jim our faithful attendants were there to meet us and walk up home with us. It seemed quite strange to be at home once more. I was glad to see the home folks but missed Mary very much. She is still at Marietta. There was to be a concert at the hall tonight and Jim asked me this morning if I would like to go. After dinner Ma and I went down to see Uncle Enos' new house and furniture and then to see the new foundry. I asked Pa if he wanted to go to the concert & as he proposed going I sent word to Jim that I would go too. Some of the music was very good but I have been to concerts where I enjoyed the music more. Lizzie had a letter from Mary tonight.

Saturday, July 3, 1869-Our girls went to a picnic and left us to do the work and there was a good deal of it to do. Ma and I were busy all day as well as the little girls. I did not have a moments time to make any preparation for the picnic Monday I had to make a waist for Enos and while Ma was working some of the button holes in it, I sat down to write to Mary but before I got half through Maggie and Mary came and brought very sad news from Ashland. Mr. P. rec'd a dispatch from Rob this afternoon saying Capt C. was taken very ill this afternoon. A stroke of paralysis or something similar. The have also rec'd the news of the death of Mrs. Derby's baby she is Maggie Coles' sister. It is so sad to think of what has occurred since we left there only yesterday morning. I hope & trust he may get well.

Written across page: *I received a letter this evening containing a photo of myself.*

Sunday, July 4, 1869-The fourth coming on Sunday Dr Pratt improved his opportunity of preaching a fourth of July sermon and an excellent one it was too. I did not go home until evening. I went to S.S. & stayed to church. Uncle Enos asked me to go home to dinner with him which I did. He went to Mission with me afterword and there I stopped on my way home to say good bye to Aunt Mary as she is going away tomorrow Uncle walked up home with me to see Pa. Lettie was out and when I went to see if tea was ready I just discovered that there was no one to prepare it so I had to make the fire by that time she returned and finished. The regular monthly Missionary meeting was held in the evening & I was the only one who went from here.

Monday, July 5, 1869-This is the day we celebrate as the 4th. I was up at 4½ and finished my letter to Mary then made all my preparations for the picnic we started about 8 O'clock. Davy Jones took his sister Maggie, Mary Peebles, Mollie Murray, & Ella Greene. Mr. Cadot took Emma Johnson & Ella McFarland & Will Bonsall took Kate Moore & Gussie Connolly six in one carriage. Three single buggies contained John Peebles & Sallie Tewksbury, John Brown & Belle Connolly, Jim Ricker and myself. Will B had Ella instead of Emma. We went to Johnson's grove about 14 miles from town. Enjoyed the day very much. Had no games along four or five of us girls tried riding horse back with out saddles but three of us slipped off. I slipped off backwards but threw my arms around the horse's neck and did not get hurt. We got home at just 10 P.M.

Tuesday, July 6, 1869-My picnic yesterday did not prevent my sewing today. Ma and I sewed on the boys clothes until time to dress for supper. While we were out on the front steps, Maggie Jones came by on her way to call on Emma Hunter that was Mrs. Bowfinger now. I went with her but did not see the lady. I then went to Teacher's meeting & Dr Pratt's.

Wednesday, July 7, 1869-Three years ago today I came home from my trip to Oxford but today I have been sewing busily. Left off in time dress and make a call at Mr. Collins' before tea. Miss Annie Keourns, I believe, is there. Went to prayer meeting with Ma and Jennie Dr Pratt was present. He is away so much now that it is the exception & not the rule to have him present.

Thursday, July 8, 1869-I went to market this morning the first time this year and I have no desire to repeat the performance. Jennie and I went. I sewed as usual today, that is the part of work which I enjoy doing. I am always ready to take up my needle. Pa went up th eerier after dinner today and just before tea Ma and I went out to make a call or two. Found Anna McNeal sick and Mrs. Pratt away from home. From there we went to Mr. Nichols' and ordered springs for our bed. There to the (?) store to get some jelly bowls. We then went to pay our respects to Mrs. Edgar F.

Draper, Mary E Adams that was. I was glad to see her & she seemed glad to see us. Spent the evening playing & singing for Jennie.

Friday, July 9, 1869-Such a distressing time as we have had today. It is always so where there is any fruit to put up. I ordered a basket of goose berries for jelly today and it was late when they came. about noon a bushel & a half of cherries I came and they all had to be attended to. It was eleven o'clock at night before they were out of the way and then they were only prepared to be put up on the morrow. about 8 O'clk J.W.R. came and I had to be excused from cherries which would have been joyful if Ma had been through. I felt sorry to leave her. Pa came down on the Fleetwood and he was here to entertain James while I was getting ready. Had a letter from Mary today.

Saturday, July 10, 1869-I am in too much of a (snetting) mood to write much tonight. We have finished the cherries and made nearly five gallons of jelly today. I feel almost like a jelly myself. After I got through I dressed & went down street. Took a letter to the drugstore to be sent to Mary on the Fleetwood, then called on Miss Anna Bell at Mr. Peebles' & Maggie went with me to see Sallie Tewksbury.

Sunday, July 11, 1869-Dr Pratt preached the last sermons today that we will hear from him for six weeks. I suppose as he is going to take his summer vacation. It was almost melting going down to Mission today. Saw Maggie Bell in S.S. this morning she has just returned from a six weeks visit home.

Monday, July 12, 1869-In spite of the extreme heat I endeavored to sew a little today, shortened a gingham dress. this is the fourth summer that I have worn it. Wrote a long letter to Maggie Coles. In the afternoon while I was writing, Mary came home very unexpectedly to all of us. We were not looking for her before tomorrow night on the Fleetwood. In the evening I went to Mr. Collins to spend the evening with Emma Belle & her friends Miss Coombs & Mr. Withenbury. There were about twenty five of us. We enjoyed ourselves very much if the hour of our breaking up is any sign. It was nearly one o'clk when I came home. Ma and I went out to see Mrs. Ricker this afternoon. She is going to Jackson tomorrow to live. It rained very hard while we were there. About a dozen of us young folks were down to see Sallie Tewksbury off. She and her parents went East.

Tuesday, July 13, 1869-We are all at home once more Mary and I hemmed some shirts today five I believe, but that was the extent of our work. I wrote a long letter today in answer to the one I rec'd on the 3rd of this month. After we had put up our sewing, Mary and I began to dress but we did so much talking that it was nearly 6 O'clk, before we got out at all. She went to see Emma Voorheis & her baby and I went up to Maggie's a few minutes. After tea Emma Spry was here a little while then Jim came to take us down to the drug store to wait for the Fleetwood with Miss

Coombs. We went up to 6th Street Church and saw Mrs. Fritts & Tom Yeager married and then proceeded to the drug store where we found Mrssrs Jones, Cadot & Spry, Withenbury. Misses Emma Bell, Annie Coombs, Maggie Jones, Emma Johnson, Ella McFarland. We all escorted the two strangers to the boat and then went to Spry's to get some soda water.

Wednesday, July 14, 1869-We had several calls this forenoon. First Uncle Enos & Cousin Duvall Young who has gone on the boat at last. Then Maggie Peebles and afterward Uncle Sam. We had cut out a calico dress for Jennie but so far had not been able to do much else to it. After they were all gone we went to work and during the day finished it, by dark it was completed with the exception of one button. Mrs. Nichols came in and sat a while in the afternoon. Went to church in the evening and retired early for once this week.

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Thursday, July 15, 1869-Many happy returns of this day to J.W.R. Mary & I hemmed 9 more sheets today as one days (?). Ma & Harry Gregory went down to the farm. I spent nearly all the forenoon writing letters. Wrote to Clara Swain & Debbie Chandler. So far have written thirty pages this week. Ma got back quite early in the afternoon. I had intended staying at home this evening and deferred an engagement in order to do so but this morning Mr. Bell came & told me that I was appointed on a Com. to meet at Mr. McCall's and make arrangement for the annual picnic so I had to go there.

Friday, July 16, 1869-Our family is again divided but more equally this time. The four youngest went to Cin. today on the boat. Four at home and four gone. Mary and I were to have gone down to spend this evening with Maggie Jones but as Pa & Ma would have been alone we concluded to stay at home. Jim came for us but I had told Maggie not to look for us so he stayed here and spent the evening.

Saturday, July 17, 1869-Oh, what a hot day! We did not attempt to do much in the forenoon. I went to market and helped make the pies & preparations for dinner tomorrow, then finished the forenoon napping. After dinner Mary and I dressed and walked out to Mr. Bell's in the hot sun. I have been promising for more than six months but have not got started before. Lucy is here to spend the summer & Capt Refenberick came up today. Miss Dunn from Gallipolis is also here visiting. We spent the rest of the afternoon & part of the evening there playing ring-toss & croquet. While we were out there the Peebles' girls and Anna Bell called then too. We had a very pleasant time and about 8½ o'clock Mr. & Mrs. Dunn came in with us & we all went to the Saloon & had some ice cream.

Sunday, July 18, 1869-Very much like other Sundays only Dr Pratt's place was filled by a Mr. Moore who is rather prosy and calculated to put persons to sleep this warm

weather. Uncle Enos & Sam & Cousin Duvall Young were here to dinner. I went to Mission prepared for a rain storm which did not come while I was on the street.

Monday, July 19, 1869-I thought last week I surely would stay at home this week every night but one at least. But I have made a poor beginning. None of us accomplished much today. I rec'd a letter today which demanded an immediate reply which I hastened to give it as soon as dinner was over. Capt R. called at noon to say that we would go to Col Kinney's about 4 O'clk to roll ten pins. We were ready when they called for us but we did not go to Col K's until after we had had tea at Mr. Bell's. We spent a delightful evening rolling ten pins playing shuffle ect. Mrs. Kinney took us all over their new house. It is a beautiful place, both in and around the house. I had never seen it before. We got home about 11 O'clk. Maggie & Mary Peebles & Anna Bell called this afternoon.

Tuesday, July 20, 1869-While at the dinner table today I rec'd a note from J.W.R. saying if I was ready for the promised drive, he was so I sent him word that I would go. I have been sewing some today. We started out to ride at 6 O'clock and got home a few minutes after 10, I believe. It rained very hard, & hailed a little this forenoon which made the air quite cool this evening.

Wednesday, July 21, 1869-Milton is sick today, the first case we have had in the house for some time. I sewed nearly all day and finished the programme by going to prayer meeting in the evening. All four of us girls went. Dr Pratt has just returned from Carter County Caves and gave us a few of the thoughts suggested to him upon seeing them. Mary and I were at Mr. Peebles' a few minutes after their folks returned from the trip.

Written across page: Commenced 2nd Vol. Ferd & Isabella.

Thursday, July 22, 1869-Milton has been worse rather than better today. Nevertheless I kept on with the sewing and also cut out some work for tomorrow. Maggie Jones was here this morning. Maggie Bell, Lucy R. & Miss Jennie Dunn called in the evening also Mattie Gaylord. I sat up with John until about 11 O'clk.

Friday, July 23, 1869-Milton is much better this morning and we have been to do a good days work. Cousin Duvall was here this morning and while he was here Mary Peebles & Anna Bell passed had intended coming in but changed their minds when they saw that we had company. I stayed home all day.

Saturday, July 24, 1869-I did not feel at all well today and have tried to take things easy. Between the three naps which I indulged in I did all the machine work on a linen sack & sewed the trimming on the skirt of a suit for Ma. After I was dressed in

the evening I went over to call on the Connolley girls' friend but she had not arrived so I spent part of the evening with Gussie.

Sunday, July 25, 1869-The usual routine was gone through with very little variation. In the afternoon Mollie Murray & Mary Peebles called in the Murray carriage for me to go to Mission. It is the first time I ever rode down.

Monday, July 26, 1869-Began the week's work by visiting Mary and I went up to Mrs. Gregory's on an errand for Ma and then called at Mr. Peebles to see Miss Bell & the girls, found the latter deep in preparations for the picnic tomorrow where I will leave them for the present. Wish all our preparations were made, but it don't trouble me very much. Letter from "H" this evening. Lettie Mary and I sat up until 11 ½ O'clock baking cake for the picnic. I was very sleepy but it had to be done I thought I would'nt feel much like going after we were ready.

Tuesday, July 27, 1869-It rained nearly all last night and though we are neither sugar nor salt yet we did not think it advisable to have the picnic under such a cloudy sky as hung over us this morning so it was postponed until tomorrow. Ella Greene was here last evening to talk over the prospect and then came out this morning for a few minutes to talk some more about it. It proved to be a beautiful day but would have been damp in the grove. Ma & I began a dress for Lizzie to be worn at Jennie's birthday party, Mary Peebles was here a few minutes. In the evening Jim came for me to go up to Mr. P's as Charlie Greene & Davy Jones were going up to spend the evening with the girls. About 10 ½ O'clk we all went to Seel's and then I came home walking up with them first. It was late again before I retired.

Wednesday, July 28, 1869-This time we succeeded in getting off. By 8 ½ O'clk our S.S. was on board the Queen City, steaming up to Tygart usually called "Liger" creek. Then on to King's grove where we spent a very pleasant day. Our squad was composed of the same classes as last year. Mrs. Jas Bell, Mollie Murray and (?). Our scholars did not turn out very well but we had Kate Glover, Anna Mc Niel and Clara Morris, beside Ella Lampton, Mary L Murray & Annie Purdum. Dr Gibb's & wife and a few others. Put in most of the time playing croquet. Met a Mrs. Doty with Therza Spry who took me a short buggy ride late in the evening. Enjoyed a nice visit with Maggie Bell & Lucy R. Lucy and I were together nearly all day. Jas. escorted me up from the boat. We all had just time to get home before a hard rain.

Written across page: *Chattie Lewis was bringing Jessie Farm up to P. on a visit and she died on the Bostona last night about 1 O'clock about an hour before they reached here. It is one of the saddest cases I ever knew.*

Thursday, July 29, 1869-Jennie's birthday is here and I have disposed of the little charm which I got last March. According to previous arrangement we had a little party in the evening. About thirty were invited. Most of Mary's companions some younger and then Lizzie invited Davy Jones, Jim Ricker & Jno Peebles. Davy did not get here but the other two did and seemed to enjoy themselves very much. I had a delightful time. A good many of them were girls & boys with whom I had gone to school they were in lower classes, and I feel that I ought to go with them all the time, though I enjoy myself any place. I love to be with them and could'nt think of giving up the circle I go with now. Went up to see Mary P. a few moments & found her very sick.

Friday, July 30, 1869-My first thought this morning was about Mary and I went up to see her soon after breakfast. found her still quite sick but better than yesterday. I made Maggie Jones a little visit also. Did not do any thing at home until after dinner then I swept up the remains of last night's party as no one else had found time to do so before. In the evening I called again to see how Mary was and was sorry to see so little improvement. Wrote a letter this forenoon. H

Saturday, July 31, 1869-Went out to pay the bills for the month and then to see Mary. If there is any improvement it is very slow. There has been one little girl drowned this week & another shot. besides Jessie Farm's death which makes three very sudden deaths this week. Was up to Nannie Lampton's & had tea with them, saw Mary on my way up.

Sunday, August 1, 1869-Sunday school's and church went on much the same as usual today. It was very warm going down to Mission. Maggie & I might have gone with Mollie but Jennie Tewksbury & our Lizzie were with us and so we walked. We went to see Mary before going down. Missionary meeting in the evening.

Monday, August 2, 1869-Ma and I went up to see Mary this morning and finding her in a fair way of improvement I decided to go to Cin with Mary today. We have had the trip in prospect for a long time. Came home and got ready in short order. Besides ourselves there were several whom we knew going down. Kate Moore & her father going north, Miss Shays of Mt Auburn, Anna Ross and Jennie Stewart. There was also Mr. Rogers who was clerk on the "Jennie Rogers" when we came up from Miss. Uncle brought him back and introduced him to us and we introduced him to the other girls. We had a very pleasant trip down.

Tuesday, August 3, 1869-After breakfast Uncle Sam went up in the city with us. We had two or three errands to attend to and then we went to Keppler's. We walked a great deal and were quite tired by 10 ½ O'clk and glad to go back to the boat. Mr. Rogers was there soon after and before the boat left for Mrssrs Doty and Hopple

come down. We met them on the street in the morning I got some music for the children and some tin citron cutters for Mary P. & myself. Miss Haldemon & (Ird?) came up to visit the Connolley girls.

Wednesday, August 4, 1869-Lizzie was storming our doors this morning at 5 ½ O'clk. As soon as we were dressed we came up home. Soon after breakfast I went up to see Mary Peebles & spent about an hour and a half there. I came home and taking a book seated myself to read. While deeply engaged in the book, Lettie came rushing into the room and seized the water pitcher so frantically that I thought someone had fainted. When I asked what was the matter she told me the house was on fire. I could scarcely realize it. There were no men about so I ran out into the street and cried fire until I saw the men from the court house coming then I came in again and prepared to make myself useful. The roof was burning around the chimney and a piece of the cornice had fallen down and was burning through the kitchen roof before it was noticed at all. A crowd soon gathered and before the engine was ready, the fire had been put out with water carried up three flights of stairs in buckets. It was a very narrow escape. The neighbors say they never saw any one take things as coolly as Mary & I did. Pa & Ma were both away at the time. In the evening we went over and made a short call on the girls & their friends. Before we went to church Maggie Peebles and Jim Ricker came to talk over our fright and went to prayer meeting with us. Came home with us then we, Mary & I, Jim & Maggie went to the Saloon, walked home with Maggie & then Mary & I came home to stay. So ended the day.

Thursday, August 5, 1869-The greater part of the family together with Mrs. Vincent and the children went down to the farm to spend the day. Mary and I stayed at home and washed the shingles off in the grass. In the afternoon the Forest City Club of Cleveland played a game with the Riversides and we watched the people going down to the game while we were picking up shingles & sweeping the pavement. Pa gave me a letter from Clara this morning and I made her twelve long pages in answer. Late in the afternoon I went up to see how Mary Peebles was and put my letter in the office. Called to see Emma Voorheis and the baby. When I went to Maggie Peebles' I had my hair up in pins and she took it down for me.

Friday, August 6, 1869-Aunt Mary and Ralph came home and Miss Carrie Nealy came with them. Mary and I went down street and while standing in a store door Cousins Duvall and Will Young passed, Mary spoke to them & then we walked up to Court together. We then went to Mr. Peebles & they to Uncle Enos'. Maggie put my hair up in pins and then Mary & I went to call on Miss Nealy. In the afternoon we went up to Mrs. Gaylord's did not come home until nearly five o'clock. Maggie Peebles was here waiting to take my hair down and fix it. Rev. Mr. Moore had just left Mrs. Little has been here all day getting Ma & Frank Cunningham to help make her dress. I made the ruffle to put on the bottom of the skirt.

Saturday, August 7, 1869-Memorable as the day of the great eclipse. Many and many a piece of glass has been smoked today in order to witness the great sight. We worked hard all the forenoon to get the shingles all picked up and the yard cleaned. It was finally accomplished. While I was dressing in the afternoon Ella McFarland and Emma Johnson called. They both looked as pretty as could be. White tucked & ruffled dresses one with blue & the other with pink flowers & ribbons. About 4 ½ O'clk the eclipse began and continued until 5 ½ . When it was all over Mary and I went down to talk to the Connolley girls and their friends. We stayed to tea. My finger is cut which in part accounts for the illegibility of this writing.

Sunday, August 8, 1869-Our walk down to Mission was a very warm one today. Our other school and church services passed off as usual. Cousin Duvall came up in the evening and sang a while with us.

Monday, August 9, 1869-I have taken a very severe cold as a variation to the usual programme. Have not tried to do much today. in the afternoon after taking a short nap I dressed and took up the unfinished sleeve that I have on hand's and finished it and commenced another. Lucy Rifemberick, Mrs. E.F. Draper and Mrs. Murray were here calling. In the evening Belle Connolley and her friend Miss Haldeman called. I have been feeling very badly all day. Mary and I were out all the forenoon.

Written across the page: *Went to see Anna Macneal off, then Mary Peebles, Libbie Mather at Col. Bolls, Emma Voorheis & Aunt Mary.*

Tuesday, August 10, 1869-My cold seems to be growing worse instead of better. I stayed at home all day and did not attempt to do any thing more than embroider a little and read a little. In the evening I dressed and went to Teacher's meeting at Mrs. Burwell's, did not feel like it but went in order that Ma might stay at home.

Wednesday, August 11, 1869-I have spent a more uncomfortable day than I have for a long time. Am as nearly sick as I want to be. Instead of going to church as usual took a foot bath, pill, ect and went to bed. I attempted to read a letter and that was the extent of my exertions for today.

Thursday, August 12, 1869-Feel somewhat better today. We were a little surprised to see several loads of brick "dumped" by our house this morning which ruinous movement was soon followed by the appearance of Mrsrs Stearnes and Swift, brick mason and carpenter. The long looked for addition is now to be put up. In the evening just as we had got the dining table moved to the back parlor where it will be until the new dining room is finished, Mr. Sherman Johnson made his appearance he came to tea & spend the evening. Ma sent for Mr. Geo Johnson & wife & Mr. & Mrs. Brown and they had a regular chess party. Jim Ricker and Mr. Beaver also came up to spend the evening and so we all had a gay time. It was 12 O'clk before I closed my eyes. I had a letter from Paillard & Co and also one from Maggie A. Coles.

Friday, August 13, 1869-The men began this morning to dig the new cellar. I took my embroidery and went up to spend the forenoon with Mary and Maggie Peebles, Mary went with me. While there Mrs. Draper called to invite Maggie to spend the evening at their house. She came right up stairs and put her hair up in pins and that finished she insisted upon doing the same for me risking the invitation when I got home. We came & found it. There were about twenty invited. The Connolleys & Miss Haldeman. Wil & Allie Bonsall, Mr. Cadot, Em Johnson & Ella McFarland, Maggie P. Davy Jones H Tracy, Gus Damarin, Helen Lang, John Peebles, Jim Ricker, Mary & my self. It was a complete success. Had two letters this evening they all come at once. Two last evening and two this, perhaps it will be a week or two before I get another. One was from Sallie Tewksbury, Got some new music.'H'.

Saturday, August 14, 1869-Washed my face ate my breakfast, made my bed and sat down to answer Sallie Tewksbury's letter which I have just finished. Stayed at home all day. Maggie Peebles came down in the forenoon and brought my embroidery which I left there yesterday I worked at that nearly all afternoon. It being Saturday evening we all retired quite early. I always do when I have a chance for there are so many times I am out late.

Sunday, August 15, 1869-Sunday school, church, Mission S.S. and church again, the usual round with little or no variation. Rode down with Mollie Murray and Maggie Peebles in Joe's buggy. we had a little variety in the evening in the way of a splendid anthem better than usual.

Monday, August 16, 1869-I sewed all the forenoon on a white swiss dress for myself. After dinner we got four bushels of tomatoes but I was excused from working with them. About three or four o'clock Jim Martin came to make a call. He walked home from church with me last night, which was the only time he had been here since he came. As soon as he left I helped the children until 6 O'clk when I had to get ready to go riding. After tea nearly 7 O'clk we started. There were three other

couples beside us from our street. John Brown and Belle Connolley, Ed Carson & Gussie C. Gus Damarin & Miss Haldeman, Jim R. and myself. We had a delightful ride, the evening was everything that could be desired. I was surprised to find that it was 11 ½ O'clock when I got home. Jim brought me a note from Mr. Brown asking Mary & me to go to Dr McCerne's with him tomorrow evening.

Tuesday, August 17, 1869-The time has at length arrived when we are to go to McCune's. It has been talked of for months. We had five bushels of tomatoes to dispose of before we (ernseis) got ready. After tea the express came for us. When it was loaded there were 9 of us. Mr. Bonsall & Maggie Peebles, Jim Ricker and Em Johnson, Mr. Beaver, Mary & I, Johnny Brown & Ella McFarland. The other express contained C.S.Cadot Miss H. & Belle C. Ed Hope & the Glovers, Gus Damarin & Gus Connolley, Ed Carson & Lou Peck. filled a carriage. John Peebles & Mary Ross, Will Pursell & Nan Lampton, another and Davy Jones had Mollie Murray and Ella Greene in the last one. We had a splendid time and "didn't come home until morning" sure enough. It was one o'clock when we came in. We reached the ferry about 12 and "waked up" the folks on this side and they went after us.

Wednesday, August 18, 1869-Lettie coaxed me down to breakfast by telling me there was a letter there for me. It was from Clara. I ate my breakfast, cleaned up my room and wrote a letter to Laura Loughry. Got two more bushels of tomatoes and was "skinning them" with a vengeance when Mr. Peebles brought the girls in the new carriage to call. It is the first place Mary has been for three weeks today. Went to church in the evening.

Thursday, August 19, 1869-Had a very busy day, in the midst of this Jim sent me word that there was to be a meeting of the "Hamanites" at Mr. Gaylord's this evening and I was expected to make my appearance. I did not leave work until 6 O'clk and then tired and heated I dressed. Gen'l Thomas was present. Sol Churchill, Charlie Greene & Mary Peebles were the only absentees. After spending nearly all the evening there we started home but were halted at Ella Greene's to refresh our selves with melons and peaches. John Peebles was there but he is not a member.

Friday, August 20, 1869-Our baby Enos is 9 years old today. He seemed to think it is a holiday for every body and we must do nothing but eat water melons and enjoy ourselves. We did not have any tomatoes today to my great joy. We have put up seventeen bushels. As soon as I got through I went to bed.

Saturday, August 21, 1869-Lettie is gone and we have had a hard day. I tried to finish my dress and found I could'nt so I went down stairs and (wound?). Went to bed as soon as possible.

Sunday, August 22, 1869-The hottest day of the season I believe. Pa brought me a letter from Debbie Chandler, a nice long one of seven pages. John took me down to Mission in their carriage today.

Monday, August 23, 1869-We were looking for a girl all day who did not come until evening. We have been very busy. Ma gave me permission to sew all day but in the morning. Murt Salsbury came and made a long call. While he was here Jim, Maggie & Mary came in the carriage to tell me there would be a Hamanite meeting at Mollie Murray's. After I was ready to go I wrote a letter, Before Charlie came for me, Mr. Cadot came to call, I had to excuse myself. Hattie Norton was present at our meeting which was a very lively one. H

Tuesday, August 24, 1869-Between sewing on my dress and various other employments I have been quite busy as usual. To hear me talk about what I have to do it would seem that I have the weight of the family on my shoulders which is not quite the case. Our party went boat riding tonight but Ma was afraid to let us go. Jim wanted us to go with him and Murt came in the afternoon to see if I would'nt go with him. Jim came up and spent the evening. I wrote to Maggie Coles today.

Wednesday, August 25, 1869-Have been sewing today again I find that it takes time to make tucks & ruffles. Maggie Peebles, Mattie Wood, Anna Bell & Jim Ricker came around in the carriage this morning but did not come in. At noon in great haste I wrote to Clara Swain and got "Capt Jinks" alias Johnny Brown to take it to the office for me. After dinner Murt came to make me a farewell visit. It is his last visit to Ports at least for a long time and when he comes again he will bring a wife with him. He very (impudently) to me, told me the secret this afternoon. While he was here we had a loud thunder storm, the lightening struck Gus Davis' ware house over at the distillery and burned it down. It also struck a tree which burned & the (rode?) at the High School but did no harm there. I got a letter from Sallie Tewksbury, and a roll of music in this evenings mail. After supper went up to Mr. Peebles in the rain to see Mary & the girls, Maggie & I went to prayer meeting in a hard rain. John came home with me. Sallie sent me a little tintype of her self in her letter.

Thursday, August 26, 1869-The Mt Mullin Picnic took place today and our family went "en masse". We had a fine time of course. After I came home I got my new white dress done and put it on. John Peebles came up with his flute and music and we had a splendid practice. After I came up stairs I commenced a letter to Sallie but did not get it finished.

Friday, August 27, 1869-I have written until I shall dream of pen ink & paper I fear. Finished Sallie's letter of 12 pages, wrote one of three to Mrs. Hamilton for Ma and

have written three in here. I shall stop now. This evening we were home with four callers, Mrssrs Cadot & Bonsall, Will Pursell & Will Lampton. Had a letter.

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Saturday, August 28, 1869-Wrote to Debbie Chandler this fore noon, making in all 46 pages of letter writing besides about six in my book. Have posted a letter for every day this week. Mary and I walked down to the office with Gussie & Miss Halderman and then sat on their steps until time to come up stairs.

Sunday, August 29, 1869-Mr. Moore preached for us today for the last time. His sermon in the evening with the closing address to our people was very impressive. His text was Matt 24.44. "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh". In the afternoon Maggie Peebles and I walked down to Mission but rode up with John, Mary, Anna Bell & Mattie Wood. It rained several times today.

Monday, August 30, 1869-Started out to get the bills for the month this morning but first went to see Emma Ramsey Nichols who is going West to Emporia today. Mary Peebles came while I was there & when she was ready I took her home, then spent the rest of the forenoon attending to business. Went up to Mr. Soules' studio to see Annie's picture and was quite surprised to see a painting of myself taken from a picture of me when about four years old. Got a letter from Laura Loughry.

Tuesday, August 31, 1869-Was at home all the forenoon nearly spent a few moments up in the girls room at Mrs. Connolley's. Anna Bell, Mattie Wood and the Peebles girls called. After dinner I went out to settle the bills and see Mattie Wood off for home. Was out all the afternoon and came home very tired. Jim Ricker and Wil Pursell came up in the evening. Wil is just as full of fun & mischief as he can be.

Wednesday, September 1, 1869-First of Sept and cold enough for a fur when only two or three days ago it was almost intolerably hot Mercury almost running over. Did not get down to tell Anna Bell good bye. Stayed at home until time to go to church. Belle Connolley walked down as far as 3rd Str on my way. Dr Pratt was present the first time since his vacation, he got home this evening.

Thursday, September 2, 1869-A party at Emma Spry's in on the programme for this evening and a previous arrangement to spend the evening with Maggie Jones had to be set aside. The party consisted of girls & boys none of the set I go with, all younger. Mary and I came home at 11 O'clk.

Friday, September 3, 1869-The mornings are quite cool now too cool for comfort I think. This morning the carpenters took the south window out of our room and last

night the bedstead broke down so our room looks rather out of fix. Took my work over to sit a while with Belle Gussie & Miss Holdeman. Had to come home to pare peaches which employment I followed dilligently until 5 O'clock in the evening. Only interrupted once when Maggie, Mary Peebles and Hattie Norton called. I am now writing just because I have a new ink stand with new ink in it. Jim Ricker and I fulfilled a promise made long ago by calling on Maggie Jones.

Saturday, September 4, 1869-Mary and I went to market this morning and Lu Miller brought our basket home in his buggy. Mary and Lizzie went out home with Maggie Stewart to spend the day. After dinner Pa & Ma went down to the farm. Jennie and I were busy nearly all day. Late in the evening I dressed and after tea took a short walk with Belle & Miss H. then went home with them for a little while.

Sunday, September 5, 1869-It is quite warm again I am glad to say. We had the usual routine today only varied by the presence of Dr Pratt in his accustomed place after his vacation. Our school at Mission was a little fuller than last Sunday. Rode down & back. "Monthly concert in the evening. (Duvised?) Stephenson is home again.

Monday, September 6, 1869-Clara Swain is twenty one today. I had intended going up to Hatt Norton's today but Em Spry came to invite me to a party at their house so I deferred my visit. I washed windows and worked all day though I did not feel at all well. Grandma Smith came up today but did not stay very long. After dinner Ed Carson brought me a note from Mr. Cadot with whom I went to the party. Got a nice long letter from Sallie.

Tuesday, September 7, 1869-It began to rain last night before I went to sleep and is raining still, a very welcome sound to our ears after having so much dust. The men have to stop work on the house though. Stayed at home and worked at my embroidery all day. Was disappointed in not getting up to Mr. Gaylord's or teacher's meeting. Wrote a letter to Sallie this forenoon and expected to get a P.S. from John Peebles to put in it but did not get to Teacher's meeting. Had an engagement with Will Bonsall also, he wanted to call on Hatt & thought he would go up with me from Mr. Murray's. The incessant rain today interfered with all our arrangements but I have enjoyed it very much.

Written across page: *Six years today since we came to Portsmouth.*

Wednesday, September 8, 1869-My twenty first birthday. Mary & Maggie Peebles kindly remembered me and this forenoon I received a beautiful set of mats for the toilette stand. They are crocheted of white cotton with a border of red wersted roses. Jimmie gave me a red & white pincushion which matches nicely & I have a red & white bag to put soiled collars & hdkfs in so the set is complete. In the afternoon I

went to see Grandma then Mary & Maggie P. John came home with me from church & stayed about an hour.

Written across page: *At tea time a very handsome box came up from Mr. Reilly's which Pa had bought for me there was also a beautiful pearl paper knife. We got Annie's new portrait home and Pa got two new (chromos?) for the new dining room.*

Thursday, September 9, 1869-Grandma came this morning to stay all day with us. The children were all then here to dinner. The rain is over and everything seems so fresh and pleasant. Trees and pavements washed and no dust in the streets. Grandma went home about four o'clock and I told Fannie to come here Saturday morning and I would give her a lesson. In the evening Belle Connolley stopped to invite Mary and me to a small party there tomorrow evening. J.W.R. came up and spent the evening.

Friday, September 10, 1869-Finished some clothes for the boys today that is Ma and I. Mary left home at noon expecting to go up to Mattie G's to stay all night but she found the house full of visitors and came home. Jim took us both to the party we had a pleasant time of course.

Saturday, September 11, 1869-We can not do much not but watch the workmen. They have things to torn up, or rather down that there is no place to work. Just at dinner time Pa bought 2 ½ bushels of peaches to put up. We went to work at them immediately after dinner & pared until the bell rang for preparatory lecture when we had to put down our knives and make a hasty toilette for church. Came immediately home from there and donning my wrapper, I helped Ellen to put them up in the cans. Went to bed very early as we were tired.

Sunday, September 12, 1869-S.S. church in the forenoon Mission and Communion after dinner and prayer meeting in the evening. These exercises occupied most of the day. Gay Norton came last evening I saw him this morning.

Monday, September 13, 1869-Our house is almost as open as out of doors. We have to lock the parlor and bring the key up stairs. I sewed nearly all day, only stopped about 3 O'clock then dressed and went down to sit awhile with Maggie Jones. Had intended asking her to go with me to see Alice Hind Riggs but she has a lame foot so I stayed with her. Stopped at Mr. Peebles but the girls were both out.

Tuesday, September 14, 1869-I have not felt at all well today and feared I could not go to Teacher's meeting. Mrs. Murray called to ask us to be sure and come. Sent for Ma with the carriage. Wil Beyrby took Mary and me up in his buggy. We had quite a large and interesting meeting Mrs. Murray then treated us all to grapes &

cake though I did not partake. Will Bonsall & I went to fulfill a promise of calling on Hattie Norton but it was late and they had all retired. We spent the remaining part of the evening in taking a delightful promenade. It was a lovely moonlight night. There is a large party of young folks gone up to Lucasville to a Night Society but the Presbyterian girls are counted out on account of Teacher's meeting. I have spent a very pleasant evening as it is.

Wednesday, September 15, 1869-Mary is nineteen and Ma is forty five I believe today. I have finished a very elaborate yoke for a night dress which I gave to Mary today. Mary and I got a silver cake basket for Ma's birthday and gave it to her last spring so we could have the use of it meanwhile. Was down to Maggie's a long time this afternoon. We all went to church in the evening. Uncle Enos was here this morning.

Thursday, September 16, 1869-Six years today since Uncle Sam was married. We have not been able to do anything today on account of the clouds of dust flying through the house and so I have put in my time visiting. Started up to get Maggie Peebles to go to see Lib Fields and met her coming to see me for the same purpose. I walked back with her to see how Miss Haldeman was. We went to see Lib and the baby then I came on down street and called at Therza Spry's. After dinner I took a long nap because it was too hot to go out. Just as I had finished dressing Mrs. McCall called and a few moments after Miss Roebuck came. Found she intended going to see Kate Robinson and as that was just where I was going we went together. Mr. Johnson was here to tea & play chess. Jno P. and Davy J. came out. Proposed a walk which we took a long one. Jno gave me his photo A group Peebles Bonsalls Cadot and one of himself, long may he wave.

Friday, September 17, 1869-Miss Haldeman who has been very very ill ever since Monday is much better I think. Out of danger now I hope. This morning Mary Peebles came down and as soon as I was ready we started up to see Hatt. Mary stopped to leave a bundle at home and found Maggie Jones there so we went in. When she left we went on. In the afternoon I finished a piece of work I began this morning. Look a map and just as I was dressing Mrs. Chas. Burr called. I finished my toilette hastily and went down. After tea Davy Jones came down with Matt Gaylord who had come for Mary to go home with her. Soon after Gay. Hatt the two Bennies and Nellie came. As soon as Mary could get ready they all left. There were some speeches over in the Court yard and quite a crowd gathered around. I came upstairs about 9 O'clock.

Saturday, September 18, 1869-Gave the children their music lessons which took up nearly all the forenoon. After dinner Mary and I went out to make a few calls. Found nearly everyone out. Called at Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Rud's to see Miss Curtiss. Mrs. Dennis Florence Carson, and Allie Bonsall, & Em Voorheis.

Sunday, September 19, 1869-The usual routine was varied by service in the afternoon baptism and a sermon to husbands and wives. No service in the evening.

Monday, September 20, 1869-Became possessed of an idea that I wanted to go to the City today and made my arrangements accordingly Hatt & Gay Norton are going home. Found Mrs. Gaylord going as far as Cin with them. Davy Jones was going down also the Peebles girls and Maggie Jones were down to the boat also Jim Ricker and Will Pursell. They told me that I would miss two parties by going. I had an invitation to Mrs. Gharkey's and Will Pursell had marked my name. They tried to coax me to go back but I would'nt go. We had a very pleasant trip down. It was a lovely moonlight night and I went up on the roof with Davy and had the pleasure of the company of Mrssrs Laurance & Wil Holdeman. Caleb Wick & Mr. Woodward besides my two uncles. If there had only been about six more girls we would have had a delightful time. I was much more favorably impressed with Mr. H than I was the time we came up together.

Tuesday, September 21, 1869-Spent the forenoon in the busy bustling city. Davy went with me to do what little shopping I had to do, Mrs. G Halt and baby went in a carriage. Davy wanted me to go out to Mt Auburn to see Lillie Johnson but we were afraid we would not get back in time to see Gay & Hatt off. Went to the boat about 11 O'clk & then we all went on the Louisville packet May Anderson together. They left at twelve & we returned to the Bostona. Davy took dinner with me and then went up into the city again. There seemed to be no one whom we knew coming up but late in the evening Miss G. discovered that Mr. Dunlap and her children were on board. I made the acquaintance of Miss Sophie Buckner of Hillsboro O. Had a very pleasant trip up but missed Davy ever so much.

Wednesday, September 22, 1869-Reached home about 9 O'clock. Talked all the morning with Addie Dunlop about an hour after I got home. Pa and Ma took a notion to go I had to help Pa take the measures of the rooms for paper and Ma got ready as best she could. Mary Peebles came to see me. Got two letters one from Laura saying she expected to meet me in Chillicothe next week. I don't know what I am to do about it. In the afternoon I was trying to sew a little but was interrupted by callers (times?). Neal Lloyd and Luc called & got caught in a shower. Afterwards Mrs. Reed and Miss Curties, After tea went down to the store then up to Maggie Jones and stayed until church time. Went to church. Oh. Mercy! Glad I'm done.

Thursday, September 23, 1869-This has been a day of trials, I have had the "blues" very badly. Every thing seemed to conspire to trouble me. Gussie C. came in a little

while in the morning & while she was here Em Johnson came to invite us to Mr. Tracy's room to a party. Before Gussie, Jim R. & Wil Pursell came to see about our going. The former and I had an engagement to go riding in the evening and Mary had promised Wil Bierly to go out to Mag Stewart's. It took us all day to decide what to do about it. Finally I went to the party & Mary went to Maggie's. Mary Peebles came down in the afternoon and we talked over our troubles about our brothers. She comforted me a great deal. Poor little fellows! I expect they will have to go through school like other boys, talk and get punished for it. Misses Emma & Sallie Young called.

Friday, September 24, 1869-Ma came home a little after 9 O'clk this morning and stayed until time for the boat to leave when she went to Buena Vista. I did not attempt to do anything today but the house work and iron my white organdie dress with four ruffles and about forty tucks. I fluted all the ruffles and then took a nap. Pa is home to my great relief. In the evening I went out riding with Mr. Ricker, Wil Pursell had Miss Iams out also. Got a long letter from Sallie.

Saturday, September 25, 1869-Woke up and found it raining, was glad of it. we need rain very much. Have done up the work and given the children their music lessons and am now ready to devote the rest of my time to my correspondents. Wrote to Sallie Tewksbury and J.H. Late in the afternoon Maggie Peebles came to see me.

Sunday, September 26, 1869-our usual Sunday routine was only varied by walking instead of riding down to Mission. Ma is away from home, down at aunt Maria's. Mary Lizzie and I went to church. Letter from Debbie C. & Laura L.

At this point some of the ink is so pale it is nearly invisible, due to that some of the writing is lost. The italicized print is where it is most pale.

Monday, September 27, 1869-I waited anxiously all the forenoon for Ma, looked for her home by 9 O'clk this morning and she did not come until noon. Laura's letter was to state that they would expect me tomorrow evening but Ma was so late getting home that I can't possibly go. After dinner we went down street and got me a black dress and striped shawl with some other little things. I went and engaged Miss Hancock to come and help me make my dress.

(Mr.came in to spend the eve..and come after Mrssrs Bonsall & Cadot.)

Tuesday, September 28, 1869-Again the ink is so pale: *(Commenced work inmorning. Cut out and half made my dress with Miss H.'s help Mrs. Jones and Maggie were up to see us. I had to work away regardless of company. I was running the machine at full speed holding the work in one hand and the candle in the other*

when the doorbell rang and Mr. Ricker was announced. I finished my work, dressed and went down. It was fifteen minutes of twelve when I went up stairs again.

Wednesday, September 29, 1869-Worked busily today. We finished the black dress and cut out and have made a calico wrapper. Had two persons cleaning house today. The library was commenced yesterday. After the dress was done I got ready for church. (Went Miss Haldeman a few minutes as I expected she would be gone before I got back. I have not seen her before..... weeks and was really frightened at her appearance, her face is as white and clear as wax and very much swollen. After church Mary Jennie and I walked up home with Mrs. Draper. It is one of the cosiest little places I know of. Went to sleep as soon as possible.)

Thursday, September 30, 1869-Was up early and ready to start. Jennie and Lizzie went to the train with me. Jim Ricker and Ed Carson were there to bid me good bye. (The forenoonwhich I never shall forget. Dr the train and he introduced me to.....of Columbus a cousin of Mr. Blaine. We came all the way.....a very pleasant trip. Laura and her cousin Mr. Woodside met me at the depot and home with them. In the evening Mrssrs Offet and Grimes called. We all took my music and went over to Mrs. Emmitt's to a piano to have some music.

Friday, October 1, 1869-(....I spent the forenoon.....we went up to see Mrs. Remick, Mrs.Carlisle and Mrs. Carson. In the afternoon Mrssrs called with a carriage and took us out riding. We went first to.....Worthington's place and it was very worth visiting the house.....and everything about it was.....was finished.has quite a.....the first I have..six years. H.....showed us all over the place. We spent about an hour & a half there very pleasantly.which is very pretty. In the evening Mrssrs, Snyder & Patterson called. Altogether we have spent a very pleasant day.

Saturday, October 2, 1869-Took out my sewing this morning and Laura sat down to the machine she hemmed my ruffle for me & I basted the hem in an apron she was working. Went over to Mrs. Emmitt's and played a while but did not feel much in the mood for either playing or talking. After dinner we both took a nap or pretended to do so but it was only a pretense on my part. My mind was too much occupied to sleep. At 4 O'clock Mr. Woodside took me out to ride and after a very pleasant drive

of two hours he left me at Mrs. Carlisle's for tea. Laura was there to receive me. After tea Mrssrs Mckee and Snyder called. We had some music and went home early.

Sunday, October 3, 1869-I always wish myself at home on Sundays. I miss the Sunday schools so much. We went to hear Mr. Biggs this morning at the First Pres. Church. The afternoon was a long one. Ellie Clark was over & stayed until church time. Will Kennedy came last night after we had gone to bed, and this morning before we were up Mr. W. had to go to Circleville. In the evening we went to hear Mr. Biggs again. Made up our minds to leave tomorrow morning instead of noon.

Monday, October 4, 1869-Mrs. Woodside had an early breakfast for us and Ellie Clark ate with us. Immediately after, Laura, Ellie, Allie Carr, Will K. & I started for Cin. Furnace. Soon after getting seated in the Caboose Car, it began to rain, which entertainment lasted all day with, a few short intermissions. We arrived safely at the Fur. and proceeded in a body to the Office, thence to Mr. K's room. A little before noon Mr. K. announced dinner, a welcome sound to us half famished mortals. We did ample justice to his excellent bachelor dinner. Mrs. Morrow poured the tea and us girls drank it. Mr. Maris from the office was added to our number at dinner. After that repast we visited the Furnace, and then went up to the top of a high hill, 129 steps, to see Mr. McLanbury's house. The train was behind time and so we had to wait about two hours. We finally got started and when we got to Jackson Mrs. Lampton came on board. We took our friends by surprise about 7 O'clk nearly three hours behind time.

Tuesday, October 5, 1869-Found plenty of work to be done this morning. Between the house work and finishing Ma's wrapper I managed to fill the day up. Was up to Mr. Peebles a few minutes, saw the girls. Saw Maggie Jones on the street. Retired early, am glad to get to sleep.

Written across page: *Letter from Sallie Tewksbury.*

Wednesday, October 6, 1869-Put the grate in the parlor today. Swept and dusted as usual. In the evening Laura sent me a boquet which was forwarded to me from Mr. (Crimes) at Chillicothe. After tea Maggie Peebles came and stayed until church. Went to prayer meeting. After prayer meeting Jim came out and made me a long visit. The subject under consideration was one of importance to both of us.

Thursday, October 7, 1869-We are having some lovely October days now. We expected to have gone to Keystone yesterday but was disappointed. I am very sorry because it is such weather to visit in the country.

Friday, October 8, 1869-Pa is fifty four years old today. The Bostona did not get up until 6 P.M. today. Dr Haldeman came on her and took Deck home. She has been

here about two months. Sallie Tewksbury came home today and I went up to see her a few minutes.

Saturday, October 9, 1869-The girls sent me word this morning to go and see Maggie Coles. I was very busy all the forenoon but as soon as dinner was over I hurried up there and found that all three of them had gone to the boat with Mr. Putnam. I went on up to Sallie Tewksbury's. While I was there Ed Carson and afterward Kate Moore came in. Before time for us to go to the meeting at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms a hard rain set in. I borrowed Mr. T.'s waterproof and Sallie shared her umbrella with me. It rained all the rest of the afternoon & evening.

Sunday, October 10, 1869-The forenoon exercises were the same as usual, In the afternoon Maggie P. & I walked down to Mission & the others rode. Maggie Coles completely demoralized me for a season. After Mission six or eight of us went up to hear Dr Pratt preach the dedicating sermon for the new Welsh church. Monthly Concert in the evening. Uncle Enos & Uncle Joe Moore were here to tea.

Monday, October 11, 1869-Was up to see the girls today and in the evening Jim came out and said that Albert Campbell was in town and would be up to Mrs. Peebles' to see the girls. Mr. Greene was here to tea and as the parlor was full, we concluded to go up and spend the evening with the girls. Maggie Coles & Mollie Murray were there too. Will Bonsall & Ella McFarland called after we had gone.

Tuesday, October 12, 1869-I was up to see the girls again today but Maggie Coles was not there. Teacher's meeting in the evening but I did not go. Went to bed early. About half past nine, Em Johnson, Ella McF., Nan Lampton, Sallie Tewksbury, Jim R. & Will Bonsall came down, past our house shouting good night to me but I did not hear them.

Wednesday, October 13, 1869-Have been at the hall nearly all day the ladies are preparing for the supper tomorrow evening. Went to church in the evening. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Hamilton came down from the "Rock" today. Saw them at prayer meeting.

Thursday, October 14, 1869-Worked at the hall nearly all day then put on my new white apron and went down to wait on the supper table in the evening. Every thing passed off very pleasantly but I came home very tired. I enjoy any thing of the kind very much. The worst part of the work will be the dish washing & cleaning up tomorrow.

Friday, October 15, 1869-I started to the hall soon after nine o'clock this morning but met Maggie Jones and as it was such a splendid morning we thought we would like to take a walk down to the bridge. We went and got back to the hall in plenty of

time to do what was to be done. There were about a dozen young folks there and we had a fine time. I was down street this evening to invite Maggie, Davy & Jim up to tea tomorrow evening. The Peebles, Maggie Coles, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Wood, Mr. & Mrs. Ricker & Mrs. Johnson were invited before.

Saturday, October 16, 1869-Was as busy as a bee all day. The company began to arrive about 3 O'clock and I did not get into the parlor until about 5 O'clk. Davy did not get here until supper was over and we girls Mary, Jennie, Lizzie, Em Spry & I were at the table. Davy came out and ate oysters and coffee while I was finishing. Immediately after tea the older portion of the company left and the rest remained until about 11 O.

Sunday, October 17, 1869-Went to Sunday school and as Dr P is absent, Mary & I went home with Maggie Jones and then to church with her. Mission was next in order and from there to the Welsh church again to Bi monthly meeting. Cousin Duvall, Uncle Enos, & Uncle Joe were added to our number at tea. Cousin Duvall went to the methodist church with us in the evening, to hear their new minister Mr. Mitchell. At least half the congregation was from our church.

Monday, October 18, 1869-Began the day's work by writing to Frank Cunningham. The men are working at the new mantle. We had to take everything out of the parlor this morning so we could fix the fireplace. Uncle Joe Moore has just bidden us good bye and is gone. Went up to see Ella Greene for Ma, stopped at Mrs. Tewksbury's to give Mrs. Ricker her knitting which she left here. After dinner went to return Clara Waller's apron pattern and take one to Mary Peebles. The girls were down to the picture gallery so I followed them. Soon after Jim came in and we sent him for Maggie Jones. She Mary, Maggie & I had a splendid group taken for Rach Peebles. Had a good deal of fun. Stayed until about 4 O'. Came home and dressed hurriedly to go to Maggie Jones' to tea where I met Maggie & Mary P. Maggie Coles, Mollie Murray, Sherman Johnson, Davy & Jim Ricker.

Tuesday, October 19, 1869-I thought after spending the day in idleness and play as I did yesterday, that I would devote myself to business today, but the "pea jacket" is still un cut. It has been raining nearly all day nevertheless I made a trip before dinner. Went to Mr. P's and got my waterproof returned Maggie Jones' shawl and got some spices from the drug store. In the evening the tea party of last eve with the addition of Sallie Tewksbury and Will Pursell adjourned to Mollie Murray's to have a candy pulling which she had promised us in case Hayes was elected Governor. It seemed like seeking pleasure under difficulties when we started. I was bundled up in a double shawl and waterproof, over shoes ect. but fortunately it did not rain after dark.

Wednesday, October 20, 1869-After doing up the work for Ellen I dressed and Ma & I went to the boat to see Mrs. Hamilton off for Texas. Found Maggie, Mary,

Maggie Coles, Jim and ever so many more there. After the Bostona left we all adjourned to the drug store to wait for the Telegraph. When she came we escorted Maggie Coles down in state, saw Mrs. Stuer of Ironton, & her mother Mrs. Willard. I went home with Maggie & Mary to dinner after dinner we went to the church to assort the books & put them in there places but found it nearly all done. Came home & settled down to work. we had six prayer meetings in the evening so I went to bed about 7 O'clk thankful for the chance to do so. Heard today that Miss Haldeman died yesterday it is a shock, but (?) not as I have been almost expecting ever since she was taken sick. I am so glad she was home.

Thursday, October 21, 1869-Ma seems to be quite sick this morning and the papering will have to be delayed a while longer. I have just been over to ask Johnny or Frank Brown to take an excuse to Mifs Huston for this evening. Did not go any where and no one came in so we retired early.

Friday, October 22, 1869-Ma is better today but the papering will have to be put off until next week so I have been sewing a little. Got a long letter from J.H. this evening but before I had time to read it J.W.R. came in and I did not more than glance over it as much as I wanted to read it. I have stayed at home ever since Mag Coles left. Am going to endeavor to make up for some of my lost time.

Saturday, October 23, 1869-This morning I had to drop the sewing and make up some pickles. I commenced them yesterday but still there was enough left to keep me busy all day. The girls wanted me to go out to Jeanie Stewart's to spend the afternoon but I could not leave. Mary went also Laura Loughry, Em Bell, Mollie Murray and Sallie Tewksbury.

Sunday, October 24, 1869-The usual routine was enacted today, there is not much variation in what I have to record. Dr Pratt's sermons are always goo. Today he preached about Deborah I only had one scholar at Mission one was out of town and another has burned his eye.

Monday, October 25, 1869-Today the papering began. The first thing in order was a tramp up town in search of a woman to assist. After she was found I came home and went to work only being interrupted once more in the course of the day to see after another girl as Ellen has made up her mind to leave. Maggie and Mary were in but they did not sit down.

Tuesday, October 26, 1869-We finished our ceiling this forenoon and commenced the dining room. We were very tired in the evening and as soon as tea was over I shut the part of the house made everything dark and was soon snugly ensconced in bed. Just as I was comfortably settled the door bell rang and Pa soon came to our door and announced Mrssrs Pursell & Ricker. Oh! dear the moon was cold and dark

and the prospect any thing but bright but we heard Pa lead the men to the dining room the only place downstairs where there was fire and there was no alternative but to "light out". I made a very hasty toilette and presented myself below stairs. They had come to take me up to Sallie Tewksbury's but that was a thing not to be thought of so I told them they might as well travel on but they showed no disposition to take my advice so I finally went and called Mary up. The dining room was in a distressing state of confusion. The room was full of trestles and pasting boards high and low and we had to sit under them in order to be near the fire. I made the most of my time however and had Will Pursell trim a bolt of bordering while I trimmed the corners and centerpiece for the ceiling.

Wednesday, October 27, 1869-Our routine is rather on the monotonous order now. Scrape off old paper, cut, paste and hang new, day in and day out no company and going out is not to be thought of. I straightened up the rooms downstairs but when I went to turn on the gas, lo, there was none. We congregated around two brilliant tallow candles and tasked our eyes severely trying to read. Thus passed the evening, we had no church.

Thursday, October 28, 1869-Pa went to Cin yesterday and today has passed much the same as usual only we have dispensed with our help. A good deal of time was spent today in looking at wall paper at Mr. Reilly's. I put the parlor in order today as well as could be done under the circumstances and enjoyed a little practice.

Friday, October 29, 1869-Papered Jennie & Lizzie's room today. It took the whole day too and we are tired.

Saturday, October 30, 1869-I was awakened by Pa's foot steps in the hall this morning before day light. He came home on the Ohio. We put in this day on the back hall. I am becoming quite tired of the pasting. Mary paid the bills today in my place. I have taken a very sever cold and am half sick tonight.

Sunday, October 31, 1869-I looked at my watch upon waking this morning and it pointed to 7 ½ O'clk. We hurried and dressed and found afterwards that it was $\frac{3}{4}$ to fast. We had two excellent sermons today. Gideon in the morning and Heb 12th & part of 2 d verse "Looking to Jesus" in the evening. It was of absorbing interest.

Written across page: *I cannot comprehend how persons could listen to such a sermon and not feel it.*

Monday, November 1, 1869-Our attack on the walls was renewed today with very indifferent success. It is very discouraging work to take off old paper. After dinner

Maggie & Mary came to take me out riding and I gladly accepted their invitation. We had a most delightful ride. It is such a pleasant day. In the evening I was reading the "Innocents Abroad" by Mark Twain, to the family up stairs and nearly laughed my self sick, but in the midst of it Pa called me down stairs to see Jim.

Tuesday, November 2, 1869-Have scraped in that wall until my patience was about exhausted and have since been trying to rest myself by writing up my long neglected journal. Must lay it aside now and resume my attack on the wall paper. After a rest I went back to my work and kept at it until night. Johnny Brown & Mr. Lorrence were here.

Wednesday, November 3, 1869-We have concluded not to paper any more this week so I have up in this day finishing off a dress for Jennie. After it was done I went up to say good bye to Mary Peebles thinking she was to start for Tenn tomorrow. Could not get in there & went to Maggie Jones' found that both Mary & Maggie went to Cincinnati this morning I was so disappointed at not seeing Mary that I took quite a long walk. Had church upstairs as they are papering the basement.

Thursday, November 4, 1869-Commenced a dress for Lizzie and worked on it all day. We scarcely ever go out now and very few persons come in as we are so busy. I read in Mark Twain all this evening while Pa & Ma were gone to Mr. E. Miller's to tea.

Friday, November 5, 1869-Still sewing, which I consider a rare treat as I have had so little time for that kind of work lately. Since we have been so closely confined to the house we have had a taste of "Indian Summer" which I fear will be but brief. Our work is rapidly drawing to a close at least the part to be done by the men.

Saturday, November 6, 1869-Today has been spent in that most delightful pastime of putting drawers closets, wardrobe ect in order. We are moved into our room once more which is very cheerful although the carpet is a thing of the future yet. After dinner I hemmed a doz. hdkfs for the girls and then went down street to do some errands for Ma and visit the foundry. After tea Will Pursell & Jim Ricker came up. The latter has been to Cin with Mary & Maggie.

Sunday, November 7, 1869-Cold and growing colder farewell to our lovely Indian Summer whose existence has been as brief as it was lovely. We had to face a breeze going to Mission this afternoon which brought the roses to our cheeks and noses. Monthly Concert down stairs in the basement which has been newly papered & painted.

Monday, November 8, 1869-My oldest brother John, is 11 years old today. We put the paper on the dining room today but the borders columns & other decorations are yet to be done. Mrs. Johnson came in this afternoon. There is the tea bell a call

which must be attended to. After tea a little music and a little reading afforded entertainment as long as I wanted to remain up.

Tuesday, November 9, 1869-I did not do my share of the work today as I have not been feeling well. It is the evening for Teacher's Meeting at Mr. Bell's but I did not go. Ma and Mary went and I put in the evening reading Mark Twain to Jennie.

Wednesday, November 10, 1869-We have been busy all day but did not accomplish much. Began the back parlor but only put up a few pieces of paper. About 4 ½ O'clock I dressed and went up to Maggie Peebles'. We came down to prayer meeting but the church was locked so we turned to go back, met Mrsrs Johnson & Ricker on the corner & they went & spent the evening with us. Maggie & I did not get to sleep until nearly 2 O'clock. Got a letter from Clara. (Henoy) Lake is married. One by one they leave us.

Thursday, November 11, 1869-Home early this morning and went through the motions of paper hanging but felt very little like it. I have almost had the headache from loss of sleep last night I suppose. In the evening Davy & Maggie Jones, Maggie Peebles, Mollie Murray, Jim Ricker, Mary & I went up to Ella Greene's where we had a happy time despite drowsy head aches, colds, coughs, and heavy eyes.

Friday, November 12, 1869-Ma is not able to work much today. I finished off the dining room today with a little assistance from her. I am heartily sick of the work and feel thankful indeed that I don't have to make my living in that way. Went to Mrs. C's door & saw Gussie a moment.

Saturday, November 13, 1869-Stayed at home all day indeed. I have not been out since Thursday. Wrote to Clara Swain and Mary Peebles in the evening.

Sunday, November 14, 1869-Dr Pratt is in Pittsburgh at the Gen'l assembly meeting so we are wandering again today. After S.S. Maggie Peebles and I went up to 6th. The Bishop is here and a great many went to hear him but some of us were afraid it would make us late for Mission. I came home & had just finished eating alone when Ella Greene & Mollie Murray came home with Mary. Jim & Maggie P. came for us. We had a full school. I had two new scholars, Chas Clemmons & Jno Heer. Ella & Mollie came up in their own carriage. Wil P. & Jim R. came up with us. In the evening the latter went to the Bap. church with Mary, Lizzie & me.

Monday, November 15, 1869-We have had a beautiful day. I have been fixing Mary's dress. Late in the afternoon I dressed and went up street met Maggie Peebles & Jones on the street and we all went to see Sallie Tewksbury. Spent the evening as usual, with my music and reading. Emma Jones was here until 8½ O'clock. Maggie & I had a nice little walk.

Tuesday, November 16, 1869-Had intended to sew but Mina burnt her hand and Ma & I had to go to the kitchen. By the time I had finished there and in the parlor, it was time to dress. In spite of the vexatious perplexities attendant upon house keeping we have a happy time. I am always ready to spend the evening in the parlor and when there is no company in I enjoy a practice, it is the only time I have to devote in the manner.

Wednesday, November 17, 1869-I have written this date three times today in notes or letters to gentlemen. Was busy as usual all the forenoon but after dinner I sat down to write. Wrote first to my Key. friend to whom I have been indebted nearly four weeks. Before he was disposed of, had a note from Wil Bonsall announcing his intentions of bringing Ella McFarland to call next Friday. Had just about finished when a note came from J.W.R. asking if I wanted to go to the supper tomorrow. As I already had an engagement for that eve. I declined going. The wind has blown a perfect gale today and had not subsided much when we went to church in the evening. The lecture room has just been finished with the exception of the carpets and is very cheerful and pleasant.

Thursday, November 18, 1869-This is the day appointed by U.S. Grant as the annual thanksgiving day. We all went to church and came home and ate turkey as usual. I sewed all the afternoon, can't enjoy a holiday unless I am doing some thing. Rec'd a letter from Mary Peebles. Maggie Jones & Mr. Will Stewart spent the evening with us. Laura Loughry was here.

Friday, November 19, 1869-It has rained all day, something quite cheering to river men and those interested in boats. I sewed all day on a dress for Mary and finished it by gas light. Wil & Ella came to fulfill the engagement made on the 5th of last June. Jim Ricker did his part as was expected of him. Of course we had a pleasant evening in spite of the rain & wind out side. Got a roll of music by mail. (50)

Saturday, November 20, 1869-Oh such dreary dreary weather. I am glad to see a prospect of a rise in the river but this snow will not help it much. I am tired of everything today, it's the first time for weeks when I have not felt like singing all the time. The weather must have something to do with it.

Sunday, November 21, 1869-Sunday schools passed off as usual I had another scholar at Mission Dr Pratt preached two excellent sermons today, "Let brotherly

love continue" was the morning text and in the evening he preached from Ruth 1st 16th 17th verses. The sermons were very interesting.

Monday, November 22, 1869-Went up to Mrs. Tewksbury's to attend a meeting relative to the supper to be given this week. Object, money to pay for carpet in lecture room. Nannie Lampton and I were appointed to visit a district together & we did it this forenoon. In the afternoon we put down the carpets in the dining room, took the piano in there and intend using it for a parlor until we get the other rooms finished. Had the piano tuned.

Tuesday, November 23, 1869-Spent the forenoon at another "committee" meeting held at Mrs. Buskirk's. Mission Teacher's Meeting was held at Maggie Peebles' this evening but it was so rainy and dark that I could'nt go without company, that essential being wanting I had to stay at home. The little Brown girls came in and spent the evening with the children and I was glad to retire and be out of the noise attendant upon a lively game of blind man's bluff.

Wednesday, November 24, 1869-Still cold and gloomy. I began to make dresses for the childrens but had to stop to go down street. Came back & found Maggie P. and Lide Coles here. After they had gone Mrs. Churchill & Laura Loughry, then Nannie Lampton came. A trip to the 9th Street finished the forenoon. Late in the evening I went down street and while at Reilly's Jas R. came in, he went up to Maggie's with me and she insisted upon our staying to tea. I came down to church with them and Jimmie came out home with me and spent part of the evening.

Thursday, November 25, 1869-Sewed nearly all day. Aunt Mary is here with Lou & Kate Lib Field called. No one came in, in the evening and as I was very tired I retired early.

Friday, November 26, 1869-Went to the church this forenoon but there seemed to be a scarcity of work and super-abundance of help so I went to make Maggie Peebles & Maggie Jones a visit. Came home to dinner and afterwards took our contribution to the supper down to the church. I was kept busy all the afternoon and in the evening felt more like going to bed than to a "sociable". Frank Lloyd came for Jennie and Mary & I went with Jas. Ricker. There must have been between 400 & 500 people present. Every one seemed to have a good time and the supper was equal to any party except the ice cream which was not there. Maggie Bell was there looking as sweet as usual with a new brown calico and pink ribbon. She gave me a long letter which I only had time to glance over.

Saturday, November 27, 1869-A slow rain is falling this evening just enough to make is disagreeable as soon as I give Fannie her lesson, I must go to the church to

help wash dishes. After dinner I went up for Sallie Tewksbury, and we went together to call on Lib Field, Mrs. Cutter Maggie Jones, Em Voorheis and Cal. Swain.

Sunday, November 28, 1869-Sabbath schools & church passed off as usual today. When I got home from Mission, found Uncle Enos & Cousin Duvall here.

Monday, November 29, 1869-Business took me out all this forenoon although it was raining. Spent the evening at home in our pleasant "saloon parlor" as we style the dining room, which serves the purpose of a parlor "pro tem" Wrote to Debbie.

Tuesday, November 30, 1869-Stayed at home & sewed this forenoon in hopes that the rain would cease but finally had to take the money and go out in the rain to pay the bills. Jim Ricker came out in the evening.

Wednesday, December 1, 1869-Sewed until late and then went up to see Mary Peebles. She came home today after being away four weeks. Miss Addie Steele her aunt came with her to visit. Maggie went down street with me. Church in the evening finished the "days doing".

Thursday, December 2, 1869-Sewed very steadily all day and left off with a pain in my shoulder for it. I was weighed and have lost 2 ½ lbs in the last two weeks and 2 ½ lbs in the preceding two. In the evening Jim & I went to the Concert or rather the "Berger Family Bell Ringers. Mrssrs Bonsall, Cadot & Peebles with Ella McFarland, Nannie Lampton & Sallie Tewksbury had kept seats for us and although the hall was full when we got there, we had good seats. We had a good time.

Friday, December 3, 1869-We have spent the day trying to put the ceiling paper on the library. It is not done yet. I am tired, Mary is up to Mr. Gaylord's and I am going to bed as soon as I get my supper.

Saturday, December 4, 1869-Mina went away this evening and left us without a girl. We finished the library ceiling, and prepared everything for tomorrow. went to bed early.

Sunday, December 5, 1869-Rainy and unpleasant, particularly without a girl. We were up and had breakfast, everything done and ready for S.S. in time. Mr. Biggs of Chillicothe preached in the morning, in the evening we have a kind of prayer meeting and Mr. B. & Dr P. told us about the Convention at Columbus. Began our preparations for Christmas at Mission.

Monday, December 6, 1869-Cold and damp. Ma and I were out washing off the stones and I got so cold that it made me sick. I have been sewing all day. After we

had been out in the wet, I did not do much more and went to bed as soon as supper was over.

Tuesday, December 7, 1869-Did not make any appearance this morning until after the children had gone to school. I then dressed myself and spent the forenoon answering a letter which Maggie Bell gave me week before last. Just as I had finished a note came from Jim asking to go to Teacher's meeting with me. *When the time to go came I was not feeling (..... in the cold so none of us went after all. Jim spent the evening here.)*

Wednesday, December 8, 1869-Resumed work today. In the afternoon we had quite a (?). Maggie and Mary Peebles and Addie Steele came to visit me and soon after Mr. McFarland and Mr. Tracy called to see Pa. Had a letter from Clara Swain and on the outside was a message written by Rachel Cullen a person I've not thought of for years.

Thursday, December 9, 1869-*Was sewing all day. In the evening Ma, Mary and I went to a Y.M.C.A. meeting, while we were gone Jim R. and Will Pursell came. We.....and there was again.....manifested.*

Friday, December 10, 1869-A call from Mr. Peebles was the only break in the monotony of this day's proceedings. Prayer meeting in the evening. Went to Y.M.C.A. (?) evening.

Saturday, December 11, 1869-..... *hard and making I almost finished Lizzie's dress after which I went downin the rain tofor the Anniversary. In the evening Jim took Mary & me up tospend the evening with us.....*

Sunday, December 12, 1869 *Prayer meeting in the morning Missionandretired I could.....for thinking of something.....was interested.*

Monday, December 13, 1869-Prepared for another siege of papering on the morrow. In the evening two of my M.S. Scholars came according to agreement to study the lesson for the Anniversary.

Tuesday, December 14, 1869-I assisted with the household duties until time for morning prayer meeting, after that I came home and we put nearly all the paper on the library. In the evening Jim Ricker and Will Pursell came to call. Mr. Brown was here playing chess but soon left.

Wednesday, December 15, 1869-Great was my disappointment this morning at not getting to prayer meeting. Still I felt that it was my duty to remain at home. In the

evening the disappointment was repeated as I could not go to church. It was raining and Ma thought it best for me to stay.

Thursday, December 16, 1869-Rich and Ella Lloyd give a party this evening but I am not going. It is also Rach Peebles wedding night. How I should like to see her. We were all very tired and went to bed early.

Friday, December 17, 1869-I have been sewing a little today which is quite a treat after the kind of work which has occupied my time lately. Commenced the day's work by going to the Y.M.C.A. prayer meeting which is a delightful beginning. This evening I realized a lifelong desire, at least one which I have felt ever since I read the Bayard Taylor works when a child. I have seen and heard him. Of course my childish ideal was not realized but still I was very much pleased. His subject was "Life in Europe and America". The lecture was delivered in the new Opera House on the corner of 4th & Court. I am indebted to my attentive friend J.W. Ricker for the evening's entertainment.

Saturday, December 18, 1869-If Monday is called "Blue Monday" on account of the washing, Saturday might with propriety be called "Black Saturday" I dread it more than any other of the seven. It has been snowy and gloomy all day but necessity compelled me to sally forth and present our regrets and apologies to Mrs. Lloyd for our non appearance Thursday eve. Having obtained her forgiveness, I went to see Ella Greene and make peace with her for past seeming neglect, from there to Mollie Murray's on the same mission. I have not been to see those girls for weeks before. Sallie Tewksbury and Maggie Jones were the next claimants on the same roll. Having secured peace with these, Mary and I came home, got tea ready and after preparing for breakfast and writing up my book I am now ready to start for bed.

Sunday, December 19, 1869-Went through the usual routine today. Called at Uncle Enos' after Mission and about 6 O'clock Mr. Bell came for me to go and sit up with his mother.

Monday, December 20, 1869-Came in this morning with Mr. Bell and Mary to prayer meeting then home. In the evening Mary and I went to hear A.M. Griswold lecture. We went with Jas. Ricker.

Tuesday, December 21, 1869-This is the shortest day of the year and to get the full benefit of the long night I went to bed at 7 O'clock.

Wednesday, December 22, 1869-It is too monotonous to say that we work every day therefore I will relieve the monotony by not saying anything. The weather is not

much better as a topic, it is unpleasant all the time. We went to church in the evening.

Thursday, December 23, 1869-Went to prayer meeting as usual this morning. Mr. Ricker came this eve to have a talk but soon after Mr. Sherman Johnson came to play chess, they stayed until 11 O'clock. I spent the evening making lamp lighters.

Friday, December 24, 1869-Christmas Eve, a time when every one should be happy yet I don't think I ever spent a more thoroughly miserable day, though perhaps the less I say about it the better it will be. In the evening Jim came home with me to talk over the afternoon's proceedings and the latter part of the day was no better than the first. Only I took two or three good cries in the morning which I did not indulge in afterwards. It may all be for the best but it is hard to see it in that light now. I can only leave it in the hands of a merciful & kind Heavenly Father and hope for the best.

Saturday, December 25, 1869-Happy Christmas to those who feel like enjoying it, I wish I did. Pa has been so kind to remember us all with so many nice presents. He gave me five I believe, no six, new books and a journal, Glove box and stretchers, and a beautiful white toilette set ornamented with gilt butterflies.

Sunday, December 26, 1869-Sunday Schools and church were all attended to today. When I came home Aunt Maria, Uncle Enos and Sam were here. Lizzie went to Mission with me today. I walked down and back with Maggie Peebles. Was quite surprised on my return to hear that Pa was to take me to Miss with him tomorrow.

Monday, December 27, 1869-There was hurrying to and fro this morning attendant upon the expected trip south on such short notice Mary Peebles Maggie Jones & Frank called to see me. By calling in the neighbors and making a great effort, we were ready to go about 11 O'clock. There was not much time left for leave takings after I reached the boat. Met Jim as I was going up the cabin. He only stopped a moment and was off. Davy Jones came back soon after and stayed the last moments. Mr. Collins came down.....Bell so I saw him. Em is going down to spend this week in Cin. There was no one else on board whom we knew so I went to bed between six and seven O'clock. I can't realize that I.....south again.

Tuesday, December 28, 1869-Pa waked me at 4 ½ O'clock this morning to.....the early train for Louisville. I was soon ready after which we had our breakfast in the pantry. While waiting for the omnibus...was my surprise and delight to see John Peebles come walking up the cabin. We took the short line for L. and got our dinner at the Galt House then went to look at the bridge there to No. 80 Main, to see Mr. Cragg and inquire about Miss Emma left there about five

O'clock for Memphis. Met one of Clara King's school friends who has just been married and is going to Vicksburg to live. she has a dear little creature here present.....don't know the other. We had..... Breakfast in Cin. dinner in Louisville and supper Truly this is a wonderful age. Wrote to Mary.

Wednesday, December 29, 1869-This morning we woke to find ourselves in Southern country which fact was undeniable for several reasons. The look, tone, action and dress of the passengers, coming and going were sufficient to prove it. I dislike it even more than I thought I did. It seemed like a long long ride to Memphis. The disagreeable surroundings made it more so. But there is an end to all things and finally the ride terminated at the Memphis depot about 1 O'clk. Such a gathering it has seldom been my lot to witness and I hope these occasions will be rare in the future. The usual crowd of (harkmen?) is enough but when that is (?) three or four times the usual number by negroes of all sorts, sizes and conditions the situation is far more disagreeable. After a late dinner on the Great Republic we went up to look at the city. I got four pieces of music. The boat is very large and handsome but I don't see a single passenger whom I feel as though I wanted to know. Pa and I will have the whole boat to ourselves. I wrote to Mary.

Thursday, December 30, 1869-I spent the day in reading writing and lounging about. Wrote letters to Maggie Peebles and Sallie Tewksbury but have had no opportunity of sending any of them. The town and post offices are scarce along this river that I may write letters and they will be old before I can get them to an office. We are having beautiful weather.

Friday, December 31, 1869-Last day of this year, today closes this volume. We are still drifting, drifting it seems that we will never get to Vicksburg. We should have been here last night or this morning early. I wrote to John & Enos this afternoon I don't know what I should do without my writing materials. The greatest pleasure I have is in writing to my friends. I have had one or two pleasant little talks with as many of the ladies but don't see any one whom I particularly fancy. This year has been one of the most pleasant within my recollection, but none are without a few shadows. A week ago today was about the darkest of this year how little I thought then where I would be in one short week. had my plans all made for each day in this week. Monday there was to be a concert which perhaps I would have attended and perhaps not, Tuesday was to be occupied by the Mission Anniversary and the

preparations for it. Wednesday, we expected to clean the church and then go to prayer meeting. Thursday our social supper was to take place, Friday our (?) S.S. Anniversary and Saturday we were to have a kind of New Year's party. I had no thought but to be a participant until Sunday Evening when I was told that I was coming South. Here I am to spend my New Year's day almost alone. Expecting to reach Vicksburg in the night. I retired early.

**The
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